

MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2006  
**PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste  
Management Task Force

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force; Glenn Acosta, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica; Ben Lucha, City of Santa Clarita; and Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; and Kenneth Murray, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Pellman, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; Joe Maturino, City of Los Angeles; Georgia Smith, City of Inglewood; Michael Burk, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health; Adriana Figueroa, City of Norwalk; C. Scott Miller, BioConversion Blog; Carl Clark, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries; and Louis Morales, City of Commerce

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. by the Chair, Mike Mohajer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 18, 2006 were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES, See Attachments

**County of Los Angeles** – A previously submitted article on emerging waste technologies was pulled for further revision.

**City of Artesia** – The article is about the City's first Just Dump It event. Several revisions were suggested and Ken Pellman will discuss with the City.

**City of Los Angeles** – The article is about curbside recycling coming to all Los Angeles Unified School District elementary schools. Some minor edits and clarifications were requested. Mike Mohajer commented on the program and the article and expressed hope that other cities and school districts would follow the example.

**City of Santa Monica** – The article is about banning Styrofoam and non-recyclable plastic containers from being sold in the City. A minor edit and some clarifications were requested. Updated information may be added before publication.

**Task Force** – The article recognizes former Task Force members Ben Wong and Joe Massey for their service to the Task Force. The article was accepted.

Mike Mohajer requested DPW staff prepare additional articles covering the areas listed below for publication in an upcoming Newsletter:

- Legislative Update
- S06-06 Governor's Executive Order on green policies
- State bioenergy plan
- Report on financial assurance for closed landfills and corrective actions
- Update on universal waste and how much is being collected at roundups
- Possibly some articles from DPW PRG
- Other items recently considered by the Task Force

Cynthia Vant Hul suggested including an announcement of the Board meeting scheduled in Riverside in November.

#### IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

Since the last Subcommittee meeting, the Task Force considered the following:

The Task Force considered the Waste Board's proposed Permit Implementation Regulations (AB 1497). The proposal addresses issues relating to design and operation of landfills and other waste management facilities. The Task Force is concerned that the proposal may circumvent the local government land use authority. The Task Force has forwarded a letter to the Waste Board explaining concerns.

The Task Force discussed AB 2296, which addresses the financial assurance for landfills maintenance and operation of environmental protection systems during the closure and post-closure periods. The Task Force voted in support of the bill before it was amended significantly.

AB 1305, regarding waste sharps, was discussed and supported. There was also an update from the Air Resources Board on controlling diesel particulates from garbage trucks. There was a presentation about Kern County Measure E, which was approved by voters to prevent importing biosolids. There was an update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill and an update on the County Citing Element.

The Task Force approved a new set of disposal reporting forms to be used by solid waste facility operators to report tonnage.

#### V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. Scott Miller asked about the Subcommittee information packets and if they are available to public. Mike Mohajer provided information re the Task Force and its three Task Force subcommittees and how to obtain information packets.

#### VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. or 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Attachments