

Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

July 17, 2025

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Siya Araumi, Los Angeles County Public Works
Steve Cassulo, rep by Brenda Eells, Waste Connections
Kate Downey, rep. by Sharon Bronson, Republic Services
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Inc.
Ron Kent, rep by Ethan Simonoff, Southern California Gas
Kevin Mattson, rep by Jonathan Caruso, Waste Management
Barbara Romero, rep by Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Will Chen, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Karen Gork, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program
Heather Williams, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Gratz, Kanadevia Inova
Cesar Leon, Tetra Tech
Michael Stewart, Republic Services
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works
Londy Lin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Kawsar Vazifdar, Los Angeles County Public Works
Kim Yapp, Los Angeles County Public Works
Caleb Yun, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Siya Araumi called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2025, AND MAY 15, 2025, SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

There was no quorum, so the approval of the minutes was postponed to the next Subcommittee meeting on August 21, 2025.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Cesar Leon stated that Tetra Tech:

- Submitted a draft Long-Term Solid Waste Disposal Needs Study for Antelope Valley in compliance with the Lancaster Landfill Conditional Use Permit, Condition 92, which includes a high-level review of economic, environmental, and technical considerations for conversion technology (CT) facility options.
- Submitted a revised workplan based on the finalized Countywide Siting Evaluation Report for the development of anaerobic digestion (AD) and/or thermal CT facilities within Los Angeles County. This initial site assessment identified areas across the County with high development feasibility based on established siting criteria. Next steps include further evaluation of parcels identified as part of the initial site assessment.
- Reevaluated three of the 13 closed landfills sites in Phase II. Only one site was recommended for further consideration for potential development as an AD or CT.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Ms. Kim Yapp provided the following update:

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Webinars

- On May 21, 2025, CalRecycle hosted a webinar about SB 1383 inspection and enforcement processes for jurisdictions. Representatives from the City of Rancho Mirage, City of Palo Alto, and Alameda County presented their jurisdiction's efforts to enforce SB 1383 which included outreach, facility inspections, compliance tracking, and enforcement orders.
- On July 16, 2025, CalRecycle hosted a webinar about SB 1383 Organics Collection and Edible Food Recovery Programs in schools. Representatives

from Alisal Union School District, Breathe California, El Dorado County, Novado Unified School District, Salinas Valley Recycles, Sustainable Marin Schools and Vallecito Union School District presented on efforts to collect organic waste and recover edible food at schools. These efforts include reducing food waste by providing higher quality food, incorporating student input on menu decisions, providing a food sharing station, and implementing a policy that allows students to take excess school-provided food home. Organic waste collection efforts included collaboration with haulers, educational programs, and student participation. Speakers highlighted cost savings, reduction of janitorial workload and increased student morale as program benefits.

During the July 15, 2025, monthly meeting, CalRecycle:

- Provided an update on the implementation of SB 54:
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) requirements and a complaints portal are posted on their website.
 - The informal phase in the rulemaking process is underway.
 - A Material Characterization Study was done to characterize and quantify materials disposed of in California landfills. Preliminary findings were published on June 30, 2025.
 - The next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2025.
- Provided an update on the Responsible Textile Recovery Act:
 - CalRecycle will host an Informational Public Workshop on July 17, 2025, on the Responsible Textile Recovery Act. It will focus on an overview of the law, Producer Responsibility Organization Requirements, and the rulemaking process. This Act holds the apparel and textile industry responsible for collection, repair, reuse, and recycling of their products.
- Provided an update on the CalRecycle Grant Program:
 - CalRecycle announced a \$7.5 million Recycled Glass Processing Incentive Grant Program. They expect to release the notice of funds in August 2025 with applications due in September 2025.
 - A total of \$333,206 in Farm and Ranch Grants were awarded to three applicants (Pit River Tribe, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, and San Benito County) to clean up illegal dumping on farm and ranch land.
 - Other grant opportunities are available and can be found on the CalRecycle website's [funding page](#).

V. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Ms. Tran Kiem provided an update on upcoming CT events and conferences, which may also be found in the [CT Newsletter](#) and Subcommittee minutes:

- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) 2025 Conference & Trade Show, August 3 – 6, 2025, Monterey CA.
- The 16th Waste Conversion Technology Conference & Trade Show (WCTC), August 11 – 13, 2025, San Diego, CA.
- The 8th Agricultural Plastics Recycling Conference (APRC), August 21 – 22, 2025, Sacramento, CA.
- Advanced Recycling Summit, August 26 – 27, 2025, Cleveland, OH.

VI. PRESENTATION BY KANADEVIA INOVA

Mr. Thomas Gratz from Kanadevia Inova provided a [presentation](#) on their Kompogas SLO High Solids AD Facility in San Luis Obispo.

Mr. Ethan Simonoff asked if there are any plans for producing renewable natural gas (RNG) in addition to electricity. Mr. Gratz replied that they are investigating additional options to potentially replace electricity production with RNG.

Mr. Wayne Hunter asked about tipping fees. Mr. Gratz replied that tipping fees are more than \$100 per ton of organic waste.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next ATAS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025.