

MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007
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; Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; Michael Burk, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health; and Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Glenn Acosta, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Olivas, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and Carlyle A. Johnson, Santa Barbara County Public Works.

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:20 a.m. by the Chair, Mike Mohajer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 15, 2007 were approved with minor corrections.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES, See Attachments

City of Inglewood – The article, *Inglewood's Public Works/Environmental Services Department Teaches Young People the Importance of Recycling*, was approved with minor edits.

City of Calabasas – The article, *2006 Environmental Excellence Award*, was approved with minor edits.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *L.A. County Adopts Groundbreaking Energy and Environmental Policy*, was approved with edits.

City of Santa Monica – *The article, Going, Going, Gone!*, on Santa Monica's International Compost Awareness Week, was reviewed and approved with edits.

-Previously Approved Articles Awaiting Publication

- **City of Inglewood** – The article, *What is E-Waste?*, was approved.
- **City of Inglewood** – E-Waste Collection Proves Successful in the City of Inglewood
- **City of Norwalk** – Norwalk's Fall HHW and E-Waste Event a Success!

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Sunshine Canyon Landfill Update*, was reviewed and held over for the next issue of the Newsletter.

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

- Update on County Conversion Technology Efforts
- Legislative Update

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

Mike Mohajer was recognized as a Champion for Energy & Environment by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on May 3, 2007. Mr. Mohajer may provide an article regarding this award for the next issue of ISW. SCAG covers Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties with 187 cities in those jurisdictions, but does not cover Santa Barbara.

For the past five months the Task Force has provided updates on the County's efforts on Conversion Technologies. Consultants have been hired to work on the technology. The goal is to build facilities on the backside of the MRFs. A number of proposals have been received and as a result three members of the Task Force's Alternative Technology Subcommittee and staff from the County Public Works have traveled to England, Poland, Japan, South Korea and the State of Missouri. The report should come out in the near future. Ultimately, the goal is to select a vendor within the next few months by the end of the month. The Task Force also considered sixty legislative proposals that impact solid waste management.

Some of the bills that are important are SB 1020 by Senator Alex Padilla, former President of the Los Angeles City Council. His Bill would increase the diversion rate from 50% to 75% percent by the year 2011.

AB712, which proposes to increase the Waste Board landfill tipping fee by an additional 50 cents to provide funding to solid waste facility operators to update their off-road diesel vehicles to comply with requirements of the Air Resources Board (ARB).

Currently the Waste Board has sixty days to take action on a new or revised Solid Waste Facility Permit. At present, if the Waste Board does not take action within the 60 days the law says it's in concurrence with the Permit. The new legislative proposal states that if the Waste Board does not take action within 90 days it means objection to issuance of the Permit. The Task Force opposes that provision of the bill.

County of Los Angeles sponsored Bill AB800 requires that the County Public Health Department be notified when there is discharge of sewage in to the water of State. At this time, the State Office of Emergency Services has to be notified first and although the Department of Public Health has to respond, they are the last to know.

The California Waste Management Board has conducted a State-wide study on illegal dumping and what it costs the Cities and Counties for cleanup. Based on the recommendation of that study, the Waste Board has taken the lead to be the lead state agency on illegal dumping. Their intent is to come back with a legislative proposal that does two things; one provides funding for clean up activities; and two increases the penalties and prosecution for illegal dumping.

Legislative proposal SB1016 intends to change the requirement of AB939 for compliance measurements. It would change the requirement from numeric compliance to programs. Disposal will be solely measured on countywide disposal tonnage. If the countywide disposal tonnage from 2006 compared to future years remain constant then the Waste Board is going to look at how the cities are running their program implementation. If the disposal tonnage increases compared to 2006 then the Waste Board will go to individual cities and review everything that was on SRRE to see if they implemented all the programs.

There are some proposals to revise current language of SB 1016 that the Task Force does not agree with. There will be another meeting next month and an Amendment to SB1016 will be prepared. SB1016 is currently moving through the Senate and will probably get approved by the Senate and will then continue to the Assembly.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2007, at 9:00a.m. in Conference Room C.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Attachments