

Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

June 18, 2026

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sharon Bronson, Republic Services
Jonathan Caruso, Waste Management
Will Chen, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Bill Haley, Waste Connections
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Inc.
Shanthi Kanneganti, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
(CalRecycle)
Beverly Tway, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Kawsar Vazifdar, Los Angeles County Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Kent, Southern California Gas
Barbara Romero, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kawsar Vazifdar called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2026, SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026, minutes, and Mr. Jonathan Caruso seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Cesar Leon stated that Tetra Tech:

- Is planning a Final Long-Term Solid Waste Disposal Needs Study pending presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee.
- 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

Due to technological difficulties with the virtual May 2026 CalRecycle meeting, the update will be provided at the next Subcommittee meeting.

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

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

- Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) 119th Annual Conference and Exhibition: June 21 – 24, 2026, Austin, TX
- 21st Annual County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) Policy Conference: August 20 – 21, 2026, Sacramento, CA
- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRRA) Annual Conference and Trade Show: August 30 – September 2, 2026, San Diego, CA

VI. PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC WORKS STAFF ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVALUATIONS

Ms. Kiem provided a [presentation on CT](#) Evaluation History.

Ms. Vazifdar stated that the presentation serves as a follow-up to the January 2026 presentation on the formation and membership of the ATAS. She said that Public Works would contact previous presenters to evaluate their progress on CTs and invited other committee members to provide suggestions on what the ATAS should cover through 2026.

Mr. Hunter requested that the ATAS should be updated if any landfills that apply for an expansion undergo the conditional use permitting (CUP) process so that conditions can be added to provide support for CTs. Ms. Vazifdar commented that every landfill CUP is independent and that conditions can be added when the CUPs are modified or updated. Mr. Hunter asked if landfills are still providing monetary contributions for CTs. Ms. Vazifdar replied that staff will find out and provide an answer at a future meeting.

Mr. Caruso asked about the progress of the development of composting hub, and if Subcommittee members can provide any assistance. Ms. Vazifdar replied that siting criteria has been established to evaluate potential sites to determine if they meet the criteria. Ms. Vazifdar stated that staff will reach out to Subcommittee members if assistance is needed.

Mr. Will Chen asked if there are plans to reevaluate the current criteria for CT evaluation due to advancements in technology and changes in the waste stream due to Senate Bill (SB) 1383 and SB 54. Ms. Vazifdar replied that the parcel evaluation conducted by Tetra Tech may yield potential sites, which will lead to discussions on suitable technologies for CTs to be developed at these sites as well as funding mechanisms.

Mr. Hunter asked about the status of Mesquite Landfill. Mr. Chen added that last year the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) released a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) for Mesquite Landfill to gauge interest to lease or buy it. Mr. Chen said there is interest in the Mesquite Landfill with local landfill capacity decreasing, and that the LACSD may release an RFI or RFP next year. Mr. Hunter asked if information on who responded to the RFEI is public. Mr. Chen replied that he will look into whether the information is public.

Mr. Caruso agreed with Mr. Chen by stating that a reevaluation is necessary to determine whether existing CTs can be utilized on a larger scale. Mr. Bill Haley added that waste streams have changed over time and agreed that a reevaluation would be necessary.

Mr. Chen stated that it would be beneficial to have presenters at the ATAS meetings who have operated a facility for several years so that they can provide information on their successes and failures. Mr. Hunter added that it would also be beneficial to continue inviting presenters with project concepts or pilot projects so that they can find contacts and resources to advance their projects.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Leon stated that he supports a reevaluation of CTs.

Mr. Hunter stated that public and staff attendance at ATAS meetings in past years has been higher and recommended that Public Works conduct additional stakeholder engagement.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next ATAS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026.

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