

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

Minutes of November 17, 2022

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

WEB CONFERENCE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Public Health
Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Teri Muse, Waste Management
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood

OTHERS PRESENT

Dustin Dvorak, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Sarah Michael, Los Angeles County Public Works
Margarita Quiroz, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mike Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2022, MINUTES

Mr. Nick Morell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and Mr. Mike Mohajer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles proposed for the Winter 2023 edition of Inside Solid Waste were provided to the Subcommittee for review:

- County's New Exclusive Commercial Franchise System – Ms. Teri Muse suggested to revise the first sentence in the first paragraph by breaking it into two. Mr. Morell noticed verbiage above photo referring garbage disposal districts as GGDs and instructed staff to change to the correct acronym, GDDs. Article was approved for publication with noted revisions.
- Beverage Container Recycling with the Dodgers Foundation – Mr. Morell requested revision to the last sentence of the last paragraph, adding the word "resources" after "saving the environment". Article was approved for publication with noted revisions.
- New Organic Waste Management Website: Fight Food Waste LA! – Mr. Morell requested revision to the first sentence of third paragraph, adding "important for us to do our part to recycle". Mr. Mohajer requested that Subcommittee members be notified when new information is posted on the website. Article was approved for publication with noted revisions.
- Free Disposal Days at Landfills, Limited to the Los Angeles County Unincorporated Communities – Mr. Morell suggested that the title state that the program is limited to specific Los Angeles unincorporated communities only. He also requested revision to the second sentence of the first paragraph, adding "within" in place of not across, LA County. Mr. Mohajer also requested revision to the first paragraph for clarity on whether free disposal days are limited only to residence of unincorporated areas. Ms. Kimberly Nilsson suggested removing verbiage referencing remaining free disposal days at the bottom of first paragraph. Ms. Vanessa Olivas clarified that the ISW Winter Newsletter

is expected to be published in January 2023, which will provide enough time to update the total numbers of residences and tonnage of waste received for all 2022 events.

- Reuse Centers offer free useful material to the community and keeps it out of landfills, a win-win! – Mr. Mohajer requested clarification on whether the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Reuse Centers located in EDCO and AVEC locations were opened prior to 2022. Ms. Olivas confirmed centers are new. Mr. Mohajer suggested adding verbiage to clarify that the current HHW program has been expanded with the incorporation of the new Reuse Centers. Mr. Morell suggested revisions in the third paragraph to clarify that the additional HHW products the centers received are diverted to current expanded programs.
- Countywide Tire Collection Events Roll Forward – Mr. Mohajer agreed with Ms. Nilsson that the Los Angeles County Road Maintenance crews be given credit as they are removing the used tires off the streets. Ms. Angela Williams also suggested the first sentence of the first paragraph end at "2021", deleting the remainder of the sentence. Ms. Muse suggested the 2023 tire events be listed under the 2022 events. Mr. Morell suggested that the 10/22/22 event, list actual number of tires instead of trailers for consistency.
- Clothing Donation is Back at Los Angeles County Public Works – Mr. Morell suggested clarity in the first paragraph on what business attire means and provide examples of business attire clothing. He also pointed out missing contact information for staff and requested the information be added. Mr. Mohajer suggested adding verbiage indicating the program is currently limited to Public Works, but with the hope to expand to other agencies. A link to the Clothes the Deal program was also requested.
- Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) Submits Comments on the Draft Report of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction in California – Mr. Mohajer shared his suggested edits to the first paragraph, as well as referencing the Salton Sea in the second paragraph. Mr. Morell pointed out typos in the third paragraph and suggested a rewrite to the first sentence to state that lithium should be used as a "source of cost" as lithium itself is not a source of geothermal energy. Discussion on project developers developing a program for recycling lithium batteries ensued.

IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

There was no report on Task Force action items.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 9 a.m.