

August 19, 2010 MINUTES
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
9 a.m. Conference Room C
Alambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer (Chair), Integrated Waste Management Task Force; Nicholas Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica; John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mario Rivas, City of Huntington Park; Jose Reynoso, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Solid Waste Management Program); Cynthia Van Hul, GHG Climate Team, and Ray Hamada, City of Irwindale.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Lopez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Dena Venegas, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Gabriel Arenas, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Dean Stanphill, GC Environmental.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 27, 2010, were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES- FALL 2010 EDITION

1. City of Torrance – The article, *Waste Diversion by Goats*, was approved with additions.
2. City of Artesia – The article, *Artesians 'Dump It' (legally)*, was approved with edits.
3. County of Los Angeles – The article, *New Smart Gardening Centers to Provide Free Lessons on Home Gardening*, was approved with edits.
4. City of Huntington Park – The article, *Senior Environmental Inspiration at Casa Bonita*, was approved with edits.

5. Additional articles requested by Chair, Mike Mohajer:

- Legislative Update
- CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Tool (JRT)
- Mesquite Regional Landfill Project Update
- Conversion Technology Update (9/23 Workshop)

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

Mike Mohajer indicated that the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) met on June 17, 2010 and July 15, 2010. The following is a brief summary of some of the issues discussed/addressed by the Task Force:

- Sunshine Canyon Landfill

The landfill has an ongoing odor and revegetation problem. The landfill was served a cease and desist order from South Coast AQMD. The Task Force felt not adequate job has been conducted by Republic (the landfill owner/operator). Mr. Mike Mohajer stated that the Task Force was concerned that the regulatory agencies had failed to enforce the odor requirements as the Abatement Order showed several hundreds of reported complaints. The issue will be discussed at the next Task Force meeting, and will become a matter of public record. Following a recent meeting with County of Los Angeles Public Works, Regional Planning, and Mr. Mike Mohajer (as a representative of the Task Force) regarding enforcement of the County CUP, the Task Force's Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee requested that reporting on the Landfill's compliance status with the County Conditional Use Permit be provided more regularly to ensure that all the responsible County agencies are carrying out their enforcement duties.

- AB 222 – Conversion Technology

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported that AB 222 was considered by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on June 28. Senator Simitian, the Chair of the Committee, indicated that the bill as drafted was unlikely to receive sufficient votes for passage. The Committee therefore voted unanimously to approve AB 222 and to amend the bill based on discussion at the meeting and the recommendations in the analysis report prepared by the Committee staff. Mr. Mohajer reported that AB 222 was subsequently amended on July 15, 2010. However, the amended bill incorporated a number of revisions that were not discussed at June 28 hearing, and were not consistent with the promise made by Senator Simitian to authors of the bill. As a result, Task Force voted to change its position from "Support" of AB222 to Oppose Unless Amended." The requested amendment was to revert the current version of

the bill back to the 07-08-09 version of the bill. Additional agencies, including the County of Los Angeles, also changed their position to "Oppose Unless Amended". The bill is currently on the Senate Floor. As soon as the bill passes the Senate, it will then go to Assembly for their approval or it may get amended again in the Senate depending on what the authors will do.

- AB 737

On June 7, 2010, the Task Force sent a letter stating their strong opposition to the amended bill (06-02-10 version). The letter stated that if enacted, AB 737 would significantly increase the burden on local governments and would eliminate current provisions in State law for the Task Force to review and comment on a jurisdiction updating and/or amending its Non-Disposal Facility Element. The 08-17-10 version of the bill continues to require all jurisdictions to implement a mandatory commercial recycling program. As provided, any owner or operator of a business that contracts for solid waste services and generates more than four cubic yards of material per week must arrange for recycling services. This version also authorizes local agencies to impose a fee on commercial waste haulers/waste generators to recover its administrative costs to ensure compliance by waste generators and waste haulers. It relieves CalRecycle from ensuring a 75% diversion rate is achieved by January 1, 2020, and would instead require CalRecycle, by March 1, 2013, to report to the Legislature on the State's current diversion rate and potential strategies to increase the diversion rate to 75%.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled on November 18, 2010, at Public Works Headquarters.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.