

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

Minutes of February 19, 2026

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ana Arias-Lopez, City of Inglewood
Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Joy Pipkin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Lilit Baghumyan, Los Angeles County Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT

Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Joy Pipkin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Nick Morell made a motion to approve the November 20, 2025, minutes. Ms. Lilit Baghumyan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles proposed for the Winter 2026 edition of Inside Solid Waste were provided to the Subcommittee for review:

- Community Recycling Update: Paper and Plastic Cups Are Now Welcome!
 - In the second paragraph, first line, replace "That means your community's" with "The".
 - In the phrase, "By updating your community's website to reflect this change, you are helping:" replace "are helping" with "can help".
 - In the fourth bullet point of the article, remove the colon and add, "and has been".
 - In the third paragraph, first line, remove "we".
 - In the third paragraph, first line, change "accept" to "accepted".
 - In the third paragraph, first line, add "better" before "serve".
 - In the fourth paragraph, second line, add "used" after "cold drink cups".
 - In the fourth paragraph, second line, replace "soda and iced coffee" with "beverages".
 - In the caption, "How do recycling centers know paper cups belong with paper?", capitalize, "do", "recycling", "centers", "know", "paper", "cups", "belong", and "paper".
 - In the eighth bullet point, correct the spelling of "two-dimensional".
 - In the phrase, "While paper cups are technical three-dimensional (3D) objects, their behavior during sorting depends on their physical condition:", replace, "their behavior during sorting" with "how they are sorted".
 - In the last sentence, replace "We have updated our" with "WM updated their".
 - Add at the end of the article, "By working together and keeping messaging consistent, residents can recycle confidently and strengthen recycling streams nationwide."

- Reducing Food Waste Starts at Home and Work
 - In the first paragraph, first line, lowercase "communities".
 - In the second paragraph, first line, replace "it" with "this issue".
 - In the second paragraph, first line, replace "passed in 2018" with "signed in 2016".
 - In the fifth paragraph, third line, add "products" after "dairy".
- Shifting Household Hazardous Waste costs to Producers via Extended Producer Responsibility
 - In the first paragraph, first line, remove "away".
 - In the first paragraph, fourth line, remove "leaking".
 - In the first paragraph, fifth line, add "waste" before "stream".
 - In the first paragraph, sixth line, add "practices" after "disposal".
 - In the second paragraph, fourth line, add "laws" after "EPR".
 - In the third paragraph, eighth line, replace "bill" with "directly charge".
 - In the fourth paragraph, second line, add "there" after "pass".
 - In the sixth paragraph, first line, replace "without a comprehensive" with "in the absence of".
 - In the sixth paragraph, first line, pluralize "law".
 - In the sixth paragraph, first line, remove "already".
 - In the sixth paragraph, second line, add "programs" after "EPR".
 - In the second bullet point, add, "for front line" before "workers".
 - In the second to last paragraph, first line, add "exclusively" after "focusing".
 - In the second to last paragraph, first line, remove "at a time".
 - In the second to last paragraph, first line, remove "high-stakes".
 - In the second to last paragraph, replace, "broad" with "broad list of".
 - In the second to last paragraph, third line, replace "of a" with "resulting from".
 - In the second to last paragraph, last line, add "implementing" before "producer responsibility".
- Los Angeles Fixit Clinic Launches at Los Angeles County Library Locations
 - In the first paragraph, first line, remove "(County)".
 - In the second paragraph, third line, replace "Because items are repaired rather than thrown away and replaced," with "By repairing items instead of discarding and replacing them,".
 - In the fourth paragraph, third line, add "program" after "Tool Lending Library".
 - In the fifth paragraph, first line, add "at the Rosemead library" after "event".
 - In the fifth paragraph, first line, remove the period and add "and was supported by" after "attendees".
 - In the fifth paragraph, first line, add "who" after "volunteers".

- In the fifth paragraph, fifth line, add "of the" after "14".
- In the second to last paragraph, fifth line, replace "offering a" with "demonstrating in".
- In the second to last paragraph, last line, remove "demonstration of".

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9 a.m.