

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

Minutes of March 16, 2017

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
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Craig Beck, rep by Charlie Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department
Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Cynthia Harding, rep by Jacqueline Taylor, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Grace Hyde, rep by Sam Shammas, County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Curtis Williams, City of Santa Clarita
Joe Vitti, SCL-CAC
Wayde Hunter, NVC/SCL-CAC/GHNNC
Ben Lucha, City of Palmdale
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Caren Alvarez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kristin Keating, County of Angeles Department of Public Works
Tranette Sanders, County of Angeles Department of Public Works
Morena Guardado, County of Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Ms. Margaret Clark.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Ms. Betsey Landis made the motion to approve the February 16, 2017, minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Mike Mohajer. The motion passed with one abstention from Mr. Jack Hadijinian.

III. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided a report from the ATAS meeting. He summarized the presentation given by OnSite Waste Solutions on their dehydration technology for food waste diversion, which removes water and potential bacteria from food waste through a high heat dehydration. This process reduces the food waste by 90% in volume and weight, thus, allowing a business to reduce their trash bill. The remaining 10% dehydrated food waste can be taken to composting or digestion facility, or possibly mixed with soil to be used as fertilizer. Mr. Ajwani stated CalRecycle is uncertain about their compliance with AB 1826 if this waste is used as soil fertilizer; therefore, discussions will continue between the developer and CalRecycle.

Mr. Ajwani stated the upcoming Conversion Technology Legislative and Regulatory Workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Staff provided drafts of the agenda and list of invitees to the Sub-committee and are waiting for the finalized agenda.

Mr. Ajwani also reported that according to Ms. Betsey Landis the California Department of Forestry (CDF) recently released their Forest Climate Action Plan, which mentions the LA County rangelands and CDF's likely solution to burn the forest material.

Ms. Landis suggested that the members of the ATAS should request clarification from CDF regarding their specific action plan for LA County and share information about conversion technology. She also suggested inviting the CDF to the ATAS meetings, as CDF could benefit from the Subcommittee's expertise on conversion technology, their research, study, and development and not be limited to burning wood to generate energy as stated in their action plan. She further commented that CDF uses a large scale in their action plan maps where most of Southern California shows as rangeland. Therefore, Los Angeles County should be aware of what the action plan would implement and estimate for LA County green waste and be prepared to handle the task. She suggested that ATAS

provide a presentation on conversion technology to CDF in the future. Ms. Landis then made a motion to send a letter to CDF inviting them to attend ATAS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruiz and passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Betsey Landis provided an update on the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee (FPRS) meeting. Ms. Landis stated the total number of complaints made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline regarding odors at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) from January 2017 to February 2017 increased by 27 percent from 200 to 254 complaints. In comparison with February 2016, the number of complaints increased by 35 percent, from 188 to 254. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD since 2009 is 10,427, and the total number of complaints received in 2017 is 454. As of March 16, 2017, SCAQMD has issued six Notices of Violation (NOV) to SCL for the month of February, and there is one NOV pending. The total number of (NOV) received from SCAQMD since 2009 is 205. Ms. Landis mentioned that SCL was closed for a few hours during one heavy storm due to flooding at the entrance of the landfill, but it was not shut down at any time even though there were two extreme storm events in January and February. She mentioned that there was a substantial amount of mud and debris in the sediment basins after the rains; however, it did not impede the flow of storm water through the drainage channels. There was also discussion on the Alternative Daily Cover and Intermediate Cover enhancement project.

Ms. Landis stated that staff provided an update on the Final Environmental Impact Report for Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Since there were still Task Force comments that were not addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Report, the Subcommittee requested staff to prepare a detailed comment letter to be sent to the landfill operator asking why the comments have not been addressed.

Ms. Landis stated that the Finding of Conformance for Calabasas Landfill has been finalized and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Finally, she reported that there is no need for a Finding of Conformance for Scholl Canyon Landfill at this time.

V. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT LA COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Mr. Mike Mohajer stated the Draft Countywide Siting Element (Draft CSE) has been prepared addressing the 15 years of solid waste disposal capacity needed by the County of Los Angeles.

Since the draft was prepared, SB 32 and SB 1383 have passed and were enacted on January 1, 2017. Mr. Mohajer stated that SB 32 requires a reduction in the amount of greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030. As a result of SB 32, CalRecycle proposed an expanded definition of “organic waste” as defined in AB 1826. AB 1826 stipulates, that on or after January 1, 2020, if CalRecycle determines that statewide disposal of organic waste has not been reduced to 50 percent of the level of disposal during 2014, a business that generates two cubic yards or more per week of commercial solid waste shall arrange for the organic waste recycling services. On the other hand, SB 1383 requires a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste (as newly defined by CalRecycle) from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction from the 2014 level by 2025.

Mr. Mohajer made a motion to expand the Draft CSE to add one more scenario in the analysis to consider the impact of SB 32 and SB 1383. Ms. Landis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Caren Alvarez gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#).

AB 881 (Gallagher) – Composting and Anaerobic Digestion: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 954 (Chiu) – Organic Waste Reduction: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill and is still being developed. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1036 (McCarty) – Organic Waste Composting: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1147 (Salas) – Solid Waste Disposal: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended for the Task Force to support the bill. Task Force members stated that this bill is redundant and costly to enforce. Mr. Jack Hadjinian made a motion to oppose the bill and it was seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

AB 1158 (Chu) – Carpet Recycling: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended for the Task Force to support the bill. Mr. Hadjinian made a motion to watch the

bill and report back to the Task Force with more information. Mr. Mohajer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AB 1287 (Acosta) – Plastic Products: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

AB 1288 (Eggman) – Solid Waste Charges: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill and is still being developed. Staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1294 (Berman) – Plastic Products: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

AB 1342 (Flora) – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Appropriations: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended for the Task Force to support the bill. The members of the Task Force requested for staff to report back with additional information.

AB 1417 (Cunningham) – California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1522 (Limon) – Beverage Containers: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1579 (Daly) – Recycling Beverage Containers: Ms. Alvarez stated that this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch the bill at this time.

AB 1594 (Bloom) – Plastic Pollution: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

AB 1659 (Low) – Food Service Packaging: Ms. Alvarez stated this appears to be a spot bill, and staff recommended to watch bill at this time.

SB 584 (De Leon) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

SB 705 (Allen) – Disposable Food Service Containers: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

SB 780 (Wiener) – Water Conservation in Landscaping Act: Ms. Alvarez stated that staff recommended to watch the bill at this time for future development.

VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Wallin provided an update on their Jurisdiction Review. Local Assistance and Market Development (LAMD) staff are preparing for the upcoming public presentations of formal recommendations for the Jurisdiction Reviews. This will include all reporting jurisdictions not currently on a compliance order – both those in 4-year cycle (2012-15) including those considered a good faith effort (GFE) in previous review cycle and those that are now on a 2-year cycle (2014-15). The March CalRecycle Public Meeting agenda includes 2012-15 Jurisdiction Review Cycle Referrals for Compliance Investigation. There will be another group of jurisdictions being referred specifically to Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) implementation. This Request for Approval will be presented as part of the March 21, 2017, meeting, and LAMD staff will give their respective jurisdictions notice of approval. Jurisdictions do not need to attend the meetings but are welcome to listen in. The 4-year and 2-year Jurisdiction Review Request for Approvals (RFAs) are scheduled for the April 18, 2017, Public Meeting.

Ms. Wallin also provided the following list of the grants and due dates:

- 2016-17 Organics Grant Program Revised application. Due: March 16, 2017
- 2017–18 Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program. Due: March 16, 2017
- 2017–18 Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program, Small Projects. Due: March 21, 2017
- 2017–18 Tire-Derived Product Grant Program. Due: April 12, 2017
- 2016–17 Tire Incentive Program. Due: April 20, 2017
- 2016–17 Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program. Due: May 2, 2017

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, in conference room B.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.