

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

Minutes for July 19, 2018

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Jack Hadjinian, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative*
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Sam Pedroza, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division
Ron Saldana, California Waste and Recycling Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Craig Beck, rep by Charles Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department
Grace Hyde, rep by Sam Shammas, County of Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
County
Dr. Barbara Ferrer, rep by Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, County of Los Angeles Department of
Public Health
Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Robb Cohn, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Mitchell Englander, City of Los Angeles
David Kim, City of Los Angeles
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Sam Perdomo, Business/Commerce Representative
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Enrique Zaldivar, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elijah Carder, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jeff Clarin, Waste Connections
Ben Cortez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Brenda Eells, Jacobs
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Dave Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carol Oyola, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Margarita Quiroz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Dale Sargent, City of Santa Clarita
Saeid Shirzadegan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Sonia Terry, Public Citizen
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle

* Designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Ms. Clark.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Hadjinian and seconded by Mr. Pedroza to approve the June 21, 2018, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (ATAS)

Ms. Vazifdar gave an update on the ATAS meeting. She reported the ATAS meeting was held on July 18, 2018, at the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF). Ms. Vazifdar mentioned that Public Works continues to work with Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) with and the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the cost of three in vessel composting technologies to process food waste at the Pitchess Detention Center.

Ms. Vazifdar also reported that staff continues to communicate with the City of Avalon regarding a potential Conversion Technology (CT) project to extend the life of Pebbly Beach Landfill.

Last, Ms. Vazifdar reported that during the ATAS meeting, staff from the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County gave a presentation on the DODA BioSeparator machine that removes contaminants from food waste, which upon further processing are co-digested at the Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in Carson to produce biogas. The presentation was followed by a tour of the PHMRF where the DODA operates. Currently, the DODA machine processes 180 tons per week and its capacity is 165 tons per day.

IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (FPRS)

Mr. Mohajer gave his report from the FPRS meeting. He reported the FPRS had convened twice in the month of July; the first meeting was held on July 17, 2018 to discuss the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) Finding of Conformance (FOC) and the second meeting was the regularly scheduled July 19, 2018 FPRS meeting earlier in the day.

- The July 17, 2018 Meeting focused on the Consideration of Chiquita Canyon Landfill on the Finding of Conformance and its expansion

program. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that the landfill operator and consultants were present during the meeting. The FPRS voted on recommending the Task Force (TF) to grant an FOC for CCL.

The following items were discussed during the regularly scheduled July 19, 2018 FPRS meeting.

- The FPRS discussed the number of odor complaints at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL), which totaled nine last month. Mr. Mohajer also mentioned the Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) project has been approved by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA), and conditionally approved by the Department of Public Works (DPW).
- The committee discussed the Intermediate Cover Enhancement Project, which has been approved by SCL-LEA, but is still under review by DPW.
- Staff received a letter from South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on July 18, 2017, explaining their current procedures when providing a field response to odor complaints.
- Staff sent letter to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding leachate on May 31, 2018. Staff is currently reviewing the Water Board's response letter dated July 12, 2018.
- The FPRS also discussed the status of the FOC for the Antelope Valley Landfill. Staff anticipates having all the necessary information and recommendations for the FPRS consideration by the next submittal.

V. CONSIDERATION OF CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Mr. Shirzadegan reported that the FPRS held a special meeting on July 17, 2018, to discuss the FOC for CCL. After staff reviewed the FOC application for compliance, the committee voted to recommend granting an FOC for CCL. Mr. Shirzadegan explained that due to the Landfill having undergone an expansion, a new FOC is required.

Mr. Mohajer made a motion to grant an FOC for CCL, second by Mr. Hadjinian. The motion passed unanimously (excluding Ms. Landis due to teleconferencing).

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Cortez gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#).

AB 3178 (Rubio) – Integrated Waste Management Plans: Source Reduction and Recycling Element: Diversion Requirements. Bill moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee and it is scheduled for a hearing on August 6, 2018.

AB 3232 (Friedman) – Zero-Emissions Buildings and Sources of Heat Energy. Bill moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee and it is scheduled for a hearing on August 6, 2018.

SB 212 (Jackson) – Solid Waste: Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardships. Bill moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee and no hearing is scheduled yet.

VII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Ms. Wallin gave information about the following grant programs: Tire Derived Aggregate Grant Program (Fiscal Year 2018-2019) is due on August 1, 2018; and Tire Incentive Program (Fiscal Year 2018-2019), due September 6, 2018.

She gave information about the Compost White Paper Update Draft Announcement workshops: August 21, 2018, in Sacramento, CA and August 24, 2018, in Diamond Bar, CA.

Ms. Wallin also mentioned there will be a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed regulations of Senate Bill 270.

Mr. Saldana expressed his concerns about how money is allocated and is never enough. He would appreciate it if CalRecycle can assist in giving their suggestions and opinions to find solutions to issues, rather than telling them what the issues are.

Mr. Pedroza asked what happens with the issues raised at the Task Force meetings and whether the TF comments/concerns are reported to the proper individuals. Ms. Wallin responded she gives upper management a report of what was said during the TF meetings. Mr. Pedroza asked Ms. Wallin if she can check with CalRecycle what their preferred method to receive information from the TF is.

Mr. Mohajer indicated that he will extend an invitation to Mr. Howard Leveson, Deputy Director for Materials Management and Local Assistance, to attend the TF meeting on August 16, 2018.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sonia Terry expressed concerns about odors in the landfill and recommended placing fans and possibly using vegetation, such as eucalyptus trees, to alleviate the smell.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2018, in the Headquarters Alhambra Room.

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