

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

May 21, 2026

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jorgel Chavez, League of California Cities
Ed Chen, League of California Cities
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities
Jim Smith, Teamster Local 396, City of Los Angeles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Robert Ferrante, rep by Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Barbara Ferrer, rep by Felicia Truong, Los Angeles County Public Health
Wayne Nastri, rep by Philip Crabbe, III, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Mark Pestrella, rep by Cid Tesoro, Los Angeles County Public Works

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Bob Dowell, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental Services Department
David Fahrion, California Waste and Recycling Association
Jeff Farano, Sr., Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Barbara Romero, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jonathan Brazile, Office of County Counsel Los Angeles County
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Siya Araumi, Los Angeles County Public Works
Perla Gomez, Los Angeles County Public Works
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aaron Nolan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Joy Pipkin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Public Works
Caleb Yun, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:16 p.m. by Mr. Cid Tesoro who served as Chair, representing Director Mark Pestrella.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2026, MINUTES

There was no quorum, so the approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting on June 18, 2026.

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Siya Araumi provided the following State Legislative Update:

- All fiscal committees were required to hear and report their respective bills to the Assembly or Senate floor by May 15, 2026.
- The House of Origin deadline for bills to pass their own house is on May 29, 2026.
- Midnight on June 15, 2026, is the constitutional deadline for the Legislature to pass the state budget.
- The Governor released the May revision of the 2026-27 state budget on May 14, 2026, which proposes \$349 billion of which \$248 billion is for the General Fund. The May revision outlines the following:
 - \$10.5 billion for Natural Resources Agency for programs overseen by the department.
 - \$40 million one-time General Fund increase for Clean California initiatives.
 - \$5.8 billion to fund California Environmental Protection Agency's climate, air, water, and waste reduction goals.
 - \$200 million for the Beverage Container Recycling Program.

Legislative budget subcommittees are holding public hearings to review the Governor's budget, guided by testimony from state agencies and the Legislative Analyst's Office.

There are seven bills on the [Legislative Table](#) that are being tracked and are moving through the second half of the legislative session. The following Assembly Bills (AB) did not make it out of the Appropriations Committee:

- AB 1606 (Nguyen) – Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: cleanup costs
- AB 2462 (Pellerin) - Unsafe products: disposal: penalties
- AB 2334 (Bennett) – Solid waste: methane reduction: working group

Mr. Jim Smith asked if there was an update on the County's current position on Senate Bills 811 or 936. Mr. Araumi confirmed there was no update.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON [ASSEMBLY BILL 762 \(IRWIN\)](#) DISPOSABLE, BATTERY-EMBEDDED VAPOR INHALATION DEVICE: PROHIBITION

Since there was no quorum, this agenda item was deferred to next month's meeting.

Ms. Margaret Clark asked what the opposition was with AB 762. Mr. Araumi indicated there was no opposition and that the Memo of Findings states that the County has not taken a position on the bill. Ms. Clark asked why AB 762 was a two-year bill. Mr. Araumi explained that the outcome depends on who authored the bill, its momentum in the Legislature, and whether it gains enough support.

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

Ms. Joy Piplin reported that the PEIS had a quorum and approved the February 19, 2026, minutes. Additionally, the PEIS reviewed five articles for the Summer Edition of the Inside Solid Waste Newsletter that were submitted by the Cities of Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, and Pico Rivera, as well as Public Works (PW) staff, who will also be submitting two additional articles for review. The next PEIS meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026.

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

Mr. Araumi reported the following from the ATAS meeting:

Tetra Tech provided an update on their continued conversion technology project development work.

There was discussion on various events and conferences, including CalRecycle's Recycling Market Development Zone program, which awarded PW Zone Incentive Funds for recycling projects. From these funds, PW provided \$20,000 to the California Product Stewardship Council for the Recovered Textile Exhibit, a free event hosted in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and LA Cleantech Incubator. The event will highlight sustainable textile practices, focusing on reuse, repair, recycling, and circularity.

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

Mr. Christopher Sheppard reported the following from the FPRS meeting:

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL)

- In April 2026, CCL received 22 Notices of Violation (NOVs) from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), related to odor, compared to the 11 NOVs reported in March 2026 and the 8 NOVs reported in April 2025.
- The next status hearing for the Stipulated Order for Abatement is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL)

- In April 2026, there were 94 odor complaints reported to AQMD for SCL, a decrease from 456 odor complaints reported in March 2026.
- Mr. Eugene Tseng from the Local Enforcement Agency presented the status of recent modifications to the Stipulated Order for Abatement mitigation measures.

There was an update on the status of Antelope Valley Landfill's Finding of Conformance (FOC) application for their proposed expansion of an existing solid waste site, which requires securing a FOC from the Task Force.

PW staff received and reviewed the FOC application and provided comments back to the Landfill Operator. The next step will be for the Landfill Operator to resubmit the completed application by incorporating the comments provided. Once the application is determined to be complete, PW staff will present the FOC application to the FPRS along with a recommendation.

Following that presentation, the FPRS and Task Force will have a 60-day review period to consider the application and make a recommendation regarding approval.

VIII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

CalRecycle Representatives were unable to attend the meeting, but an [update](#) was provided to PW staff, which was linked to the [agenda](#).

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tesoro acknowledged the significance of Memorial Day and expressed his gratitude to all veterans and military families.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 1 p.m.