

**Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force**

2020 GOALS, PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES REPORT

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Mission

The Mission of the 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 ensure a coordinated and cost-effective regional solid waste management and recycling system.

OR

We serve cities and communities in Los Angeles County by ensuring a coordinated, cost-effective, and sustainable regional waste management and recycling system, through advice, guidance, advocacy, and coordination of waste management issues on a countywide basis.

OR

The Task Force guides the development of city and County solid waste management plans and coordinates solid waste management issues on a Countywide basis in an integrated approach.

Authority

The statutory authority for the Task Force is found in:

- Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.67.
- 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 representatives from local government, the solid waste management and recycling industries, the public, the business sector and environmental advocates.

Term of Service

The appointed members of the Task Force serve 3 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) – Mark Pestrella
 - Alternates: Coby Skye, Carlos Ruiz, Patrick Holland
- Director, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation – Enrique Zaldivar
 - Alternates: Bernadette Halverson, Reina Pereira

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- Director, County Department of Public Health – Dr. Barbara Ferrer
 - Alternates: Fahrudin Zulcic, Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, Jeanne Biehler, Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, Daniel De La Cruz
- Chief Engineer and General Manager, County Sanitation Districts – Robert Ferrante
 - Alternates: Sam Shammass, Ajay Malik, Charles Boehmke
- Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District - Wayne Nastri
 - Alternate: Jason Aspell
- Director, City of Long Beach Department of Public Works - Craig Beck
 - Alternate: Charles Tripp

Appointments by the County Board of Supervisors (3)

- General Public Representative - Mike Mohajer
- Environmental Organization Representative Betsey Landis
 - Alternate: Marsha McLean
- Business/Commerce Representative – Vacant
 - Alternate: Vacant

Appointments by the City of Los Angeles (3)

- David D.S. Kim, President, Los Angeles Recycling Center
- Rafael Prieto
- Vacant

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

- Margaret Clark, Council Member, City of Rosemead (Vice-Chair)
- Jack Hadjinian, Council Member, City of Montebello
- Liz Reilly, Council Member, City of Duarte

Appointment by the California Waste and Recycling Association (1)

- Gideon Kracov

Appointment by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (1)

- Jeff L. Farano, Sr., Esq.

Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the Task Force include:

County Code

- Take appropriate action to implement programs delineated in the Plan
- Form advisory subcommittees
- Review proposed facilities and services for conformance with the Plan

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- Investigate complaints of nonconformance with the Plan and seek corrective action
- Monitor, analyze and review legislative bills, and propose legislation as needed
- Recommend policy on matters involved in the waste management Plan
- Prepare and recommend model ordinances and minimum standards for adoption by local jurisdictions
- Maintain and update the Plan as needed
- Assist in coordinating the development of local solid waste management plans

State law - AB 939 (PRC Section 40950)

- Assist in coordinating the development of:
 - Source Reduction and Recycling Elements
 - Household Hazardous Waste Elements
 - Nondisposal Facility Elements
 - Countywide Siting Element
 - Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan
- To ensure 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
- Develop goals, policies, and procedures to guide the development of the Siting Element and Summary Plan

State Regulation (14 CCR §18761 et al)

- Advise jurisdictions responsible for preparation of SRREs, HHWEs, and NDFEs
- Review goals, policies, and procedures for jurisdictions which will aid in meeting their solid waste management needs and comply with state mandates:
 - Assist and advise in the review and implementation of the SRREs, HHWEs, and NDFEs, and
 - Provide technical guidance and information to jurisdictions on waste reduction and recycling during preparation of SRREs, HHWEs, & NDFEs
- Assist and advise the County in preparing the Siting Element and Summary Plan
 - Develop goals, policies, and procedures to guide their development
 - Review preliminary and final draft and provide written comments to County, cities, regional agencies, and CalRecycle

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Subcommittees

The Task Force currently has 4 subcommittees including:

Public Education and Information

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

Alternative Technology Advisory

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

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 Siting Element.

Goals and Priorities Ad Hoc Subcommittee

- 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 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan (CSP), Countywide Siting Element (CSE), Five-Year Reviews of the CSP and CSE, guiding the development of city and County waste management plans, and ensuring a coordinated and cost-effective regional recycling system
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

1. Focus legislative efforts including meeting reports on legislative and regulatory priorities.
2. Enhance Task Force communication and interaction with local jurisdictions.
3. Establish Task Force as the “go to” voice for Los Angeles waste management and recycling policy.

Objectives

- 1A. 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.
- 1B. 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.
- 1C. Limit number of bills discussed at meetings and Task Force position correspondence, focusing on legislative priorities.
- 1D. Limit number of regulations discussed at meetings and Task Force position correspondence, focusing on regulatory priorities.
- 2A. Evaluate and report of effectiveness and 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.
- 3A. 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.
- 3B. Convene in-person meetings with Task Force leadership and leadership of Task Force member agencies to discuss Task Force priorities including member participation (eg, Los Angeles County Director Public Works, City General Manager of Sanitation, Long Beach Public Works Director, Los Angeles County Sanitation Chief Engineer, League of Cities, etc.) by August 1, 2020.

Task Force Administration Goals and Objectives

Goals

1. Ensure all meetings of the Task Force have a quorum.
2. Train and orient all new Task Force members on their responsibilities.
3. Enhance agenda procedures.
4. Ensure efficient and productive subcommittee meetings.
5. Ensure an appropriate Task Force budget.
6. Monitor and report on progress on Goals and Objectives

Objectives

- 1A. Fill all Task Force vacancies by March 1, 2020.
- 1B. Obtain a quorum at all Task Force regular and subcommittee meeting during 2020.
- 2A. Prepare thorough orientation binder for new Task Force members by February 1, 2020.
- 3A. Provide draft agenda to Committee and Subcommittee Chairs ten days before meetings to solicit comment.
- 3B. 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.
- 3C. Provide more detail in regular meeting agendas on possible action items, including actions items from subcommittees.
- 3D. 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.
- 4A. Have each subcommittee review its jurisdiction and report on the functioning and priorities for the subcommittee by April 1, 2020.
- 5A. Report on Task Force budget, resource opportunities and constraints and budget priorities by March 1, 2020.
- 6A. Evaluate and report on progress with all Goals and Objectives by January 31, 2021.