

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

**January 15, 2026**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Siya Araumi, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Jonathan Caruso, Waste Management  
Will Chen, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Inc.  
Kate Logan, Waste Connections  
Michael Maglione, Republic Services  
Heather Rose, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
(CalRecycle)  
James Roska, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Ethan Simonoff, Southern California Gas  
Beverly Tway, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kate Logan, Republic Services  
Sharon Bronson, Republic Services  
Cesar Leon, Tetra Tech  
Ana Diaz, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Shawntelle Phillips, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, 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 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025, SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve November 20, 2025, minutes, and Mr. James Roska seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **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.
- Is conducting a Parcel Evaluation (Phase II), which includes further evaluation of parcels identified as part of the initial site assessment, the Countywide Siting Evaluation (Phase I).

## **IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Ms. Tran Kiem provided the following update:

During the December 16, 2025, monthly meeting, CalRecycle:

- Provided an update on revisions to the Materials Management Hierarchy (MMH):
  - The word "refuse" was added to the top of the MMH based on stakeholder comments.
  - CalRecycle has made the Zero Waste Plan more robust to provide more descriptions around various actions and make additional edits to the hierarchy.
  - CalRecycle plans to release the revised draft Zero Waste Plan later in 2026.
- Provided an update on the implementation of the Senate Bill (SB) 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention Act:
  - CalRecycle submitted the proposed regulations for SB 54 to the Office of Administrative Law, and they are currently under review.

- The regulations are expected to be finalized at the beginning of 2026. Please visit the SB 54 rulemaking [webpage](#) for more information.
- The Advisory Board met in November 2025 to discuss the Needs Assessment update, Plastic Pollution Mitigation presentation, and Circular Action Alliance update.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2026.
- Provided an update on the SB 707 Responsible Textile Recovery Act:
  - Applications for the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) are due January 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CalRecycle will review applications that have been submitted by the due date and will approve one PRO by March 1, 2026.
- Provided an update on holiday waste:
  - Waste increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Years.

On November 19, 2025, CalRecycle hosted an SB 1383 chat focused on organic waste collection at large venues and events. There were presenters from Los Angeles World Airport focusing on organic waste collection at the LAX Airport, UC Berkeley and their organic waste collection program at the Greek Theater and Cal Memorial Stadium, and the City of San Diego and their organic waste collection program at Petco Park in partnership with Aramark and Republic Services.

The next CalRecycle monthly meeting will be on January 20, 2026, and an update will be provided at the next Subcommittee meeting.

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

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

- Compost 2026, February 2 – 5, 2026, Sacramento, CA
- The 39th Southeast Recycling Conference and Trade Show, February 15 – 19, 2026, Miramar Beach (Destin), FL
- Global Waste Management Symposium (GWMS), February 22 – 25, 2026, Indian Wells, CA
- 2026 CEAC Spring Conference, February 25 – 27, 2026, Monterey, CA
- Southern California Waste Management Forum (SCWWMF) Spring Conference, March 25, 2026, Whittier, CA
- The 19th Annual International Biomass Conference and Expo, March 31 – April 2, 2026, Nashville, TN

## VI. DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Ms. Kawsar Vazifdar provided a [presentation](#) as a refresher on the goals and priorities of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) and to initiate discussion on future efforts.

Mr. Araumi asked how members felt about the presentation and about the direction of the ATAS moving forward. Mr. Hunter requested to have a copy of the presentation and stated that he agreed with the direction of the ATAS. He also asked who is responsible for filling the vacancies on the Subcommittee. Mr. Araumi replied that recommendations for vacancies from the current ATAS members are welcome and can be directed to Ms. Carol Saucillo. Mr. Araumi also stated that there is a Chief Executive Office [Interest to Serve – Commission Services online portal](#) where applications for ATAS vacancies can be submitted.

Mr. Araumi noted that the ATAS seeks to implement CTs to divert waste from landfills. Mr. Ethan Simonoff asked about the scope of activities for the ATAS. Mr. Araumi asked how far back documented minutes are available for the ATAS meetings. Ms. Vazifdar confirmed that minutes on the Task Force [website](#) go back as far as 2004. Mr. Araumi stated that information from the Task Force website, ATAS minutes, and Public Works' conversion technology website (<https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/socalconversion>) can be referred to for examples of past activities from the ATAS.

Mr. Hunter stated that it may be difficult to obtain relevant recommendations for the available vacancies as representatives can only provide recommendations for applicants within their own area, who may not be eligible for the specific vacancies in question. Mr. Hunter asked who is responsible for handling the appointments to vacant positions on the ATAS. Mr. Araumi replied that Public Works staff will investigate who is primarily responsible for the appointments and also noted that the Chief Executive Office are one of the parties responsible for reviewing new applications and appointing them to vacancies.

Mr. Hunter noted that the ATAS primarily reviews relevant technologies that can be used to divert waste from landfills and can suggest groups that provide or are knowledgeable about these technology to provide presentations.

Mr. Araumi added that funding is a primary concern for the implementation of CTs. Mr. Simonoff asked if the ATAS has reached out to relevant stakeholders for funding of CTs. Mr. Araumi replied that new opportunities and stakeholders are being explored to share with the ATAS.

Mr. Will Chen noted that recommendations from the current ATAS members can be made once the official list of vacancies has been shared with the members. Mr. Chen added that current members are also responsible for replacing their position with a new member if the current member vacates the position. Mr. Chen also stated that it would be helpful to follow up with companies that have presented in the past to see their progress in implementing their CT. Mr. Simonoff suggested referring to past meeting minutes for previous presenters to contact. Mr. Chen noted that ATAS members represent most of the solid waste industry and can share valuable information and expertise with one another.

Mr. Hunter stated that the permitting process in California is rigorous, and that Public Works staff can provide guidance through the permitting process to organizations that come to present on their CT.

Mr. Simonoff asked what resources are available to support ATAS activities. Mr. Araumi replied that members of the ATAS can provide support for ATAS activities and can also explore additional resources by attending events mentioned during the ATAS meetings.

Mr. Chen suggested that companies that come to present are informed of potential questions that may be asked by the ATAS after their presentation, such as their permitting process and financing plan.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next ATAS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026.