

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

Minutes for February 21, 2019

Los Angeles County 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
Gideon Kracov, Los Angeles County Disposal Association
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Craig Beck, rep by Charles Tripp, Long Beach Public Works Department
Grace Hyde, rep by Sam Shammas, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Dr. Barbara Ferrer, rep by Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Mark Pestrella, rep by Carlos Ruiz, Los Angeles County Public Works
Enrique Zaldivar, rep by Bernadette Halverson, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

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
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Elijah Carder, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bella Hernandez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Primitivo Nunez, CalRecycle
Carol Oyola, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Margarita Quiroz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Hadjinian and seconded by Mr. Shammass to approve the January 17, 2019 minutes. The motion passed with one abstentions.

III. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE (PEIS)

Mr. Mohajer reported that the following articles were discussed, and comments were added for the Spring Newsletter.

- Task Force says “Thank You” to Mr. Pedroza and Mr. Saldana
- Update on City of Los Angeles Franchise System
- Threats Posed by Lithium Batteries
- AB 901 Implementing Regulations by CalRecycle
- Update on Chiquita Canyon Landfill
- Universal Studios and their new recycling program

The following articles were requested to be added to the Spring Newsletter:

- Implementing regulations and Developing Stewardships Plan on SB 212 – Involving Pharmaceuticals & Sharps Collection
- Implementing Proposed Regulations for SB 1383
- Carpet Stewardship Plans that were approved
- Legislative Table
- Debris Disaster Removal from Woolsey Fire and Clean Up Activities

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

Mr. Ajwani reported there was a presentation by Steve McCorkle from Ag Waste Solutions (AWS) on Organic Waste Management in collaboration with Scott Bros. Dairy Farms in Riverside County. Mr. Ajwani mentioned that AWS described how they are gasifying dairy manure to produce biochar to use in their agricultural farm crops, and they are also producing synthetic gas, which has been used to produce renewable diesel to power farm equipment on site. Mr. Ajwani also mentioned that AWS is expecting to expand their project and use an anaerobic digester to process manure, green waste, and possibly food waste to produce a digestate that can be composted or gasified on site.

Mr. Ajwani also provided an update from Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI), who is assisting Public Works in reviewing the Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) regulations specifically focusing in the technology verification piece. He also mentioned that they are currently working on researching information for small-scale thermal conversion technologies for potential on site applications for post-recycled municipal solid waste.

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

Ms. Landis reported the committee received an update on Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) odor complaints. Compared to December 2018, complaints dropped from 36 to 17 complaints for the month of January 2019. Ms. Landis also reported that South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has not issued any odor complaints since February 5, 2019, nor any Notice of Violations (NOV) were issued for the month of January 2019.

An update was received on the Fourth Quarter 2018 Independent Monitoring Report submitted by SCL. More research is needed for clarification. A motion was made by Mr. Hadjinian to send a letter referring to the conditions and compliance with all rules and regulations related to dust control, seconded by Mr. Mohajer. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Landis also reported that Ms. Trishena Robinson from Public Works gave an update on the Woolsey and Hill Canyons Fire Emergency Waivers. Ms. Landis mentioned that Calabasas, Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL), and SCL will be taking debris from the burned areas, which will not be inert or toxic. Ms. Landis also reported that the landfills changed their limit of allowable intake for debris. CCL raised it to 280,000 tons per month, SCL raised it to 15,000 tons per day, and Calabasas raised their intake to 5,000 tons per day.

A second motion was made by Ms. Clark to contact Republic's operator of SCL and get a report on the progress for the one-year monitoring of gas emissions, which was seconded by Mr. Mohajer. Motion passed with one abstention.

VI. PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS WASTE STEWARDSHIP (SB 212) INFORMAL RULEMAKING WORKSHOP

Mr. Carder gave a [presentation](#) on Senate Bill 212: Informal Rulemaking. He reported that CalRecycle has begun their informal rulemaking for Senate Bill 212 (SB 212) for pharmaceuticals, sharps, and waste take back. Mr. Carder's presentation focused on informing the Task Force (TF) of what was presented during the workshop, what CalRecycle is looking for, and to gather initial input from the TF.

Mr. Carder spoke about the key components of SB 212 and the covered entities to create a stewardship program to be approved by CalRecycle. He mentioned that industries need to provide a list of covered entities and products to the Board of Pharmacy by April 1, 2019, and any stewardship plans are to be submitted to CalRecycle by July 1, 2021.

Mr. Carder reported that CalRecycle's first informal rulemaking workshop was held on January 30, 2019, which focused on definitions, covered entities and stewardship organizations, and stewardship plans. He gave a list of questions for stakeholder on Article 1 and seven terms that CalRecycle believes needs to be further defined. Article 2 covered entities and stewardship organizations, which involved questions for stakeholder and outreach and education. Article 3 covered Stewardship Plans and mentioned the following eight processes that CalRecycle will be clarifying.

1. Format of Submittal
2. Submittal of Proposed Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste
3. Agency Determinations
4. Timeline for Resubmittal of Proposed Plans
5. Certification that Plan Meets Applicable Laws and Regulations
6. Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship Plan Submittal to Department
7. Plan Requirements for Covered Drugs
8. Criteria for Plan Approval of Home-Generated Sharps Waste

Lastly, Mr. Carder reported staff will send CalRecycle input from the TF members. He also mentioned that the second Informal Rulemaking Workshop on Articles 4 through 7 will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, and that there will be two more subsequent workshops. The Formal Rulemaking will begin in October and the final regulations will be adopted by January 1, 2021.

Ms. Clark inquired if the questions being asked to the stakeholders are questions from the TF. Mr. Mohajer added that CalRecycle is asking stakeholders how they would answer those questions and what would they want to see. Mr. Ruiz also added that CalRecycle is asking questions to stakeholders because it is a complicated system of regulations and there needs to be a lot of clarification in defining SB 212, which requires expertise from the medical field as well. Mr. Holland added that there are different counties who have passed an ordinance before SB 212 and have already been working and addressed related issues in different ways, but it is still relatively new to CalRecycle.

Ms. Clark asked if left over medicine can be taken to any pharmacy. Mr. Carder said that is part of what CalRecycle is discussing. Mr. Holland added that

medicine will be able to be dropped to any participating pharmacy anonymously and currently some pharmacies are hosting their own drop off bins at their own cost.

Mr. Mohajer made a motion for staff to prepare a response to the questions based on their experience in the past four years on SB 212 pharmaceuticals, seconded by Ms. Landis. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Carder gave an update on current legislation and reviewed items on the attached [legislative table](#). He mentioned that the last day to introduce a bill is February 22, 2019. He also reported that nine solid waste related bills were added to the table since the last TF meeting in January.

- **AB 142** (Garcia) – Lead-Acid Batteries. This bill would increase the amount of the manufacturers' battery fee from \$1 to \$2 and would provide that the fee not expire on March 31, 2022 but would continue indefinitely. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support AB 142 as introduced in December 13, 2018, seconded by Mr. Ruiz. Motion passed unanimously.
- **AB 257** (Mathis) – Solid Waste: Woody Biomass:Disposal. This bill would create a 5-year woody biomass county collection and disposal pilot program administered by CalRecycle consisting of awarded funding to counties with a total population of less than 250,000 for the purpose of conducting community collection days where individuals can dispose of biomass free of charge.

Ms. Landis asked what type of biomass and Ms. Clark further asked what the definition of biomass is. Mr. Carder responded that he does not have the full definition, but believes they are referring to dead trees that need to be cleared to prevent future fires. After some discussion, the TF decided to "watch" this bill until more information and clarification is obtained.

- **AB 296** (Cooley) – Climate Change: Climate Innovation Commission. This bill establishes the climate innovation grant program to be administered by the climate innovation commission (which would also be established) The grant program would be for the development and research of new innovations and technologies to address issues related to issues of emissions of GHG and impacts on climate change. Staff recommended to "watch" this bill.

VIII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE

Mr. Primitivo Nunez, of CalRecycle, gave a brief update on upcoming events.

- SB 1383 Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) – The formal rulemaking and 45-day comment period started on January 18, 2019, and will end on March 4, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Staff can submit comment at slcp.organics@calrecycle.ca.gov.
- CalRecycle will hold a public hearing on SB 1382 in March 12, 2019, in Sacramento

Ms. Halverson asked if the definition of organic waste includes cannabis. Mr. Nunez responded that in terms of SB 1826, they have been told that it is organic waste and will be handled as green waste. Ms. Dorcas-Lugo added that as long as it is not mixed with chemicals, it is considered agricultural waste.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Clark added that she spoke with Ms. Liz Riley and she would like to join the TF committee replacing Mr. Sam Pedroza. Mr. Mohajer advised that the League of Cities must appoint Ms. Riley to the committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019, in TMC Conference Room, Annex Building, First Floor.

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