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Page/Section	Revision
Section 2.4.1 Page 4	<p>Policy No. 1.4 and 1.6 were combined as follows: <i>“The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and Task Force will continue to promote the purchase <u>and use</u> of recycled content and recyclable materials over virgin materials and to recycle, to the maximum extent feasible, materials generated by local government <u>and public</u> agencies <u>within the County</u> while supporting environmental responsibility for materials recycled outside of Los Angeles County.”</i></p> <p>Policy No. 1.6 was removed</p>
Section 2.4.2 Page 4	<p>Goal No. 2 was revised as follows: <i>“To decrease <u>increase</u> the volume and tonnage of solid waste <u>being disposed of at landfills</u> put to beneficial use by continuing to implement and expand source reduction, recycling, reuse, composting, and public education programs as well as promoting the development of alternative technologies which complement recycling efforts.”</i></p>
Section 2.4.4 Page 6	<p>Goal No. 4 was revised as follows: <i>“To conserve Class III landfill capacity through recycle <u>recycling</u> and reuse of inert waste, disposal of inert waste at inert waste landfills, increased waste disposal compaction rates, <u>recycling of organic materials from the waste stream, and the use of tarps and other appropriate materials, such as tarps, for landfill daily cover,</u> and use of green waste and other appropriate materials for landfill daily cover, provided the use of such materials protects the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens in Los Angeles County, as well as the environment.”</i></p>
Section 2.4.4 Page 6	<p>Policy No. 4.2 was revised as follows: <i>“The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and Local Enforcement Agencies, as part of their permit and Finding of Conformance process, will encourage solid waste facility operators to maximize available capacity by requiring, when appropriate, Class III landfill operators to increase the density of disposed materials and implement measures to minimize disposal of inert <u>and organic</u> waste at their facility.”</i></p>
Section 2.4.4 Page 6	<p>Policy No. 4.3 (regarding Organics Management Plan) was added as follows: <i>“The Cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will <u>collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a countywide organics management plan to determine the capacity of existing organics processing facilities, the capacity of planned processing facilities, and if this capacity is sufficient to meet the organic waste generation and diversion/recycling demands over a 15-year period.</u>”</i></p>
Section 2.4.4 Page 7	<p>Policy No. 4.5 was revised and suggested the following revision: <i>“The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force, as part of their land use permit and Finding of Conformance or similar process, will encourage Class III landfill operators to use tarps <u>appropriate materials, such as tarps, for landfill daily cover, in order to conserve landfill capacity,</u> where appropriate, and will continue to promote the use of green waste or other alternative daily cover (ADC) materials for use as landfill daily</i></p>

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	<p>cover subject to approval of the appropriate Local Enforcement Agency and the State. Efforts to promote the use of Green Waste ADC shall include the protection of diversion credit for alternative daily cover material that would otherwise be disposed.”</p>
Section 2.4.5 Page 7	<p>Goal No. 5 was revised as follows: “To protect the <u>health, welfare, safety, and</u> economic well-being of Los Angeles County by ensuring that the cities and the County unincorporated communities are served by an efficient and economical public/private solid waste management system.”</p> <p>Policy No. 5.1 (regarding MDR Plan) was added as follows: “<u>The Cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a regional operational area mass debris management plan to establish roles and responsibilities; determine resources; assess operational threats and vulnerabilities; establish mechanisms for collaboration; prioritize debris management efforts; encourage public entities to minimize the disposal of debris generated to the maximum extent feasible; and promote an efficient way to manage debris disposal within the Los Angeles County region in the event of a mass debris generating disaster.</u>”</p>
Section 2.4.7 Page 10	<p>Goal No. 7 was revised as follows: “To provide siting criteria that considers and provides for the environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, including <u>alternative technology facilities (e.g., conversion technology, transformation) and landfills.</u>”</p>
Section 2.4.8 Page 11	<p>Policy No. 8.2 was revised as follows: “The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will encourage and assist the development, to the maximum extent feasible, of in-County disposal capacity available for expansion within the boundaries of a landfill, provided it is technically feasible and environmentally sound. The jurisdiction where a specific facility is located will make the final determination as to the use of this capacity. <u>Specifically, the jurisdictions in Los Angeles County will encourage the full development of potentially available capacity at the Scholl Canyon Landfill located in the City of Glendale.</u></p> <p>Specifically, the jurisdictions in Los Angeles County will encourage the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full development of potentially available capacity at the Scholl Canyon Landfill located in the City of Glendale. • The full development of potentially available capacity at the Savage Canyon Landfill located in the City of Whittier.”

CHAPTER 2 GOALS AND POLICIES

2.1 PURPOSE

This Chapter presents goals and policies which have been developed to provide a framework to address the disposal capacity need of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County and the County unincorporated communities during the 15-year planning period (2014-2029). The goals and policies are consistent with the requirements of California Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 40050 et seq.

This Chapter also: (1) provides an implementation schedule (see **Section 2.5** and **Table 2-1**) that identifies and describes (a) tasks necessary to achieve each selected goal and policy, and (b) agencies/organizations responsible for implementing these goals and policies; (2) identifies the responsible agencies for the administration of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE); and (3) identifies the required funding source.

The specific requirements for the content of this Chapter are drawn from California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 9, Article 6.5, Sections 18755.1 and 18756.7, and are discussed in Section 2.3 of this Chapter.

2.2 DEFINITIONS

Below are the definitions of key terms used in this Chapter. For a more complete listing of definitions and acronyms, please refer to the Glossary of Terms and List of Acronyms at the beginning of this document.

2.2.1 Alternative Technology

Refers to a technology, such as conversion technology, transformation, EMSW conversion or other emerging technologies, capable of processing ~~residual municipal~~ solid waste (~~MSW~~), in lieu of landfill disposal.

2.2.2 Balefill

Refers to a landfill that uses compacted bales of solid waste to form discrete lifts as the landfill is filled.

2.2.3 Baling

Defined in CCR, Title 14, Section 17225.6 as "the process of compressing and binding solid wastes."

2.2.4 Conversion Technologies

Refers to a wide array of technologies capable of converting post-recycled or residual solid waste into useful products, green fuels, and renewable energy through non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes. Conversion technologies may include mechanical processes when combined with a non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological conversion process.

2.2.5 Goals

Refer to the desired results that planning endeavors are directed toward pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 18755.1. The goals of the CSE are designed to protect public health and safety by addressing the need for adequate environmentally sound solid waste disposal capacity; to conserve natural resources; and to protect the environment by emphasizing waste prevention (including source reduction) and product design and producer responsibility, reuse, recycling and composting, conversion technology, and waste-to-energy.

2.2.6 Policies

Refer to the strategies which will be implemented to achieve the goals pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 18755.1. The policies presented in the CSE are based upon environmentally sound, and technically and economically feasible concepts.

2.2.7 Waste-to-Energy

Refers to an incineration process in which the organic fraction of solid waste is combusted and the released heat is utilized to generate hot water, steam, and electric power, leaving the inorganic fraction (ash) as a residue. [This process is also referred to as a mass-burn process.](#)

2.3 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

CCR, Title 14, Section 18755.1 (a), (c), and (d) requires the following:

- a) The Local Task Force shall develop goals, policies, and procedures to provide guidance to the county in preparation of the countywide Siting Element. Based upon this guidance, the Siting Element shall include a statement on the goals and policies established by the county.
- c) The goals shall be consistent with the mandates of Section 40051 of the Public Resources Code (PRC). The goals shall describe the method for the environmentally safe disposal of solid waste generated within the boundaries of the county and regional agency.
- d) The policies shall specify any programs, regulatory ordinances, actions, or strategies that may be established to meet the goals described in

subdivision (c) of this section and to assist in the siting of solid waste disposal facilities. An implementation schedule shall be included which identifies tasks necessary to achieve each selected goal.

Also, CCR, Title 14, Section 18756.7, requires that the CSE include identification of local governments, Local Task Forces, regional agencies, and other organizations responsible for implementing the solid waste disposal facility siting program. Additionally, the CSE shall include implementation schedules addressing each task identified for a minimum of fifteen years, and identification of revenue sources to support administration and maintenance of the countywide solid waste disposal facility and siting program.

2.4 GOALS AND POLICIES

The following goals and policies are either being or may have to be implemented by the County and cities in Los Angeles County to meet the mandates of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939), as amended (Section 40000 et seq. of PRC). These goals are consistent with those listed in the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Action Plan (Action Plan)¹ and County Solid Waste Management Plan (CoSWMP)².

2.4.1 GOAL NO. 1

To continue to promote extended producer responsibility, development of adequate markets to increase the use of recycled materials and compost products in an environmentally responsible manner.

Policy No. 1.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) will continue to coordinate efforts and work with the State to establish new and/or expand existing Recycling Market Development Zones, in order to provide economic and other incentives which will encourage the development of markets for the diverted materials and/or the siting of solid waste management facilities within Los Angeles County.

Policy No. 1.2

The County, in conjunction with the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSD), and all participating cities, will continue to expand the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program, to address the proper

¹The Action Plan was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in April 1988, and was subsequently superseded by the County Integrated Waste Management Plan, which was approved by the former California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) (now California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)) in June 1999.

²The CoSWMP was approved by the majority of the cities in the County with majority of the incorporated population, the County Board of Supervisors, and the former CIWMB (now CalRecycle).

management of electronic waste, universal waste, sharps waste, and pharmaceutical waste; and support the development of permanent Environmental Collection Centers for residents to drop off these wastes to complement the existing network of permanent collection centers operated by the County and City of Los Angeles.

Policy No. 1.3

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and Task Force will encourage, where appropriate, businesses using alternative technologies to participate in the Recycling Market Development Zone Program or other programs that may become available.

Policy No. 1.4

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and Task Force will continue to promote the purchase and use of recycled content and recyclable materials over virgin materials and to recycle, to the maximum extent feasible, materials generated by local government and public agencies within the County while supporting environmental responsibility for materials recycled outside of Los Angeles County.

Policy No. 1.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will encourage the State to promote the development of markets for recycled materials, to the greatest extent feasible, and to promote extended producer responsibility for products sold in California.

Policy No. 1.6

~~The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will encourage the use of recycled materials by public agencies.~~

2.4.2 GOAL NO. 2

To ~~decrease~~ **increase** the volume and tonnage of solid waste being disposed of at landfills ~~put to beneficial use~~ by continuing to implement and expand source reduction, recycling, reuse, composting, and public education programs as well as promoting the development of alternative technologies which complement recycling efforts.

Policy No. 2.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, will continue to implement and expand commercial, residential, and governmental recycling, composting, public

outreach, and other equivalent programs [such as alternative technologies](#) in their jurisdictions, to the greatest extent feasible.

Policy No. 2.2

The County will continue to enhance its coordination with the cities in Los Angeles County to implement, maintain, and expand cities' and Countywide solid waste management programs and promote the development of alternative technologies which complements recycling efforts.

Policy No. 2.3

The County will continue to enhance its coordination with the cities of Los Angeles County, and the private sector to implement and expand cities' and Countywide public education programs addressing all aspects of an integrated solid waste management system.

Policy No. 2.4

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will evaluate efforts to expand resources available for implementing and sustaining existing cities' and Countywide waste diversion programs and expand programs as appropriate.

2.4.3 GOAL NO. 3

To promote, encourage, and expand waste diversion activities by solid waste facility operators.

Policy No. 3.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force, as part of their permit and Finding of Conformance process, will encourage all solid waste facility operators within their jurisdictions to promote and help develop facilities that divert materials from disposal and institute waste salvage/diversion processes in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. The waste salvage/diversion operations shall recover those waste materials which can be feasibly and economically reused, recycled, ~~or~~ [or otherwise converted to beneficial use](#).

Policy No. 3.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and Local Enforcement Agencies as part of their permit and Finding of Conformance process, will coordinate with solid waste disposal facility operators to acquire and provide to the County all data necessary for cities in Los Angeles County and the County to comply with State and local waste diversion requirements.

2.4.4 Goal No. 4

To conserve Class III landfill capacity through recycling and reuse of inert waste, disposal of inert waste at inert waste landfills, increased waste disposal compaction rates, [recycling of organic materials from the waste stream, and the use of appropriate materials, such as tarps, for landfill daily cover](#), ~~and use of green waste and other appropriate materials for landfill daily cover~~, provided the use of such materials protects the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens in Los Angeles County, as well as the environment.

Policy No. 4.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, as a part of the building, demolition, grading, and construction permit process and through their various construction and demolition debris recycling and reuse ordinances and programs, will encourage and/or require, when appropriate, diversion of inert waste from Class III landfills to the maximum extent environmentally and economically feasible.

Policy No. 4.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and Local Enforcement Agencies, as part of their permit and Finding of Conformance process, will encourage solid waste facility operators to maximize available capacity by requiring, when appropriate, Class III landfill operators to increase the density of disposed materials and implement measures to minimize disposal of inert [and organic](#) waste at their facility.

Policy No. 4.3

[The Cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a countywide organics management plan to determine the capacity of existing organics processing facilities, the capacity of planned processing facilities, and if this capacity is sufficient to meet the organic waste generation and diversion/recycling demands over a 15-year period.](#)

Policy No. 4.4

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and Local Enforcement Agencies, prior to the issuance of their land use permit and Finding of Conformance or similar process, encourage Class III landfill operators to analyze the feasibility of using the balefilling, refuse derived fuel, or other similar space-saving processes, when appropriate, if they result in landfill space savings and are economically feasible.

Policy No. 4.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force, as part of their land use permit and Finding of Conformance or similar process, will encourage Class III landfill operators to use appropriate materials, such as tarps, for landfill daily cover, in order to conserve landfill capacity, ~~where appropriate, and will continue to promote the use of green waste or other alternative daily cover (ADC) materials for use as landfill daily cover subject to approval of the appropriate Local Enforcement Agency and the State. Efforts to promote the use of Green Waste ADC shall include the protection of diversion credit for alternative daily cover material that would otherwise be disposed.~~

2.4.5 GOAL NO. 5

To protect the health, welfare, safety, and economic well-being of Los Angeles County by ensuring that the cities and the County unincorporated communities are served by an efficient and economical public/private solid waste management system.

Policy No. 5.1

The Cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a regional operational area mass debris management plan to establish roles and responsibilities; determine resources; assess operational threats and vulnerabilities; establish mechanisms for collaboration; prioritize debris management efforts; encourage public entities to minimize the disposal of debris generated to the maximum extent feasible; and promote an efficient way to manage debris disposal within the Los Angeles County region in the event of a mass debris generating disaster.

Policy No. 5.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will share resources, and promote and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation on solid waste issues so that Los Angeles County is served by an efficient and economical solid waste management system.

Policy No. 5.3

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will cooperate and share resources to increase Los Angeles County's influence at State and Federal levels by collaboratively developing common positions on proposed or pending legislation and regulations regarding solid waste management issues, as well as advocating or working to introduce legislation when appropriate.

Policy No. 5.4

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will encourage both public and private sector participation in finding and implementing solutions to meet countywide solid waste management challenges.

Policy No. 5.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, will continue to work toward enhancing the existing public/private solid waste management system including partnerships in order to maintain reasonable costs through competitive market forces and appropriate incentives for diverting solid waste for beneficial reuse.

Policy No. 5.6

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and CSD will promote and encourage inter-jurisdiction cooperation in the use of the Mesquite Regional Landfill waste-by-rail system to serve the waste disposal needs of Los Angeles County residences and businesses as part of an efficient and economical solid waste management system.

2.4.6 GOAL NO. 6

To foster the development of alternative technologies as alternatives to landfill disposal.

Policy No. 6.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the CSD, and the Task Force will support and coordinate the development of alternative technologies and other innovative waste management technologies which would reduce dependence on landfills while providing for the solid waste management needs of Los Angeles County residents at a reasonable cost, and convert residual solid waste into useful products, including renewable and environmentally benign fuels, chemicals, and other sources of clean energy.

Policy No. 6.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the CSD, and the Task Force will introduce, support and promote legislation and regulations which would promote development of alternative technology facilities by providing economic incentives as well as recognizing alternative technology as a diversion activity for post-diverted (or post-recycled) residual solid waste managed through these technologies.

Policy No. 6.3

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will encourage private sector development of alternative technologies by assisting the private sector in locating appropriate site(s) and providing information on available government funds.

Policy No. 6.4

The Task Force will support and promote awareness of alternative technologies by providing information on alternative technologies to any requesting entity.

Policy No. 6.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will, when appropriate, work cooperatively to coordinate permitting necessary for the development of alternative technology facilities which utilize alternative technologies, provided they are found to be environmentally sound and technically feasible.

Policy No. 6.6

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force, prior to the issuance of their land use permit and Finding of Conformance or similar process, will encourage solid waste management facility operators, through the land use permit process, to develop alternative technology facilities onsite or send post-materials recovery facility feedstock to facilities that process and convert municipal solid waste into renewable energy, biofuels, and/or other beneficial products.

2.4.7 GOAL NO. 7

To provide siting criteria that considers and provides for the environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, including [alternative technology facilities \(e.g., conversion technology, transformation\)](#) ~~facilities~~, and landfills.

Policy No. 7.1

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will support and promote legislation and regulation which would provide uniform, minimum, and feasible standards for State agencies to establish environmental and regulatory requirements for all solid waste management facilities.

Policy No. 7.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, will continue to encourage the

coordination of solid waste management efforts through the Task Force so that information may be shared on a countywide basis and duplication of effort can be avoided.

Policy No. 7.3

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will collaborate to ensure maximum public participation in land use permitting decisions pertaining to the development of solid waste management facilities, including: addressing any environmental justice concerns.

Policy No. 7.4

The Task Force will ensure that all expansions of existing disposal facilities, as appropriate, conform to the siting criteria developed and contained in the CSE, through the Finding of Conformance process. The Task Force will also require a revised Finding of Conformance whenever an applicable/appropriate existing disposal facility requires a revised/modified Solid Waste Facility Permit, or other permits as appropriate.

Policy No. 7.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, through their respective Local Enforcement Agencies, will work toward achieving compliance with all Federal, State, and local environmental regulations at all existing solid waste management facilities.

Policy No. 7.6

The Task Force will assist local jurisdictions and the private sector by providing technical assistance in land use planning, when appropriate, and by providing the criteria presented in this document for the siting of solid waste management facilities.

Policy No. 7.7

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, through their respective Local Planning Agencies, shall consider incorporating the Finding of Conformance as one of the conditions of their respective Land Use Permit or Conditional Use Permit for applicable solid waste management facilities' projects located within their jurisdiction.

Policy No. 7.8

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, through their respective planning agencies shall consider the Finding of Conformance requirements as

part of their jurisdiction's General Plan requirements for applicable solid waste management facility projects located within their jurisdiction.

2.4.8 GOAL NO. 8

To protect the health, welfare, and safety of all citizens of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County and the County unincorporated communities by addressing their solid waste disposal needs during the 15-year planning period through development of environmentally sound and technically feasible solid waste management facilities for solid waste which cannot be reduced, recycled, composted, or otherwise put to beneficial use.

Policies to Enhance In-County Landfill Disposal Capacity

Policy No. 8.1

The County will continue to assist the project proponent to expedite, where appropriate, the expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill located in the unincorporated area of the Santa Clarita Valley, provided the site is found to be environmentally sound and technically feasible:

Policy No. 8.2

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will encourage and assist the development, to the maximum extent feasible, of in-County disposal capacity available for expansion within the boundaries of a landfill, provided it is technically feasible and environmentally sound. The jurisdiction where a specific facility is located will make the final determination as to the use of this capacity. Specifically, the jurisdictions in Los Angeles County will encourage the full development of potentially available capacity at the Scholl Canyon Landfill located in the City of Glendale.

~~Specifically, the jurisdictions in Los Angeles County will encourage the following:~~

- ~~• The full development of potentially available capacity at the Scholl Canyon Landfill located in the City of Glendale.~~
- ~~• The full development of potentially available capacity at the Savage Canyon Landfill located in the City of Whittier.~~

Policy No. 8.3

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will, when appropriate, facilitate any permitting necessary for the development of in-County solid waste management facility expansions, provided it is found to be environmentally sound and technically feasible.

Policy No. 8.4

The cities in Los Angeles County, and the County, will promote land use policies to discourage incompatible land uses between closed, existing, expansion of existing, and new solid waste management facilities identified in the CSE and adjacent areas.

Policies to Facilitate Utilization of Remote and/or Out-of-County Disposal Facilities

Policy No. 8.5

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, and the Task Force will support policies which would facilitate the use of remote and/or out-of-County disposal facilities as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities.

Policy No. 8.6

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and CSD will actively seek and identify out-of-County disposal opportunities as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities to ensure they meet the disposal needs of the 88 cities and the unincorporated County communities.

Policy No. 8.7

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will support and coordinate the use and development of Mesquite Regional Landfill and other out-of-County/remote disposal facility projects as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities, provided they are environmentally sound and technically feasible.

Policy No. 8.8

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will support and coordinate the development of infrastructure necessary for solid waste transfer and rail loading to remote and/or out-of-County disposal facilities, provided they are environmentally sound and technically feasible.

Policy No. 8.9

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will promote and/or sponsor legislation to streamline the permit process in order to facilitate the development of a waste-by-rail system, provided it is environmentally sound and technically feasible.

Policy No. 8.10

The cities in Los Angeles County, the County, the Task Force, and the CSD will, when appropriate, facilitate coordination and any permitting necessary for the development of proposed solid waste management facilities with rail-loading capability which are necessary to provide access to remote and/or out-of-County disposal sites, provided these facilities are environmentally sound and technically feasible.

2.5 COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Sections 18755.1 and 18756.7, the implementation schedule for tasks identified in the CSE is provided in **Table 2-1** (Countywide Siting Element Task Implementation Responsibilities ~~and Task Implementation Schedule~~). The schedules indicated in **Table 2-1** are broad estimates and are subject to a variety of factors.

The following section presents an outline of the implementation schedule for the tasks associated with the CSE. For ease of reference, the implementation schedule of the goals and policies for the CSE are listed in the same order in which they appear in Section 2.4 of this Chapter.

The left column of **Table 2-1** lists the activities to be implemented. Moving to the right, the next five columns indicate the role of each of the major entities responsible for activities listed: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (TF); County Government (County); incorporated city or cities in the County (Cities); County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (CSD); and Private Industry (PI).

In the implementation process, each entity will act in one of the following three capacities:

- **Lead entity (LE):** The entity or entities with primary responsibility for successful implementation of the activity.
- **Support entity (SE):** The entity or entities providing resources to assist the lead entity or entities implementing an activity.
- **Advisory entity (AE):** The entity or entities serving in an advisory or consultative capacity.

The last column indicates the time period in which to implement the CSE activities identified in the policies for the period 2014-2029. An "X" indicates that work will be conducted for the indicated activity during that time period. It should be noted that implementation of these activities must be maintained on a continuous basis throughout the 15-year planning period.

2.6 COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT ADMINISTERING AGENCY AND FUNDING SOURCE

Pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 18756.7, under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is responsible for preparation, maintenance, and administration of the CSE. Pursuant to Chapter 20.88 of the Los Angeles County Code, funding for these activities is provided through imposition of a “tipping fee” surcharge, referred to as the Solid Waste Management Fee, on each ton of solid waste disposed at solid waste facilities located in Los Angeles County, and on each ton of solid waste that is exported out of the County for disposal at transformation and/or landfill facilities.

Due to increased waste reduction and diversion rates, which may lead to declining revenue to fund the activities of the CSE, the Solid waste Management Fee ordinance (Chapter 20.88 of the Los Angeles County Code) may be revised to include imposition of a "tipping fee" surcharge on each ton of solid waste collected and/or received by solid waste facilities and waste handling enterprises.

2.7 TABLES

This section includes the table showing the implementation schedule for tasks identified in the CSE and the major entities responsible for its implementation.

TABLE 2-1
 COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT TASK IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES ~~FOR YEAR 2014-2029~~ **AND TASK IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

Implementation Task	Responsible Entity ¹					Schedule (2010-2025)
	TF ²	County ³	Cities ⁴	CSD ⁵	PI ⁶	
SUMMARY⁷ OF THE GOALS AND CORRESPONDING POLICIES						
Goal No.1: To continue to promote extended producer responsibility, development of adequate markets to increase the use of recycled materials and compost products in an environmentally responsible manner.						
Policy No. 1.1 Establish new and/or expand existing Recycling Market Development Zones to provide economic and other incentives which will encourage the development of markets for the diverted materials and/or the siting of solid waste management facilities within Los Angeles County.	SE ⁸	LE ⁹	LE	AE ¹⁰	AE	X ¹¹
Policy No. 1.2 Expand the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program, and support development of permanent Environmental Collection Centers to complement the existing network of permanent collection centers operated by the County and the City of Los Angeles.	AE	LE	LE	LE	SE	X
Policy No. 1.3 Encourage, where appropriate, businesses using alternative technologies to participate in the Recycling Market Development Zone Program or other programs that may become available.	AE	LE	LE	AE	AE	X

¹ "Responsible Entity" means the major entity responsible for the activity listed.
² "TF" means Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force.
³ "County" means the Los Angeles County Government.
⁴ "Cities" means incorporated cities in Los Angeles County.
⁵ "CSD" means County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.
⁶ "PI" means Private Industry.
⁷ See Section 2.4 for a detailed description of the Goals and Policies.
⁸ "SE" means Support Entity, i.e., the entity or entities providing resources to assist the lead entity or entities implementing an activity.
⁹ "LE" means Lead Entity, i.e., the entity or entities with primary responsibility for successful implementation of the activity.
¹⁰ "AE" means Advisory Entity, i.e., the entity or entities serving in an advisory or consultative capacity.
¹¹ "X" means work will be conducted for the indicated activity during the planning period.

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Policy No. 1.4 Promote the purchase <u>and use</u> -of recycled content and recyclable materials over virgin materials and to recycle, to the maximum extent feasible, materials generated by local government <u>and public agencies within the County while supporting environmental responsibility for materials recycled outside of Los Angeles County.</u>	AE	LE	LE	AE	AE	X
Policy No. 1.5 Encourage the State to promote the development of markets for recycled materials, to the greatest extent feasible, and to promote extended producer responsibility for products sold in California.	LE	LE	LE	AE	AE	X
Policy No. 1.6 Encourage the use of recycled materials by public agencies.	LE	LE	LE	AE	AE	X
Goal No. 2: To decrease <u>increase</u> the volume and tonnage of solid waste <u>being disposed of at landfills</u> put to beneficial use by continuing to implement and expand source reduction, recycling, reuse, composting, and public education programs as well as promoting the development of alternative technologies which complement recycling efforts.						
Policy No. 2.1 Implement and expand commercial, residential, and governmental recycling, composting, public outreach, and other equivalent programs where feasible.	SE	LE	LE	AE	SE	X
Policy No. 2.2 Enhance coordination between the County and cities in Los Angeles County to implement, maintain, and expand cities' and Countywide solid waste management programs.	LE	LE	SE	AE	SE	X

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Policy No. 2.3 Enhance coordination between the County, cities in Los Angeles County, and the private sector to implement and expand cities' and Countywide public education programs addressing all aspects of an integrated solid waste management system.	LE	LE	LE	AE	SE	✗
Policy No. 2.4 Evaluate efforts to expand resources available for implementing new and existing cities' and Countywide waste diversion programs and expand programs as appropriate.	LE	LE	LE	AE	SE	✗
Goal No. 3: To promote, encourage, and expand waste diversion activities by solid waste facility operators.						
Policy No. 3.1 Encourage solid waste facility operators to promote and help develop facilities that divert materials from disposal, and institute waste salvage/diversion operations in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✗
Policy No. 3.2 Coordinate with solid waste disposal facility operators to acquire and provide data necessary for cities in Los Angeles County and the County to comply with- State and local waste diversion requirements.	AE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✗
Goal No. 4: To conserve Class III landfill capacity through recycle-recycling and reuse of inert waste, disposal of inert waste at inert waste landfills, increased waste disposal compaction rates, and use of green waste and other appropriate materials for landfill daily cover, <u>diversion of compostable and organic materials from the waste stream</u> , provided the use of such materials protects the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens in Los Angeles County, as well as the environment.						
Policy No. 4.1 As a part of the building, demolition, grading, and construction permit process, and through various construction, demolition, and debris recycling ordinances and programs, encourage and/or require	AE	LE	LE	AE	SE	✗

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inert waste diversion to the maximum extent environmentally and economically feasible.						
Policy No. 4.2 Encourage solid waste facility operators to maximize available capacity by requiring, when appropriate, Class III landfill operators to increase density of disposed materials and implement measures minimizing inert <u>and organic</u> waste disposal.	AE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
<u>Policy No. 4.3</u> <u>Collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a countywide organic materials management plan.</u>	<u>AE</u>	<u>LE</u>	<u>LE</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>SE</u>	
Policy No. 4.4 Encourage Class III landfill operators to analyze the feasibility of using the balefilling, refuse derived fuel, or other similar space-saving processes, when appropriate, if they result in landfill space savings and are economically feasible.	SE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
Policy No. 4.5 Encourage Class III landfill operators to use tarps where appropriate, and promote the use of green waste or other alternatives as daily cover materials, <u>and other appropriate materials for landfill daily cover.</u>	SE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
Goal No. 5: To protect the <u>health, welfare, safety, and</u> economic well-being of Los Angeles County by ensuring that the cities and the County unincorporated communities are served by an efficient and economical public/private solid waste management system.						

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Policy No. 5.1 Collaborate, coordinate, share resources, and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation in developing a regional operational area mass debris management plan.	LE AE	LE	LE	L SE	SE	✗
Policy No. 5.2 Promote and encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperation on solid waste issues.	LE	LE	LE	LE	SE	✗
Policy No. 5.3 Increase Los Angeles County region's influence at State and Federal levels by collaboratively developing common positions on solid waste management issues.	SE	LE	LE	LE	AE	✗
Policy No. 5.4 Encourage public and private sector participation in finding and implementing solutions to meet countywide solid waste management challenges.	SE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✗
Policy No. 5.5 Continue to work toward enhancing the existing public/private solid waste management system including partnerships in order to maintain reasonable costs through competitive market forces and appropriate incentives for diverting solid waste for beneficial reuse.	AE	LE	LE	LE	SE	✗
Policy No. 5.6 Promote and encourage inter-jurisdiction cooperation in the use of the Mesquite Regional Landfill waste-by-rail system to serve the waste disposal needs of Los Angeles County residences and businesses as part of an efficient and economical solid waste management system.	SE	LE	SE	LE	AE	✗
Goal No. 6: To foster the development of alternative technologies as alternatives to landfill disposal.						

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Policy No. 6.1 Support and coordinate the development of alternative technologies and other innovative waste management technologies which would reduce dependence on landfills.	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✘
Policy No. 6.2 Support and promote legislation and regulations which would promote development of alternative technology facilities by providing economic incentives, as well as recognizing alternative technology as a diversion activity.	SE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✘
Policy No. 6.3 Encourage private sector development of alternative technologies.	SE	SE	SE	AE	LE	✘
Policy No. 6.4 Support and promote awareness of alternative technologies by providing information on alternative technologies to any requesting entity.	LE	LE	LE	LE	AE	✘
Policy No. 6.5 Work cooperatively to coordinate permitting necessary for the development of facilities which utilize alternative technologies.	SE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✘
Policy No. 6.6 Encourage solid waste management facility operators, through the land use permit process, to develop alternative technology facilities onsite or send post-materials recovery facility feedstock to facilities that process and convert municipal solid waste into renewable energy, biofuels, and/or other beneficial products.	AE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
Goal No. 7: To provide siting criteria that considers and provides for the environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, including <u>alternative technology facilities (e.g., conversion technology, transformation) facilities</u> , and landfills.						

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Policy No. 7.1 Support and promote legislation and regulation establishing uniform, minimum, and feasible Statewide standards for all solid waste management facilities.	SE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
Policy No. 7.2 Encourage the coordination of solid waste management efforts through the Task Force to share information Countywide and avoid duplication of effort.	LE	LE	LE	AE	AE	✘
Policy No. 7.3 Ensure maximum public participation in land use permitting decisions, including addressing environmental justice concerns.	LE	LE	LE	AE	AE	✘
Policy No. 7.4 Ensure all new or expansions of existing solid waste disposal facilities conform to the CSE siting criteria, through the Finding of Conformance or another approval process.	LE	SE	SE	AE	AE	✘
Policy No. 7.5 Achieve compliance with all Federal, State, and local regulations at all existing solid waste management facilities.	SE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✘
Policy No. 7.6 Provide technical assistance in land use planning and the criteria for siting solid waste management facilities.	LE	SE	SE	AE	AE	✘

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Policy No. 7.7 Consider incorporating the Finding of Conformance approval as one of the conditions of their respective Land Use Permit or Conditional Use Permit.	LE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✗
Policy No. 7.8 Consider the Finding of Conformance requirements as part of their jurisdiction's General Plan requirements.	LE	LE	LE	SE	SE	✗
Goal No. 8: To protect the health, welfare, and safety of all citizens of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County and the County unincorporated communities by addressing their solid waste disposal needs during the 15-year planning period through development of environmentally sound and technically feasible solid waste management facilities for solid waste which cannot be reduced, recycled, composted, or otherwise put to beneficial use.						
Policies to Enhance In-County Landfill Disposal Capacity						
Policy No. 8.1 Expedite development of Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion.	SE	SE	SE	AE	LE	✗
Policy No. 8.2 Assist jurisdictions in developing disposal capacity available for expansion within their boundaries. Expansion includes: Scholl Canyon, and Savage Canyon Landfills.	SE	SE	LE	AE	AE	✗
Policy No. 8.3 Facilitate any permitting for the development of in-County solid waste management facility expansions, if feasible.	SE	SE	SE	LE	LE	✗

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Policy No. 8.4 Promote land use policies aimed at discouraging incompatible land uses adjacent to solid waste management facility sites.	SE	LE	LE	AE	AE	✘
Policies to Facilitate Utilization of Remote and/or Out-of-County Disposal Facilities						
Policy No. 8.5 Support policies which would facilitate the use of remote and/or out-of-County disposal sites as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities.	SE	SE	SE	LE	LE	✘
Policy No. 8.6 Actively seek and identify out-of-County disposal opportunities as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities to ensure the disposal needs of Los Angeles County are met.	LE	LE	LE	LE	SE	✘
Policy No. 8.7 Support and coordinate the use and development of Mesquite Regional Landfill out-of-County/remote disposal facility projects as a supplement to in-County disposal capacities, provided they are environmentally sound and technically feasible.	SE	SE	SE	LE	LE	✘
Policy No. 8.8 Support and coordinate the development of infrastructure necessary for solid waste transfer and rail loading to remote and/or out-of-County disposal facilities, provided they are environmentally sound and technically feasible.	SE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✘

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Policy No. 8.9 Promote and/or sponsor legislation to streamline the permit process in order to facilitate the development of a waste-by-rail system, provided it is environmentally sound and technically feasible.	SE	LE	LE	LE	LE	✗
Policy No. 8.10 Facilitate coordination and any permitting necessary for the development of solid waste management facilities with rail-loading capability necessary to provide access to remote and/or out-of-County disposal sites when environmentally sound and technically feasible.	SE	LE	LE	AE	AE	✗
COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT ADMINISTRATION						
Process Finding of Conformance applications.	LE	AE	AE	AE	AE	✗
Update disposal quantity statistics on a quarterly basis.	AE	LE	AE	SE	SE	✗
Prepare revisions/upgrades to the Countywide Siting Element annually.	AE	LE	SE	AE	AE	✗

Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, May 2015