

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

**Minutes of November 18, 2021**

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

**WEB CONFERENCE**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Public Works  
Teri Muse, Waste Management  
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions  
Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kerjon Lee, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Chanel Kincaid, City of Santa Monica  
Nick Morell, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles  
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood  
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 August 19, 2021 meeting was made by Ms. Kimberly Nilsson and seconded by Ms. Teri Muse. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The following article were provided to the Subcommittee for review:

- Home Generated Sharps Waste Stewardship Plans

While reviewing the Home Generated Sharps Waste Stewardship Plans article, Ms. Muse noted that the dates noted in the second and third paragraph were not succinct and suggested an edit to improve flow in the article. Mr. Mohajer agreed and mentioned that since CalRecycle had taken several actions on the subject matter since the article was written, the article should be revised to be current.

Mr. Mohajer requested an update on the status of the Inside Solid Waste Fall 2021 publication. Mr. Coby Skye responded to the inquiry by stating that the publication was delayed due to Public Works staff assisting with the Dominguez Channel Incident. Mr. Skye noted that he expects the issue to be published shortly. Mr. Mohajer requested that there be more commitment from staff to the newsletter to ensure that they are no delays in the future.

**IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Mohajer began his report by giving an update regarding the Task Force's action on the Los Angeles County Preliminary Draft Countywide Siting Element and Draft Environmental Impact Report. Mr. Mohajer stated that the public review period to submit comments was extended, to which Ms. Dee Hanson-Lugo clarified that it was extended to November 15, 2021. Mr. Skye added that comments would also be accepted and considered during the upcoming Task Force meeting.

Mr. Mohajer continued his report, informing the Subcommittee that the Task Force nominated Mr. Sam Shammas of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to serve as the new Vice-Chair during last month's meeting

for a one-year term. The nomination passed with one abstention. Mr. Shammass accepted the nomination as Vice-Chair of the Task Force. Mr. Mohajer reported that Ms. Julia Weissman from County Council was in attendance during the previous Task Force meeting and provided an update to Assembly Bill 361. This new legislation continues to suspend some of the requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act, including a legislative body participating in virtual meetings, not having to note address locations on agendas, and not having to teleconference from a location within the boundaries of the area that the legislative body covers. Mr. Mohajer also mentioned a few other requirements from the legislation such agendas being posted 96 hours in advance as opposed to the previous requirement of 72 hours.

In providing the legislative update of the previous Task Force meeting, Mr. Mohajer mentioned several recycling bills that the Task Force has been tracking. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that these recycling bills would be mentioned in the upcoming issue of Inside Solid Waste.

Mr. Mohajer provided an update on Sunshine Canyon and Chiquita Canyon Landfills. Mr. Mohajer stated that the Facility and Planning Review Subcommittee has been working with the Local Enforcement Agency to ensure that the odor issues are taken care of in accordance with the County Conditional Use Permit.

For the remainder of the meeting, the Mr. Mohajer and the Subcommittee discussed potential articles for the next issue of Inside Solid Waste. Ms. Muse suggested that an article covering updates and resources regarding Senate Bill 1383 implementation to be included in the next issue of Inside Solid Waste.

**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, February 17, 2022, at 9 a.m.