

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

Minutes of August 19, 2021

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

WEB CONFERENCE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Nick Morell, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
Teri Muse, Waste Management
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions
Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Public Health
Kerjon Lee, Los Angeles County Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Chanel Kincaid, City of Santa Monica
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood
Carlos Ruiz, Los Angeles County Public Works
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works
Jeffrey Zhu, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mike Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting was made by Ms. Teri Muse and seconded by Mr. Nick Morell. The motion passed with one abstention.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles were provided to the Subcommittee for review:

- County's Smart Gardening Webinars Celebrates Two Major Milestones
- Fulcrum BioEnergy Completes Waste-to-Biofuel Facility in Nevada
- Recycling Market Development Zone – Los Angeles County
- CalRecycle Senate Bill 1383 Implementation Tools
- CalRecycle Plastic Beverage Container Minimum Content (AB 793) Workshop
- Governor Newsom Unveils \$260 Billion May Budget Revision

The first article the Subcommittee reviewed was the County's Smart Gardening Webinars Celebrates Two Major Milestones article. Mr. Morell requested clarification on the difference between registration and actual attendance numbers to be included in the article. Ms. Muse requested changes to the first paragraph to improve flow and clarity. Ms. Muse, Mr. Kimberly Nilsson, and Mr. Morell then suggested additional verbiage changes to be implemented throughout the article.

While discussing the Fulcrum BioEnergy article, Ms. Muse noted that the article should include whether or not solid waste from California would be taken to the mentioned facility. Mr. Mohajer explained that waste from California would be taken to this facility; however, the specific amount would be disclosed at the end of the fourth quarter, to which Ms. Nilsson agreed.

In discussing the next article, Recycling Market Development Zone – Los Angeles County, Mr. Morell noted "largest county" should be revised to "most populous" county in the first sentence. Mr. Mohajer also noted that several technical corrections regarding the RMDZ and what cities lie in the jurisdiction. Mr. Mohajer then noted that the mentioned RMDZ is not the only one in the Los Angeles County and that should be clarified within the article to make it more factual.

While discussing the next article, CalRecycle Senate Bill 1383 Implementation Tools, Ms. Nilsson suggested an edit to the first paragraph for clarity. Mr. Mohajer suggested that there be portion added to the end of the article regarding the timeline of the implementation. Mr. Morrel supported this change. Mr. Mohajer then stated that the issue is very dynamic and there may be changes weekly.

While discussing the CalRecycle Plastic Beverage Container Minimum Content (AB 793) Workshop, Ms. Muse suggested a stylistic change to wording of the first paragraph for flow. Mr. Mohajer concurred with the recommendation. Mr. Mohajer also noted some edits onto the portion regarding Title 14" to which Ms. Dee Hanson-Lugo suggested that it would be beneficial to note the definition. Mr. Morell suggested that the portion under "Title 14" be tabbed over to indicate clear definitions. Ms. Hanson-Lugo also noted a few grammatical edits to the final paragraph of the article.

In discussing the Governor Newsom Unveils \$260 Billion May Budget Revision article, Ms. Nilsson commented that the June 15, 2021 deadline in the article had passed and should be updated. Mr. Mohajer stated that he did not know whether or not the budget had been passed, but agreed that it should be updated. Mr. Morell added to the comment and stated that dates mentioned in this and other articles should be reviewed prior to publication. Mr. Mohajer then noted several edits to be made throughout the article to improve flow and accuracy.

In discussing additional articles to be written, Mr. Mohajer stated that there will also be an article written about the Countywide Siting Element as well as an article regarding Oregon and Maine's EPR program.

IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

No report on Task Force Action Items due to time constraints.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. The next PEIS meeting is tentatively scheduled remotely for Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 9 a.m.