

# Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS)

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT  
TASK FORCE

JANUARY 15, 2026

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- Responsible for evaluating and promoting the development of conversion technologies to reduce dependence on landfills and incinerators.
- Established in 2004 by the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Puente Hills Landfill:
  - Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD) provided funding for a study on alternative technologies.
  - Public Works was required to form the ATAS to assist in preparing, reviewing, and implementing the study.



# Puente Hills Landfill CUP (2002)

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- The ATAS shall consist of:
  - A representative of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
  - A staff member of the California Integrated Waste Management Board
  - An elected official who serves on the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force whose jurisdiction is served by the Puente Hills Landfill
  - One staff member of Public Works
  - One staff member of Department of Health Services
  - Representative of Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
- Additional members may be added by Public Works.
- In no case shall the number of members exceed **eleven (11)**.



# Sunshine Canyon Landfill CUP (2007)

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- The ATAS shall include:
  - A representative of Republic Services
  - A representative of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens



# Lancaster Landfill CUP (2007)

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- The ATAS shall **be increased** to include:
  - A representative of Waste Management
  - An environmental representative designated by the Fifth Supervisorial District to represent the Antelope Valley



# Chiquita Canyon Landfill CUP (2017)

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- The ATAS shall **be increased** to include:
  - A representative of Waste Connections
  - An environmental representative designated by the Fifth Supervisorial District to represent the Santa Clarita Valley



# Current Membership Required by Landfill CUPs

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1. Hacienda Heights Improvement Association – **vacant (excluded from quorum)**
2. California Integrated Waste Management Board – **Heather Williams (CalRecycle)**
3. An elected official who serves on the Task Force whose jurisdiction is served by the Puente Hills Landfill - **vacant (excluded from quorum)**
4. Public Works – **Siyavash Araumi**
5. Department of Health Services – **Karen Gork (LA County Department of Public Health)**
6. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts – **Will Chen**
7. Republic Services – **Kate Downey**
8. North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens – **Wayde Hunter**
9. Waste Management – **Kevin Mattson**
10. Environmental representative designated by the Fifth Supervisorial District to represent the Antelope Valley – **vacant (previously City of Palmdale, included in quorum)**
11. Waste Connections – **Steve Cassulo**
12. Environmental representative designated by the Fifth Supervisorial District to represent the Santa Clarita Valley – **vacant (excluded from quorum)**

# Current Membership Added by Public Works

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- 13. Public Interest – **vacant (previously Mike Mohajer, included in quorum)**
- 14. Southern California Gas – **Ron Kent**
- 15. Bioenergy Producers Association – **vacant (previously Jim Stewart, included in quorum)**
- 16. Eugene Tseng & Associates/UCLA Solid Waste Program – **Eugene Tseng**
- 17. City of Los Angeles – **Barbara Romero**

# Goals for 2026

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- Fill vacancies
- Ensure quorum at every meeting
- Presentations related to the development of CTs
- Suggestions for research and evaluations
- Advocacy for policy, legislation, and funding for CTs



# Questions and Discussion

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