

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

Minutes of August 18, 2022

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

WEB CONFERENCE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Public Health
Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Angela Williams, City of Inglewood
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions
Teri Muse, Waste Management

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Dustin Dvorak, Los Angeles County Public Works
Margarita Quiroz, Los Angeles County Public Works
Sarah Michael, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mike Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 19, 2022, MINUTES

Mr. Nick Morell made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, and Ms. Vanessa Olivas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Both Mr. Morell and Mr. Mohajer suggested grouping all Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (2016) articles together in the newsletter with a header/banner informing readers that a number of articles were from cities regarding their implementation of SB 1383 regulations.

The following articles were reviewed for the Fall 2022 edition of Inside Solid Waste and the Subcommittee provided their recommendations:

- Diamond Bar Launches Citywide Organics Recycling Program – Subcommittee did not have any changes and the article was approved as written.
- Budget Act 2022-23 – Mr. Mohajer requested to speak to the author to have this article revised. He explained the article should be very specific in reference to SB 1383 implementation and what jurisdictions must do in order to comply. Mr. Mohajer wants this article to explain whether the state is providing funding for programs and if so, it should be specifically noted what they have done. Additionally, he mentioned this article may need to be replaced with a different article. Staff will convey Mr. Mohajer's suggestion to the author.
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Launches Regional Efforts to Support SB 1383 Compliance – Subcommittee did not have any changes and the article was approved as written.
- The Journey to SB 1383 (City of El Monte) – Subcommittee did not have any changes and the article was approved as written.
- SB 1383: County Coordination with Jurisdictions – Mr. Morell suggested giving credit to the consultant mentioned in the third paragraph. Mr. Mohajer suggested rewriting the fourth paragraph to include the words leadership and jurisdiction, as well as making certain cities receive credit for their efforts.

- Addressing the Plastic Waste Crisis in California with SB 54 – Mr. Mohajer provided his revisions to staff and explained to the Subcommittee that the Task Force (TF) stance on the bill was changed from support to neutral due to the current legislative session’s last minute bill amendments. He explained that the article will now relate to what happened after the bill was amended in reference to conversion technologies and detailed the TF position through the years.

Ms. Olivas commented that staff will try and publish the Fall issue by the beginning of October 2022 in an effort to catch up to the timeline. Staff is concurrently working with Winter articles to get back on track. Because articles are time-sensitive, Mr. Mohajer suggested making certain articles are updated accordingly as the newsletter is being completed.

Ms. Olivas explained that the goal is to publish each newsletter in the beginning of each season rather than the end.

IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

There was no report on Task Force action item due to time constrains.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9 a.m.