

Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future Working Group County Operations Subcommittee Meeting

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803
Conference Room A

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Vanessa Olivas, Public Works

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves.
- Attendees were informed that today was the start of independent meetings of the County Operations Focus Area/Subcommittee.

Nilda Gemeniano, Public Works

- Attendees were provided with a brief summary of the discussions during the last meeting in December.
- Attendees were informed of China's latest policy on importing of solid waste. The policy specified a 0.3% maximum contamination level, with specific maximum contamination levels for plastics/paperboard and non-ferrous metals of 0.5% and 1%, respectively. China made the announcement last July, and filed with the World Trade Organization in November, and will be enforcing it starting March 1 of this year. This has added a factor of uncertainty to many recyclable commodities, specifically recovered plastics and paper.

Diversion data from County operations (Strategy 2, Initiative B2; Strategy 1, Initiatives D1 and 2)

Nilda Gemeniano, Public Works (Presentation begins on slide [#3](#))

- The Internal Services Department (ISD)-procured contracts (Paper Recycling - Chart)
 - From 2009 to 2016, the average weight of paper recycled by County departments was over 1,000 tons per year, with about 60 percent of County departments participating.
- County departments are urged to find ways and use ISD's contracts to divert recyclables and organic waste, especially in light of the annual report on source reduction and recycling jurisdictions provide the state starting to include reports per the following latest legislation passed.
 - State Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORe) (AB 1826) – Commercial properties and institutions must divert organic waste from landfill disposal.

Implementation of this law is tiered based on the amount of organic and/or total solid waste generated per a given timeline.

- AB 1594 - Green waste as Alternative Daily Cover at landfills will no longer be credited as diversion by the year 2020.

Resource Management Plans (Strategy 2, Initiatives B1 and 2)

Armando Aguilar, Public Works (Presentation begins on slide [#4](#))

- Implementation Timeline of Resource Management Plan (RMP) items

Michelle Leonard, SCS Engineers

- Overview of Antelope Valley Rehab Center RMP
 - RMP Recommendations
 - Bring Your Own (BYO) – use reusables
 - Single serve condiments – bulk serving containers
 - Security issue of CRV beverage container recycling bins
 - Management of waste/recycling bins
 - References to sources for alternatives
 - Landscape waste – source separate
 - Composting – on-site, job source development
 - Consultant contract Commercial and Institutional Recycling Program (CIRP)
 - The CIRP program helps entities, including County departments, achieve large-scale diversion and meet established waste diversion targets
 - Site visits – lasts an average of 2 to 3 hours, can range from 1 hour for small facilities to 8 hours for a hospital
 - Reviews site's contracts and conducts cost analysis for optimal solid waste management methods
 - Can possibly lower waste hauling costs by using less waste bins and more recycling bins depending on costs per bin type. Can also possibly raise hauling costs if new services are needed or changes are made to existing service.
 - Recommendations
 - Post RMPs on Roadmap website
 - Refer to County Department Recycling Program (CDRP)
 - For other materials to be diverted
 - Follow up, such as 6 months, with facilities visited

Next Steps

- Subcommittee members will search for ways to approach their Department Recycling Coordinator and/or Chief Facilities Manager to identify specific operations/programs that generate the most landscaping and/or food waste and paper waste to plan for landfill diversion.

Meeting Participants

Name	Department
Ken Pellman	ACWM
Iris Reign	Arts Commission
Maral Tashjian	Beaches & Harbors
Tim Frost	DCFS
Will Simmons	DPSS
Candy Rodarte	Internal Services
Carlos Rubio	Internal Services
Christie Carr	Internal Services
Octavio Sahagun	Internal Services
Inna Sarac	Medical Examiner - Coroner
Alex Mena	Parks & Recreation
Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman	Parks & Recreation
Jim Smith	Parks & Recreation
Bernadet Garcia-Silva	Public Health
Chris Sheppard	Public Works
Arlene Morales	Public Works - EPD
Armando Aguilar	Public Works - EPD
Francisca Mandujano	Public Works - EPD
Kimberly Lyman	Public Works - EPD
Nilda Gemeniano	Public Works - EPD
Vanessa Olivas	Public Works - EPD
Francisco Lopez	Regional Planning
Nick Morell	Sanitation Districts
Michelle Leonard	SCS Engineers
Adrienne Ferre	Sheriff
Richard Sigur	Sheriff