

Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future Subcommittee Meeting

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803
Conference Rooms B & C

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Vanessa Olivas, Public Works

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves.
- Organics was the theme of June's meeting. Given that organics overlaps all focus areas, the meeting was conducted as one working group instead of breaking out into subcommittees.

Organics 101 Presentation

Christopher Sheppard and Clark Ajwani, Public Works (Presentation starts on slide [#3](#))

- Organic waste is defined as food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste.
- In addition to AB 1826, AB 32 requires reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which are generated by organic waste in landfills. Organic waste diversion is necessary to comply with AB 341's 75% recycling goal.
- Organics makes up 43% of the waste stream.
- Discussed the life cycle of organic material (generation to reuse).
- Challenges with managing organics was discussed.
- Overview of County's organics management plans.

Food Donation Program Update

Bernadet Garcia-Silva, Public Health (Presentation starts on slide [#19](#))

- The objectives of the Los Angeles County Food Redistribution Initiative (LACFRI) are food donation education and review of policies that need Public Health's support or revision.
 - First item on list is updating the food donation flyer (can be found [here](#))
- Attendees were invited to join the LACFRI Working Group meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 from 1-2pm at Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) headquarters
 - Following this meeting, participants are welcomed to stay for a meeting of the LA Food Policy Council's Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Working Group from 2 pm - 4pm.
- LACFRI is a public/private partnership, consisting of County departments, non-profits and the private sector
- Current projects include:

- Kaiser Permanente rolling out food donation in all Southern California facilities by December 2016
- Collaboration with the Burbank Recycle Center
- Pilot program at Camino Nuevo Charter Academy; and
- Partnering with the City of Pasadena Public Health Department
- There are currently about 600 food pantries and 5-6 food banks in Los Angeles County

Organics Management Discussion and Draft Plans

- County Unincorporated Communities (Presentation starts on slide [#27](#))
 - AB 1826 requires jurisdictions identify the number of businesses that meet the applicable thresholds, conduct annual education and outreach, implement annual monitoring activities, identify organic waste processing infrastructure, and identify barriers to siting new or expanded compostable materials handling operations.
 - The County has done the following:
 - Identified 207 Tier 1 businesses, currently surveying additional businesses and analyzing survey results.
 - Provided educational materials to CUC businesses and multi-family accounts.
 - Launched [Smart Business Recycling Program](#) (Feb 2015) for additional outreach and assistance in developing organic waste recycling programs for businesses.
 - Developed Form O for organic waste data submission for monitoring.
 - The County plans to:
 - Provide follow-up visits to Tier 1 businesses.
 - Consider modifications to Commercial Franchise Agreement requiring organic waste services be provided.
- Regional/Countywide (Presentation starts on slide [#40](#))
 - The purpose of the Regional/Countywide Organics Management Plan is to provide regional leadership and to satisfy the requirements by AB 876.
 - Surveys were sent to facility operators, located both in and out of the County, to determine the current organic waste processing capacity available to Los Angeles County.
 - Los Angeles County disposed approximately 3.5 million tons of organics in 2014.
 - Approximately 45 % (or 1.6 million tons) of the disposed organics was food waste.
 - The County does not currently have the necessary organic waste processing capacity (in-County) to meet the needs of the residents and businesses over a 15-year period.
 - The plan is expected to be released late 2016
- County Operations (Presentation starts on slide [#52](#))
 - As a part of AB 1826, which mandates organic waste recycling, the County of Los Angeles is required to identify, educate, and monitor County facilities for compliance.
 - Public Works sent a letter to all County Departments with a list of County facilities that likely fall under the first tier of AB 1826 compliance and included various options for complying.
 - Public Works is working with Internal Services Department to help solicit a new waste hauling contract which will include organic recycling services.

- Through the Countywide Department Recycling Program, Public Works is identifying County Department Recycling Coordinators and will follow up with them on organics recycling progress.
- Public Works is implementing food waste reduction and a vermicomposting program at their HQ. Public Works is assisting the Sheriff's Department in analyzing the potential for a composting and anaerobic digestion project at Pitchess Detention Center.
- In the next annual Roadmap report due in October 2016, Public Works will identify County facilities that are in compliance and send a letter to Departments that have facilities that are not in compliance. Departments will be informed that they must comply before the August 2017 report to CalRecycle.

Next Steps and Open Discussion

- Is a list of tier 1 businesses (under AB 1826) available for the group to review? Some businesses treat their disposal data as proprietary so it cannot be widely shared, but for the purposes of the Roadmap, we should be able to share it with the group.
- Have there been presentations with city managers of other cities? We have been discussing special workshops with cities in partnership with the Integrated Waste Management Council, but these have not been scheduled yet.
- The draft Roadmap Annual Report will be provided to the Subcommittee for review and comment by July 25, 2016. Comments will be due by August 8, 2016.

Next Subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING PARTICIPANT

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