

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

**Minutes of May 18, 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  
Ron Saldana, California Waste and Recycling Association  
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:**

Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works  
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Reina Pereira, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Cynthia Harding, rep by Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, 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  
Jack Hadijinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Craig Beck, Long Beach Public Works Department

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita  
Joe Vitti, SCL-CAC  
Wayde Hunter, NVC/SCL-CAC/GHNNC  
Brenda Eells, CH2M  
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  
Nam Doan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Saeid Shirzadegan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Gerald Ley, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Trishena Robinson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Gabriel Esparza, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kristin Keating, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tranette Sanders, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Ms. Margaret Clark.

**II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2017, AND ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 20, 2017, MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Mohajer and seconded by Mr. Carlos Ruiz to approve the March 16, 2017, minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Mohajer to accept the April 20, 2017, minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Betsey Landis. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE (PEIS)**

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported that the Public Education and Information Subcommittee met and are putting articles together for the next Inside Solid Waste (ISW) edition, which should be distributed in June. Below is a list of articles that are being considered for the next edition:

- Update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill
- Earth Day Events
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill New Permit
- County of Los Angeles Roadmap Initiative for Food Waste and Organic Management Department of Public Works Roadmap
- Update on AB 901
- Update on SB 1383
- Update on CalRecycle Workshops
- CalRecycle's efforts on Packaging
- City of Los Angeles Exclusive Franchise
- Bottle Bill

**IV. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)**

Mr. Clark Ajwani provided a report from the ATAS meeting. He stated the 2017 Conversion Technology Workshop originally scheduled for May 3, 2017, was postponed until an unspecified date. Staff prepared a draft plan to submit to County Administration outlining the need for the workshop and the involvement of the Legislative Stakeholders to submit. The draft plan was submitted to the Subcommittee members, and they have provided their feedback. Staff will review the Subcommittee's comments and proceed accordingly.

Mr. Ajwani also reported the SB 1383 Workshop will be held on May 25, 2017, in Oceanside. This workshop is expected to be similar to the May 17, 2017, workshop held in Sacramento. The Department of Energy Bioenergy Workshop will be held June 6, 2017, in Berkeley; the Waste Conversion Technology Conference will be held during August 2017 in San Diego; and the SoCal Waste Management Forum Annual Conference is November 8, 2017, in Pomona, with the discussion to focus on organic waste.

Finally, Mr. Ajwani reported that Mr. Mark McDannel from the County Sanitation District (CSD) provided an update on the planning for Organics Management, which is split into three projects. In project one CSD purchased a Doda machine to separate contaminants from the food waste and create a slurry of organic waste. The equipment will process 165 tons per day. In project two, CSD will work on energy recovery to convert their compressed natural gas station to a renewable natural gas station. In project 3, CSD will increase the food waste capacity at the Carson Plant to 535 tons per day with the front of the plant taking about 230 tons per day. They will also build a new backend receiving station to handle the remaining food waste.

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

Ms. Landis reported the total number of complaints made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hotline regarding odors at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) from March 2017 to April 2017 decreased by 57 percent from 274 to 117 complaints. In comparison with April 2016, the number of complaints decreased by 35 percent from 181 to 117. The total number of complaints received by SCAQMD in 2009 was 10,818. The total complaints received by SCAQMD in 2017 was 845. As of May 18, 2017, SCAQMD issued one Notice of Violation (NOV) to SCL for the month of April.

Regarding the NOV issued by the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) on October 25, 2016, Republic Services appealed it; however, it was denied by the Hearing Officer on May 2, 2017. Subsequently, Republic Services payed a fine of \$174,000 to the County of Los Angeles on May 11, 2017, under protest.

Ms. Landis also reported there was some discussion on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion Project. She also reported that the Calabasas Landfill Finding of Conformance (FOC) is currently on hold, pending submittal of large-scale maps providing more information to assist the Subcommittee in reviewing the FOC.

Mr. Ron Saldana shared his thoughts with the Subcommittee that due to the various fees listed in the CUP, the Landfill may have to charge a tipping fee of

nearly \$40, and if so, the Landfill operator, Waste Connections, may need to close the Landfill.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF FINDING OF CONFORMANCE FOR CALABASAS LANDFILL**

Item was not discussed.

**VII. CALRECYCLE SB 1383 WORKSHOP**

Ms. Kawsar Vazifdar provided a [PowerPoint presentation](#) on the CalRecycle SB 1383 Workshop. The update was in regards to CalRecycle developing regulations pursuant to SB 1383 to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025.

**VIII. AB 901 PROPOSED FINAL REGULATION**

Mr. Saeid Shirzadegan provided an update on AB 901 Proposed Regulations for Recycling and Disposal Facility Reporting. Mr. Shirzadegan stated CalRecycle staff presented the proposed regulation at the May 16, 2017, meeting, and recommended that the approval be moved to the next phase of the rule making process, which is the review and approval by CalEPA. The rulemaking package will then be submitted to the Department of Finance and the Office of Administrative Law. The initial 45-day comment period will begin shortly thereafter. Staff will continue to monitor the progress and provide any necessary updates.

**IX. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL STATUS UPDATE**

Item was not discussed.

**X. CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL STATUS UPDATE**

Item was not discussed.

**XI. UPDATE ON CARPET STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

Ms. Caren Alvarez provided an update on the Carpet Stewardship Program. Ms. Alvarez stated that CalRecycle presented their draft Carpet Stewardship Program Enforcement Plan at a public meeting on May 16, 2017. The meeting was to inform manufacturers on the steps they must take to continue to comply with current law. Currently the draft enforcement plan does not affect retailers or wholesalers.

CalRecycle allowed manufacturers to continue operating under the 2016 CARE Plan until June, 21 2017, without being subject to penalties. However, starting July,1 2017, CalRecycle will notify manufacturers that CARE has a disapproved plan and by August 15, 2017, will expect a reply from manufactures on how they will proceed utilizing one of two options. The first option will be for the manufacturer to remain a member of CARE by continuing to pay fees and CARE will be expected to submit a new plan by October 19, 2017. The second option is for the manufacturer to join an alternate plan or submit an individual plan by October 19, 2017, and continue funding the carpet stewardship program through CARE or an alternate manner. If a manufacturer does not reply by August 15, 2017, CalRecycle will send a second and final notice requesting a reply within 7 days. Failure to reply may accrue penalties beginning August 16, 2017. If a manufacturer fails to submit a carpet stewardship plan by October 19, 2017, then penalties may accrue beginning October 20, 2017.

Per statute, CalRecycle has 60 days to review the carpet stewardship plans submitted. Submitted plans will be posted online for public comment, and CalRecycle will present a decision at the public meeting on December 19, 2017. Written comments on the draft Enforcement plan are due by May 30, 2017, and CalRecycle will present a final Enforcement Plan at the public meeting on June 20, 2017.

Finally, Ms. Alvarez provided an update on CalRecycle's Carpet Stewardship Plan Workshop which was intended for manufacturers, and provided an overview of AB 2398 explaining the expectations of a Carpet Stewardship Plan. CalRecycle encouraged manufacturers to submit competing plans to CARE.

## **XII. FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE WASTE TIRE RECYCLING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Item was not discussed.

## **XIII. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN STATUS UPDATE**

Ms. Trishena Robinson provided an update on the Los Angeles County Organic Waste Management Plan (Plan) stating Public Works presented the Plan to both the FPRS subcommittee and the Task Force on September 15, 2016, and October 20, 2016, respectively. The document was sent via email to the Task Force for a 30-day review and comment period on September 15, 2016. Staff is currently in the process of finalizing its Organic Waste Management Plan. The document will be finalized and submitted to CalRecycle on or before August 1, 2017.

Ms. Robinson also stated Public Works will be hosting an Organics Management Workshop on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in conference rooms B and C. The workshop will provide more information to enable an easy understanding of the Plan. During the workshop, there will be a presentation as well as an opportunity for discussion and questions and answers. All Task Force members and the public were welcomed to attend and were provided the attached [invite](#).

#### **XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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

**AB 151** (Burke and Cooper) – California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Market-based Compliance Mechanisms: Scoping Plan. Mr. Mike Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Ms. Margaret Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 332** (Bocanegra) – Local Regulations: Street Closures. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Ms. Reina Pereira. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 444** (Ting and Gray) – Home Generated Medical Waste. Mr. Sam Pedroza made a motion to send a letter of opposition unless amended, seconded by Mr. Mohajer. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 509** (Frazier) – California Tire Regulatory Fee and Waste Tire Program. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of opposition, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 655** (O'Donnell) – California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Ms. Betsy Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 890** (Medina) – Local Land Use Initiatives: Environmental Review. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of opposition, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed with one abstention.

**AB 1158** (Chu) – Carpet Recycling. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support and amend, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 1180** (Holden) – California Tire Fee: Stormwater Permit Compliance Fund. Ms. Clark made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 1572** (Aguiar-Curry) – Integrated Waste Management Plans: Source Reduction and Recycling Element: Review Schedule. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 1659** (Low) – Food Service Packaging. Mr. Ron Saldana made a motion to send a letter of opposition, seconded by Ms. Reina Pereira. Motion passed unanimously.

**SB 100** (De Leon) – California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Biomethane Procurement: Renewable Gas Fueled Vehicles. Ms. Landis made a motion to send a letter of opposition unless amended, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed unanimously.

**SB 168** (Wieckowski) – Beverage Container Recycling Act of 2017. The Task Force will watch this bill.

**SB 705** (Allen) – Solid Waste: Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Containers. Ms. Landis made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Mr. Pedroza. Motion passed with one abstention.

#### **XV. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Jennifer Wallin provided an update from CalRecycle stating the 2016 annual report will be released in June 2017. Ms. Wallin also stated the SB 1383 Workshop will be held on May 25, 2017, in the City of Oceanside. There will also be an E-Waste Workshop on June 20, 2017. Finally, Ms. Wallin stated the 2016-17 Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass grant is officially open and is due by May 25, 2017.

#### **XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Wayde Hunter commented that the allotted times listed for the agenda items should more accurately reflect the actual amount of time that will be spent on the items so the public can be prepared for how long the meeting may be.

#### **XVII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017, in conference room B.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.