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PRIORITIES, GOALS & OBJECTIVES REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This 2020 Priorities, Goals, and Objectives Plan summarizes the role of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) and sets forth our Plan for the year 2020. There are many opportunities and challenges in the solid waste and recycling sector. We are preparing to meet the State's aggressive organics recycling mandates. New markets and technologies are increasingly vital in light of China's National Sword Policy that severely reduces export markets for recyclables including mixed paper and plastics.

This Plan provides background on the Task Force's work, sets forth focused substantive priorities for the Task Force, external advocacy and internal administrative goals and objectives, as well as timelines and a commitment to monitor our progress. We invite all stakeholders to participate in the Task Force as we work together to tackle the opportunities and challenges ahead and coordinate Countywide efforts in the waste and recycling sector.



MISSION

The Mission of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is to coordinate solid waste management issues on a Countywide basis, guide the development of city and County solid waste management plans, and advocate for a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management and recycling system in Los Angeles County.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The statutory authority for the Task Force is found in:

- Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.67, attached as Exhibit A.
- State law, Public Resources Code, Section 40950.
- California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 18755.1, 18757.1, and 18761.

MEMBERSHIP

The Task Force is comprised of seventeen (17) representatives from local government, the solid waste management and recycling industries, the public, the business sector and environmental advocates. The current membership roster is attached as Exhibit B.

Term of Service

The appointed members of the Task Force serve three years or until replaced by the appointing authority. Alternates may be appointed by the representing authority.

Ex Officio Members (6)

- Director, Los Angeles County Public Works (Chair)
- Director, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
- Director, County Department of Public Health
- Chief Engineer and General Manager, County Sanitation Districts
- Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Director, City of Long Beach Department of Public Works

Appointments by the County Board of Supervisors (3)

- General Public Representative
- Environmental Organization Representative
- Business/Commerce Representative

Appointments by the City of Los Angeles (3)

Appointments by the League of California Cities - Los Angeles County Division (3)

Appointment by the California Waste and Recycling Association (1)

Appointment by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (1)

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibilities of the Task Force include:

County Code Section 3.67

- Take appropriate action to implement programs delineated in the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (Plan)
- Review proposed facilities and services for conformance with the Plan
- Investigate complaints of nonconformance with the Plan and seek corrective action
- Monitor, analyze and review legislative bills, and propose legislation as needed
- Prepare and recommend model ordinances and minimum standards for adoption by local jurisdictions
- Maintain and update the Plan as needed in compliance with CalRecycle reporting requirements
- Form advisory subcommittees to perform special studies and investigations.

State Law and Regulation - AB 939 (PRC Section 40950) and 14 CCR §18761 et al.

Assist in coordinating the development of the Plan and its various elements, including:

- City and County Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRREs)
- City and County Household Hazardous Waste Elements (HHWEs)
- City and County Non-Disposal Facility Elements (NDFE)
- Countywide Siting Element (CSE)
- Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan (Summary Plan)

Working on a coordinated and cost-effective regional recycling system:

- Identify issues of regional concern
- Determine need for solid waste collection and transfer systems, processing facilities, and marketing strategies
- Facilitate multi-jurisdictional arrangements
- Facilitate resolution of conflicts

Assist and advise local jurisdictions within Los Angeles County in the review and implementation of their local SRREs, HHWEs, and NDFEs

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Task Force currently has three standing subcommittees and one ad hoc subcommittee including:

Public Education and Information

- Publishes the Inside Solid Waste quarterly newsletter, which communicates important issues and news in waste management and waste reduction within the State and County.

Alternative Technology Advisory

- Evaluates and promotes the development of alternative technologies to reduce dependence on landfills.

Facility and Plan Review

- Reviews and comments on the SRREs, HHWEs, and NDFEs prepared by the 88 cities and the County of Los Angeles as well as the Countywide Siting Element and Summary Plan.
- Also advises the Task Force in reviewing facility requests for a Finding of Conformance with the CSE.

Goals and Priorities Ad Hoc

- Reviews internal and external Task Force operations and makes recommendations on the adoption of goals and priorities, both internal and external, to ensure the Task Force accomplishes its mission most effectively.



2020 TASK FORCE PRIORITIES

1. Enhance the administration of the Task Force including member participation, efficient meetings, functioning of subcommittees and budget.
2. Ensure the Task Force adheres to its statutory responsibilities including, but not limited to, development and/or reviews of the CSP, CSE, Five-Year Reviews of the CSP and CSE, etc.
3. Focus the Task Force's legislative, regulatory and outreach efforts on the following substantive priorities:
 - A. Organics and SB 1383 infrastructure, funding and capacity
 - B. Alternative technologies and renewable fuels
 - C. CalRecycle enforcement policies
 - D. Plastics legislation and recycling capacity
4. Enhance the Task Force's legislative and regulatory efforts through increased focus on priorities, more robust member participation and improved outreach.



Task Force Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Goals and Objectives

GOALS	OBJECTIVES
Focus legislative efforts including meeting reports on legislative and regulatory priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize State bills in 2020 and develop a comprehensive a Task Force advocacy strategy including member participation, correspondence, and legislature and local jurisdiction engagement including County Board of Supervisors by April 15, 2020. • Prioritize State regulations in 2020 and develop a comprehensive a Task Force advocacy strategy including member participation, correspondence, regulatory agency, local jurisdiction, and external stakeholder engagement including County Board of Supervisors by April 15, 2020. • Limit number of bills discussed at meetings and Task Force position correspondence, focusing on legislative priorities. • Limit number of regulations discussed at meetings and Task Force position correspondence, focusing on regulatory priorities.
Enhance Task Force communication and interaction with local jurisdictions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and report on effectiveness and inspiring ways to improve Task Force communication and interaction with local jurisdictions and external stakeholders including review of Inside Solid Waste Newsletter, email lists and list-serves by May 1, 2020.
Establish Task Force as the “go to” voice for Los Angeles waste management and recycling policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene at least one-half day meeting with 50+ key stakeholders on topics in furtherance of the Task Force’s priorities by July 1, 2020. • Convene in-person meetings with Task Force leadership and leadership of Task Force member agencies to discuss Task Force priorities including member participation (e.g., Los Angeles County Director of Public Works, City General Manager of Sanitation, Long Beach Director of Public Works, Los Angeles County Sanitation Chief Engineer, League of Cities, etc.) by August 1, 2020.

Task Force Administration Goals and Objectives

GOALS	OBJECTIVES
Ensure all meetings of the Task Force have a quorum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill all Task Force vacancies including alternates by March 1, 2020. • Obtain a quorum at all Task Force regular and subcommittee meeting during 2020.
Train and orient all new Task Force members on their responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare thorough orientation binder for new Task Force members by February 1, 2020.
Enhance agenda procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide draft agenda to Committee and Subcommittee Chairs ten days before meetings to solicit comment. • Provide agenda packets, including legislative recommendations, to members for regular and subcommittee meetings one week before meetings, but in all cases by email at least 48 hours before meetings. • Provide more detail in regular meeting agendas on possible action items, including actions items from subcommittees. • Allow the Chair to structure the agenda and control timing of each meeting to ensure priority matters are acted on and that meetings are efficient and short. • Report a 2020 forecast of solid waste management planning documents (CSP, CSE, etc.) and other planning reports that will be presented to during the year to the Task Force by February 1, 2020.
Ensure efficient and productive subcommittee meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have each subcommittee review its jurisdiction and report on the functioning and priorities for the subcommittee by April 1, 2020.
Ensure an appropriate Task Force budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Task Force budget, resource opportunities and constraints and budget priorities by March 1, 2020.
Monitor and report on progress on Goals and Objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate and report on progress with all Goals and Objectives by January 31, 2021.

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