

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

**Minutes of August 17, 2023**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vigen Abramyan, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Public Health  
Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Teri Muse, Waste Management  
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions  
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood

OTHERS PRESENT

Josephine Chen, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Henry Kong, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Mike Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, AND MAY 18, 2023, MINUTES**

There was no quorum in May, nor today, due to the unavailability of virtual meetings. Mr. Mohajer recommended to move with the minutes with those members present and made a motion to approve the February 16, and May 18, 2023, minutes, and Mr. Vigen Abramyan seconded. Members present voted to approve the minutes.

## **III. REVIEW PROPOSED ARTICLES FOR 2023 INSIDE SOLID WASTE – FALL EDITION**

The Subcommittee reviewed the following articles and approved with minor edits:

- Clean Bay Certified Restaurant Program Receives an Exciting Update in Malibu
  - o Add "the City of" to the title.
  - o Replace the word "we" with "the City" in the third to last paragraph.
  - o Insert "of the City of Malibu" after the contact person's name in closing paragraph.
- Pomona Recycles Clean Senate Bill 1383 Programs and Setting an Example for our Residents
  - o Capitalize the word City, to reference Pomona in the article.
  - o Delete "will have" after July 1, 2023, date in paragraph one since the article will be published after that date.
  - o Replace "held up" with "helped" and delete "completely" from "completely compliant," in the last sentence of paragraph one.
  - o Replace "We want our" with "The City wants its" in second to last sentence in paragraph two.
  - o Add the word "the" to "in City facilities," in last bullet in paragraph two.
  - o Remove "and follow-up" on second to last sentence in paragraph three.
  - o Replace "reduction law" to "reduction mandate" in second sentence of paragraph four.
- Trash Talks: Two Big Changes for All Santa Carita Residents Began July 2023
  - o Replace "This includes" with "These include" in third sentence of paragraph one.
  - o Replace "WM" acronym with "Waste Management (previous waste hauler)" in paragraph two.

- Southern California Waste Management Forum's Annual Business Meeting and Conference provides Information on Sustainable Waste Management
  - o Delete time and location of the next conference in closing paragraph due to sounding like an advertisement.

Mr. Mohajer commented that articles are generally not written about what other organizations, other than cities, have done or what a good job they have done because other organizations may ask why they were not included. However, an exception was made for this article since most involved were Public Works employees.

- Recycling Market Development Zone – Los Angeles County
  - o Previously approved by the Subcommittee to be published in the Summer 2023 edition of Inside Solid Waste but will be published in the Fall 2023 edition.
- Importance of Food Waste Reduction
  - o Insert "implemented regulations" after Senate Bill 1383 in the first sentence of paragraph one.
  - o Requested expanding the article and providing information from CalRecycle's 2018 Waste Characterization Study.
  - o Replace "Here are some effective" with "The following are effective" on second sentence of paragraph 3.
  - o Insert "Los Angeles County" before link to [FightFoodWasteLA.com](http://FightFoodWasteLA.com) website in closing paragraph.

Mr. Mohajer recommended articles be written about H Cycle; regulators vote to keep SoCal natural gas plants online that was also published in PolitcoPro, and an overview of new California Legislative Analysis regarding the Governor's proposed infrastructure package. He indicated the State may be discussing money for Senate Bill (SB) 1383 infrastructure since the law requires the State to provide funding. Mr. Mohajer commented that the first year, \$360 million was put in the budget and then divided between the first and second years, but not all the grant money was given out to jurisdictions by CalRecycle in a timely manner and no money was budgeted this year for infrastructure.

#### **IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASKFORCE ACTION ITEMS**

Due to time constraint, an update on Task Force action items will be provided at the next quarterly meeting in November.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 9 a.m.