

Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
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, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Siya Araumi, Los Angeles County Public Works
Jonathan Caruso, Waste Management
Brenda Eells, Waste Connections
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Inc.
Shanthy Kanneganti, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
(CalRecycle)
Artin Laleian, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Michael Maglione, Republic Services
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program
Beverly Tway, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Kent, Southern California Gas
Barbara Romero, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cesar Leon, Tetra Tech
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aaron Nolan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Kawsar Vazifdar, Los Angeles County Public Works
Caleb Yun, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Siya Araumi called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2026, SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026, minutes, and Mr. Eugene Tseng seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Cesar Leon stated that Tetra Tech:

- Submitted a draft Long-Term Solid Waste Disposal Needs Study for Antelope Valley in compliance with the Lancaster Landfill Conditional Use Permit, Condition 92, which includes a high-level review of economic, environmental, and technical considerations for conversion technology (CT) facility options.
- Is conducting a Parcel Evaluation (Phase II), which includes further evaluation of parcels identified as part of the initial site assessment, the Countywide Siting Evaluation (Phase I).

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Ms. Tran Kiem provided the following update:

During the April 21, 2026, and May 19, 2026, monthly meetings, CalRecycle:

- Provided an update that California has rescued over 1 billion unsold meals:
 - 513 billion beverage containers were redeemed for recycling. This is due to the convenient recycling opportunities offered in California, both through support of existing recycling center infrastructure and standing dealer cooperatives that provide new innovative ways to redeem.
 - 2.7 billion pounds of electronic waste (e-waste) has been safely managed in the state and an increase in the future is foreseen due to the expansion of the U.S. program to include battery embedded products.
- Provided an update on the Recycling Reimagined Campaign:
 - The campaign aims to expand on the progress made by recycling California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers.
 - The campaign website is now live at recyclingreimaginedca.com.

- Provided an update on the implementation of the Senate Bill (SB) 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention Act:
 - On March 19, 2026, CalRecycle submitted its Packaging Producer Responsibility Rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for a 30-day review. For more information, visit the SB 54 rulemaking [website](#).
 - On April 6, 2026, and April 14, 2026, CalRecycle held informational sessions for the statewide needs assessment. These sessions covered the publications, methodology, and findings related to source reduction goals, including re-use and refill, as well as findings related to recyclability, composability, and recycling rate requirements under SB 54. For more information, visit the SB 54 rulemaking [website](#) under "Past Events."
 - On April 17, 2026, the Advisory Board met to review the statewide needs assessment.
 - On May 1, 2026, the OAL approved the permanent regulations for SB 54 and filed them with the Secretary of State, at which point they took effect.
 - Producers have until June 1, 2026, to do one of the following:
 - Option 1: Must register with the Circular Action Alliance and submit annual supply and source reduction data if participating in the approved Producer Responsibility Organization.
 - Option 2: Must apply to CalRecycle as an Independent Producer if complying individually.
 - Option 3: Must register with CalRecycle and apply for the Small Producer Exemption if eligible.
- Provided an update on the SB 707 Responsible Textile Recovery Act:
 - Producers of covered textile articles and apparel must join Landbell USA by July 1, 2026.
 - Producers can register online at Register.LandbellUSA.com.

V. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kiem provided an update on upcoming CT events and conferences, which may be found in the [CT Newsletter](#) and Subcommittee minutes:

- VerdeXchange Conference: May 31 – June 3, 2026, Los Angeles, CA
- Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Workshop and Annual Meeting: June 10 – 11, 2026, Garden Grove, CA

- Recovered Textile Exhibit: June 10, 2026, Los Angeles, CA
- Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) 119th Annual Conference and Exhibition: June 21 – 24, 2026, Austin, TX

In addition, as a part of CalRecycle's Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program, Los Angeles County Public Works received Zone Incentive Funds (ZIF) for projects that improve feasibility of recycling. Part of the funding was provided to the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) to host a free event, also in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator. The following are details on the event:

- It is a textile upcycling and recycling education event on June 10, 2026, in Los Angeles, CA focused on textile reuse, repair, recycling, and circularity.
- The textile educational event will include keynote speakers, demonstrations, and interactive activities to learn about how the County, City, and State divert textiles from the landfill.
- The morning speakers include participants from the Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) Pilot Project which recycled cotton waste into a domestic supply-chain for a fabric knitted in Los Angeles.
- Panelists will discuss hard-to-recycle materials related to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics and other large events.
- The afternoon session will allow for more direct engagement with speakers and a chance to participate in interactive activities.
- The afternoon classroom activities explore partnerships, upcycling designers, feedstocks, and local service opportunities for textile repair, recycling, and other design considerations for textile circularity.
- There will be waste-side activities and design-side activities that bring the two industries together to close the loop on circularity.
- For more information, visit Recovered Textile Exhibit [website](#).

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Araumi noted that Subcommittee members may provide recommendations for presentations at future meetings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next ATAS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026.