

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Unofficial Minutes of September 18, 2014

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mayor Mary Ann Lutz, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Gail Farber, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Mitchell Englander, rep by Nicole Bernson, City of Los Angeles
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Grace Robinson Hyde, rep by Chris Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of
Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carl Clark, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Michael Conway, City of Long Beach Public Works Department
Enrique Zaldivar, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Barry Wallerstein, South Coast Air Quality Management District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle
Kevin Best, Real Energy
Bahman Hajjaliakbar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
David Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Anna Gov, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Chris Sheppard, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Karlo Manalo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Frank Chin, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Paul Boice, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kathy Salama, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Curtis Williams, City of Santa Clarita
Wayde Hunter, NVC/GHNNC
Stephen Betz, Real Energy
Jon Emerson, City of Redondo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:14 p.m., by Ms. Margaret Clark.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2014, MINUTES

Approval of the [August minutes](#) was postponed until the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

III. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Chris Sheppard reported that the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) had a presentation from American International Biosugars, they are a small conversion technology (CT) company that is currently using an enzyme technology to convert cellulosic materials into biosugars. The ATAS also had updates on the CT contract and CT outreach efforts. The latest CT contract proposals have been evaluated and a company has been selected. Negotiations are currently on going and it is expected that the contract will be awarded by the end of the year. Cerrell Associates has been doing outreach regarding SB 498, which includes setting up meetings and generating support for the bill in the form of letters to the Governor requesting his signature.

IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY PLAN & REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)

Ms. Betsey Landis reported that staff had sent out comment letters for the draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion and the revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Irwindale Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station.

Ms. Landis reported that Ms. Anna Gov gave a presentation on the consideration of a Finding of Conformance (FOC) for the Azusa Land Reclamation facility. Ms. Landis indicated that since Mr. Mike Mohajer was not present at this meeting his questions which he provided to staff prior to the meeting were shared with the Subcommittee. Ms. Landis commented that although this facility has a Class III Landfill designation the FOC proposal states certain features are not applicable such as tarping and installation of a seismic accelerometer. There was also no mention of a radiation counter. Ms. Landis reported the FOC proposal provides information on how the facility handles hazardous waste such as asbestos. There was also discussion on the disposal of tires at the site. She reported that the FOC item will be continued for another month.

Ms. Landis gave an update on the odor complaints received at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. In comparison with July, the number of odor complaints received by the South Coast Air Quality Management District in August decreased from 83 to

81 complaints. Compared to August of 2013, the number of complaints in August 2014 decreased by 17 percent. Ms. Landis also briefly discussed several graphs depicting data pertaining to surface gas emissions; the amount of leachate collected; the number of odor complaints; and occurrences that may be associated with the odors.

Ms. Landis reported that the sewer line project has been completed. She also mentioned that a West Drainage Channel is being proposed at the Landfill and the design will have to address potential differential settlement and infiltration of water for portions of the channel that will be located in the closed landfill area.

Mr. Wayne Hunter complimented staff on the production of the graphs and asked that the graphs be updated on a quarterly basis.

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Chris Sheppard gave an update on the [attached legislative table](#). Mr. Sheppard reported that since the last Task Force meeting, two bills that the Task Force took a position on; AB 1743 and SB 1274 have been signed into law. There are five Solid Waste bills enrolled on the Governor's Desk waiting for signature; AB 1179, AB 1594, AB 1826, SB 270; and SB 498. Three bills have died since the August Task Force meeting; AB 371, AB 997, and AB 1699. Other bills that have died prior to the August Task Force meeting are labeled as dead on the Legislative table.

VI. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Wallin reported the following:

Due dates

Form 303 Reporting for FY 2013/2014 – Is due October 1, 2014. For more information, including instructional materials, please visit the Form 303 Webpage at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/HomeHazWaste/Reporting/Form303/>.

Funding

RMDZ Loan for Princess Paper, Inc. – Loan Awarded for \$577,889 for equipment purchase.

Organics Grant – Awardees expected to be announced in October.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Revolving Loan Program – Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) release expected in late September.

Events

Announcement of BCRP Statewide Rate Determination Study Workshop

CalRecycle will hold a workshop on October 31, 2014, at 9 a.m. to discuss the methodology used to conduct the statewide segregated and commingled rate studies. As required by law, CalRecycle, through this workshop, will consult with private and public operators of curbside, drop-off or collection, community service, recycling center, and reverse vending machine programs regarding the size of the statewide sample, appropriate sampling methodologies, and alternatives to exclusive reliance on a statewide commingled rate. The study methodology used by CalRecycle will be presented in detail and participants' comments and questions will be addressed. Department staff contact: Michael.Vanderburg@CalRecycle.ca.gov

Announcement of BCRP Statewide Public Hearing Regarding 2015 Rate Adjustment

As required by law, CalRecycle will hold a public hearing to review rate adjustments on October 31, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will detail the mid-year adjustment to the statewide segregated and commingled rates, which will become effective on January 1, 2015. Summarized documentation of study data supporting their review of the new statewide commingled rates will be available. There will also be an opportunity for interested parties to ask any questions regarding the recalculation of the statewide commingled rates. Department staff contact: Michael.Vanderburg@CalRecycle.ca.gov

Local Funding and Siting Webinars

The first in a series of webinars hosted by the Institute for Local Government to explore issues related to local funding, siting and permitting of local recycling programs and facilities is tentatively scheduled for early November and early December.

Ms. Nicole Bernson asked Ms. Wallin about an article in the New York Times about the new DEA Rules which allows for voluntary take back prescription medications and all types of controlled substances, Ms. Bernson was wondering if CalRecycle was going to be involved in that effort in the State of California. Ms. Wallin didn't have an answer for Ms. Bernson, but will follow-up at the next Task Force meeting.

VII. UPDATE ON MATTRESS EPR PROGRAM

Mr. Frank Chin updated the Task Force on the two meetings held by the Advisory Committee and the Mattress Recycling Council, one on June 4, 2014, and the other one on August 6, 2014. On the June 4 meeting, Mr. Chin was nominated

and appointed as the Co-Chair as well as Mr. Doug Kobold of Sacramento County.

At the meetings, topics that were brought up were the recycling charge for each piece of a new mattress (mattress and box spring), survey forms (municipalities, waste haulers, retailers, and renovators) on the sources of used mattresses, illegal dumping of mattresses, and a monetary collector's incentive. A pilot program for the monetary collector's incentive is being developed up in Alameda County to test out the demand for this service. After a brief talk on how a resident would bring the mattress to a recycling center and considering the amount of mattresses that could be transported, Ms. Landis commented that it could be a dangerous situation when driven on the freeway and a problem coming through this marketing system. Ms. Bernson mentioned of a program currently operating in the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Bernson will investigate what happens to the mattress after it's picked up from the contractor and bring back to the Task Force.

The mattress recycling council was conditionally approved by CalRecycle on July 2, 2014; formal approval will not be set until end of September 2014

Ms. Margaret Clark questioned if after the mattress is recycled, is it required for the renovators to label the mattress as being a recycled mattress. Per Mr. Chin, no the renovators are not required to add the label; this was not an issue address by the State's mattress recycling law. Mr. Chin mentioned that there will be requirements of what type of mattress there will be accepted at the recycling centers.

The mattress recycling plan needs to go to CalRecycle on July 1, 2015.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014, in the Conference Room B.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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