

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

**Minutes for May 21, 2020**

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

Web Conference

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, League of California Cities  
Jack Hadjinian, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Gideon Kracov, Los Angeles County Disposal Association  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Liz Reilly, California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Farano, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles  
Wayne Nastri, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles  
Enrique Zaldivar, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shari Afshari, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Armando Aguilar, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Jennifer Ang, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Martins Aiyetiwa, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Gabriel Arenas, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Wendy Bui, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Elijah Carder, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Charles Darensbourg, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Gabriel Esparza, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens  
Gerald Ley, Los Angeles County Public Works

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David Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Primitivo Nunez, CalRecycle  
Adrian Perea, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Kenn Phillips, Public Attendee  
Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Margarita Quiroz, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Sam Samaha, Public Attendee  
Chris Sheppard, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Jennifer Wallin, CalRecycle  
Elizabeth Zaragoza, Public Works  
Jeffrey Zhu, Los Angeles County Public Works

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:21 p.m. by Ms. Landis.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2020 MINUTES**

Ms. Clark motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Ms. Reilly seconded the motion. Ms. Nakagawa-Ota and Mr. Tripp abstained. Mr. Hadjinian was not present during the vote.

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

Mr. Mohajer reported the Subcommittee considered the following draft articles prepared by Staff for the Inside Solid Waste Newsletter:

- Generation Earth [Workshop Webinar]
- Los Angeles County Climate Action Plan
- Food Donation and Recovery [Outreach]
- COVID-19 and Impacts on the Waste Hauler [Recycling and Waste]
- Fast Fashion – about clothing
- Alternative Recipes for Common Household Hazardous Waste Products
- Update on SB 1383 Regulations

Mr. Mohajer mentioned that he also requested Staff to prepare an article regarding the impact of the Emergency Waiver granted to Sunshine Canyon Landfill by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency due to COVID-19 on neighboring communities.

Mr. Mohajer mentioned that California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is planning to have a webinar on June 21, 2020, and will be sending a notice out in accordance with the Office of Administrative Law requirements, and then to the legislators.

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

Mr. Christopher Sheppard reported there was a presentation from Matt Scanlon, from Raven SR, a conversion technology company which operates a gasification technology. The technology the company uses is unique in that it does not use oxygen in the system but uses steam reformation so there is no combustion taking

place. There are fewer emissions and multiple materials can be processed at once. Some of the feed stock processed includes biomass, paper, medical waste, and toxic waste; and currently excludes metals and glass. They have a system operating in Berkeley, California, and they are developing two additional systems; a 25 ton per day facility in San Jose, California, to convert municipal solid waste (MSW) to hydrogen; and a 75 ton per day facility in Bakersfield, California, along with Kern Oil to convert biomass from agricultural sources into synthetic fuels.

Mr. Sheppard also reported the dates for the upcoming, postponed, and canceled events:

- 2020 California State Associations of Counties Legislative Conference – Canceled (Previously scheduled in May 2020).
- Southern CA SWANA Chapter Workshop – postponed from June to October 2020 in Buena Park, CA.
- Resource Recycling Conference – August 10-12, 2020 in Austin, TX.
- CRRA 44th Annual Conference and Trade Show – August 2020 in Berlingame, CA.
- Waste Conversion Technology Conference – postponed to August 2021 (previously August 2020) in San Diego, CA.
- CalRecycle SB 1383 Workshop – postponed to June 13, 2020 (previously March 2020) as a WebEx meeting.

Mr. Mohajer added the Southern California Waste Management Forum will have its annual business meeting and webinar on Zoom, on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 10:00 for an hour and a half. It will include an update on legislation in Sacramento from Chuck White.

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

Ms. Landis reported the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) odor complaints received by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) hotline were 33 complaints in April 2020 as compared to 12 complaints in April of 2019. According to the AQMD report, a total of 91 complaints have been received this year, but no Notice of Violations have been issued. Also, the SCL currently has a temporary emergency waiver of standards issued by the Local Enforcement Agency, which allows for more waste to be taken into the landfill.

Ms. Landis reported the first motion is the consideration of the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management 5-Year Review Report. The motion was approved by the Subcommittee to send to the Task Force for their approval.

Mr. Kracov asked if the report says that we are complying with the requirement at 4.5 pounds per day and asked how many pounds a day is 50 percent. Mr. Ruiz responded that the per capita target is set for each jurisdiction and based on the average of disposal for 2003 – 2006. Based on that average, CalRecycle established the per capita generation and the equivalent that would be a 50 percent diversion rate. The number was established for each individual jurisdiction and based on the total waste generation, population, economic activities, and more. CalRecycle established what would be the equivalent of 50 percent diversion translated as a per capita disposal figure, which would become the jurisdiction's per capita disposal target for 2007 and subsequent years. As the population of a jurisdiction increases, their allowance for actual disposal might increase based on the population, but the per capita figure, the amount that they can dispose per person remains the same. Mr. Kracov asked if all the jurisdictions are complying with the 50 percent rate, according to the report. Mr. Ruiz responded the majority of the jurisdictions are in compliance of the 50 percent diversion rate and believes that the report is correct for the 5-year review period. Mr. Kracov will be following up with Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Mohajer, or Ms. Jennifer Wallin of CalRecycle, about the different jurisdiction data. Mr. Ruiz made the motion to approve the report and to have Staff forward the report to CalRecycle. Mr. Mohajer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Landis reported the Subcommittee also approved a motion to request the Task Force to send letters to CalRecycle, including California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of Public Health, and Los Angeles County Public Health to state the concerns about meeting the organic recycling and composting deadlines in 2022, and concerns about the presence of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in food waste which may endanger the safety of workers, especially those at composting operations.

Ms. Reilly of the California League of Cities-Los Angeles Division asked if the virus lives long in the food waste. Ms. Landis responded that researchers have not studied everything about the virus, but this could be similar to the severe acute respiratory syndrome virus (SARS-COV-1). Ms. Landis believes that the Department of Food and Agriculture should report that compost should not be marketed. She referred to historical information from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regarding SARS-COV-2, stating that there are higher risk levels for individuals working with waste.

Mr. Kracov asked Mr. Ruiz if the County has a position on this situation. Mr. Ruiz responded he thinks that as Ms. Landis indicated, considering the guidance document by OSHA, and given the way landfill operations are conducted at the

working face, there is a potential risk to workers and the surrounding environment. Other factors may be present at individual sites that could affect landfill workers and the adjacent communities and this motion would request those departments to look into the potential impact of COVID-19 and address it. Mr. Ruiz continued that the other concern is with not knowing if the virus can survive in food waste and compost. Given the major expenditures that will be required to comply with Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) and this potential risk, the implementation may have to be delayed until there is clarity on the issue.

Ms. Landis noted that the deadlines required by CalRecycle are short and since the County is currently experiencing a recession during the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to make those agencies aware of the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of SB 1383. Ms. Landis made the motion to send a letter to the listed agencies above regarding this topic. Mr. Mohajer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Gerald Ley reported that State law makers in Sacramento have been taking measures during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Legislators were asked to reduce the number of bills in a legislative session to one-quarter to focus on the pandemic and other essential priorities. Focus areas for legislation now include: COVID-19 response, the social safety net, economic recovery, and other areas relating to threat of wildfires, homelessness, and environmental goals. Some key deadlines were pushed back by one month and a revised schedule was provided by the State. Some key dates are as follows:

- Last day for Policy Committees to pass fiscal bills introduced in their house to Appropriations – May 29, 2020.
- Budget Deadline – June 15, 2020.
- Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house – June 26, 2020.
- Summer Recess – July 2 - 12, 2020.
- Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to fiscal committees – July 31, 2020.

Mr. Ley continued to the [Legislative Table](#). There were two bills removed that were gutted and amended for other purposes and one bill was added that has become relevant to the Legislative Table which is Assembly Bill 3256, Bond Act of 2020. The latest news regarding Senate Bill 1191 relating to good faith effort for SB 1383 compliance, is that it is not moving forward this year. To date, there are 37 bills

on the Legislative Table. Staff presented recommendations on the following three bills:

**AB 2287** (Eggman & Ting) – Solid waste: plastic products: certification – Staff recommendation: Support. Mr. Mohajer motioned to support. Ms. Landis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**AB 2959** (Calderon) – Solid waste: byproducts from the processing of food or beverages – Staff recommendation: Watch. Mr. Gideon Kracov, Los Angeles County Disposal Association representative, expressed that this bill is important to the waste haulers and recyclers that handle the franchises for the County and cities and requested that the Task Force support the bill. Mr. Kracov explained how the waste franchises are under pressure from the COVID-19 pandemic and how commercial accounts are being lost, and the increased residential waste has been increasingly significant beyond what the current rates allow.

In addition, they are under pressure to focus on employee safety, recyclable markets from the China National Sword Policy, and complying with new and current laws. This bill is a follow-up to the earlier bill, Assembly Bill 3036 that passed in 2018, which allowed a loophole and exemption for certain byproducts from industrial processing to count as animal feed. This loophole resulted in other companies being able to take away wastes from certain businesses including restaurants and supermarkets, which is hurting the waste franchises. Mr. Kracov expressed his desire to see that this bill passes to fix the loophole.

Mr. Mohajer asked the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation's position on the bill. Mr. Kracov responded that he did not ask the agency. Ms. Reilly asked if it meant that the animal feed companies, instead of going to the waste hauler, were going straight to pick up the product (food waste) themselves. Mr. Kracov confirmed. Ms. Clark asked if it would be better to direct that portion of the organic food waste to better uses so as to reduce organic waste. Mr. Kracov said yes, it would be good because it is part of the franchise and rate base, but the waste haulers would not want the customers to be taken away from the haulers.

Mr. Ruiz then asked Mr. Kracov if the exempted activities are regulated by anybody. He continued that he is concerned that local governments are responsible for planning and the management for the organic waste, and to the extent that it falls outside of franchise agreements and regulatory authority, we will not have as much control over how the materials are handled. If they are being regulated properly and ensuring that the byproducts are being used for

animal feed, that is one thing. But if they are unregulated, there could be an issue with unscrupulous operators. Mr. Kracov agreed, and responded that these animal feed companies are taking materials from industrial sources and operations and using it for their animal feed process. This bill is trying to let those animal feed companies continue their business model and trying to put a reasonable definition of what the bill allows. Mr. Ruiz requested clarification that the proposed bill would give authority to local governments to either include or exclude those markets (supermarkets, etc.) within the franchise. Mr. Kracov responded that the bill would put the control back in the franchise of the local government.

Mr. Kracov motioned to support. Ms. Liz Reilly, California League of Cities – Los Angeles Division representative, seconded. Mr. Mohajer and Mr. Sam Shammass, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, abstained. The motion passed.

**AB 3163** (Salas) Energy: biomethane: procurement – Staff recommendation: Support. Mr. Mohajer motioned to support. Ms. Reilly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Mr. Christopher Sheppard reported the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it relates to waste management. Local governments in California found themselves on the frontlines really helping to battle the spread of the virus and keeping the public safe. This has been a shift in staff and duties away from normal operations and into new areas to help residents develop physical distancing and stay-at-home orders. The declaration of emergency identified solid waste collection and disposal as essential services; local jurisdictions have worked closely with their waste haulers to ensure that waste collection would continue uninterrupted. However, the waste industry and local governments began to make service changes right away amid concerns of the employees and the spread of the virus through interactions with customers would impact operations. Concerns were also cited over the employees' handling of potentially contaminated recyclables and workforce shortages. In response, programs began to limit the materials collected, alter service hours, or shutdown altogether. While the diverting resources to fight COVID-19 many cities, counties, and special districts were concerned with the ability to meet specific statutory obligations during the pandemic. OSHA, Solid Waste Association of North America, and the Resource Recovery Coalition of California responded with guidance documents for solid waste management workers and employees. On April 21, 2020, CalRecycle



issued a letter to local jurisdictions with COVID-19 recycling related guidance to assure jurisdictions that the impacts of COVID-19 will be considered when evaluating compliance with waste diversion and recycling regulations. On April 29, 2020, a coalition of eight local governments and organizations, including the California League of Cities and Los Angeles County, sent a letter to California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and CalRecycle in response to CalRecycle's letter expressing concern of local governments for regulatory relief in response to the pandemic. The letter requested further action on the part of CalRecycle to address the following items including:

- Temporary relief from the imposition of penalties and or issuance of compliance orders because of a jurisdiction's failure to meet Assembly Bill 939
- The mandatory commercial recycling and organics recycling mandates pursuant to Assembly Bill 341, Assembly Bill 827, Assembly Bill 1826.
- Requested to delay the implementation of any new major regulations at until at least six months after the COVID-19 emergency is deemed over by the State of California, including SB 1383 for a period of time commensurate with the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency.
- Requested an extended comment period for at least 60 days for pending rulemakings during the emergency.
- Increased flexibility for solid waste haulers and facilities
- Provide explicit guidance to Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) to use existing emergency waiver tools as necessary as well as a commitment to swiftly develop additional these tools should these existing measures prove inadequate.
- Provide guidance how to deal with illegal dumping.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted a concern expressed by this Task Force over the past year which is the need for CalRecycle to consider jurisdiction's "good faith" efforts in complying with the requirements to SB 1383 organic recycling regulations which are still being finalized.

Mr. Sheppard continued that on May 13, 2020, Los Angeles County hosted an "Infrastructure LA" call for local jurisdictions to talk about infrastructure, and now there is a subcommittee called the Sustainable Waste and Recycling Management (SWARM), and this call was with local jurisdictions to discuss the challenges of the rollout of SB 1383 organic waste recycling regulation and the impact of COVID-19. The call included Deputy Director Shari Afshari of Los Angeles County Public Works, Derek Dolfie of the League of California Cities, Lisa Rapp of City of Lakewood; each speaker shared their own perspective on the challenges of

COVID-19. There were a lot of constructive comments and questions. There was discussion of next steps such as forming a coalition to look into waste tracking software, explore joint purchasing across multiple jurisdictions to reduce costs, sending a joint or individual letters from local jurisdictions to CalRecycle requesting "good faith efforts" be considered in enforcement of SB 1383, petitioning the governor to pass an Executive Order to extend the compliance requirements until after the current emergency, having jurisdictions focus on edible food recovery first to help those struggling because of the pandemic, address organics recycling requirements, request the state develop a statewide outreach campaign for organic recycling. Mr. Sheppard reported that some Task Force members participated in the call: Ms. Landis raised the concern of the contamination of medical waste and organic waste with infectious viruses, emphasized workers in the solid waste industry and persons coming in contact with organic waste may be exposed to infectious diseases, stressed the need for conversion technology facilities to have the ability to process waste with temperatures that could destroy pathogens. Mr. Sheppard continued that Ms. Landis said in the meeting that cities should be aware of this issue and bring it to the attention of the Governor and to CalRecycle.

Mr. Charles Darensbourg reported on surveys that Public Works Staff has conducted on landfills and non-disposal facilities the past two months. The purpose of the inquiries was to better understand impacts the COVID-19 pandemic on solid waste transfer, disposal facilities operations, and the processing of recyclables. To date, staff had surveyed 18 in-county and out-of-county landfills and 49 non-disposal facilities in the county for their input on the impacts of the pandemic. Non-disposal facilities include material recovery facilities, transfer facilities, and construction and demolition facilities. Most of the non-disposal facilities that have responded to the survey reported that they have a significant overall decrease in solid waste received since the Stay-at-Home orders were implemented, especially from the commercial sector. Most non-disposal facilities that were opened before the orders, remain open to the public while few have closed certain operations to maintain social distancing. A few non-disposal facilities reduced their hours of operations and closed on weekends. Some non-disposal facilities filed and received emergency waivers with the LEA Public Health for increases in daily tonnage and operating hours and some facilities have suspended processing of some or all recyclables until further notice. Based on further questioning it is estimated that the decline in recycling and recovery materials within the county is between 2000-4000 tons per day. Recyclable materials impacted varies by facilities, but typically include recyclable materials green, wood, food, plastic, paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass, textiles, etc. Some facilities implemented new social distancing measures and hand-washing

stations to protect employees. For example, on May 11, 2020, the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County started its processing line at the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility which targets moving recyclables from the blue bin loads. On May 18, 2020, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County facilities will resume normal operating hours.

Mr. Darensbourg continued to report on the disposal facilities of in and out-of-county landfills. Overall, the pandemic did not have major impacts on incoming tonnages and disposals operations at the landfills. Chiquita Canyon and Calabasas Landfills have identified noticeable decreases in incoming municipal solid waste of about 15 to 20 percent less. SCL and Scholl Canyon Landfill have noticed an increase in incoming municipal solid waste during this period when compared to the previous year.

The following landfills have filed emergency waivers with the LEA primarily for increases in daily tonnages and operating hours:

- In-County Landfills: Burbank, Palmdale Antelope Valley, and SCL
- Out-of-County Landfills: HM Holloway, El Sobrante, Frank R Bowerman, Prima Deshecha, and Olinda Alpha.

The following landfills have changed their operations hours only due to COVID-19:

- Calabasas – closed Saturdays to rotate staff between sites.
- Scholl Canyon – closed Saturdays to rotate essential staff between sites.

Mr. Darensbourg continued to report that facility operations are evolving and plan to get updates by June 1, 2020.

Mr. Mohajer commented on a discussion he had regarding SCL and asking Staff about the daily tonnages that the facility has been receiving since the first of the year and received a quarterly report for January, February, and March. The numbers on the disposal tonnages did not show increase compared to the previous years. Mr. Mohajer had previously requested a report from Staff for the daily tonnages from SCL from the first of the year to May 14, 2020, and instead received a January - March quarterly report. The tonnages had gone up, but only for one day. Mr. Mohajer pointed out that the survey's information is not matching up with the information that was presented.

Mr. Ruiz tried to reconcile the two reports. The information being collected and the assessment regarding whether there has been an increase/decrease in the

tonnages are based on telephone surveys, and thus they are anecdotal. He added that the report provided by staff in the morning at the FPRS, did not necessarily mean that the tonnages from SCL had not increased, but that for only one day they had exceeded the landfill's prior daily tonnage limit of 12,100 tons per day.

Mr. Mohajer commented on a letter that eight agencies sent to CalEPA and CalRecycle which resulted in having a meeting last Monday, May 11, 2020, and that CalRecycle invited representatives from those eight agencies to meet and discuss the issues. Mr. Mohajer noted that, according to the people who attended the meeting, CalRecycle's position is that they are going to enforce the recycling rate and the disposal reduction rate and that they are going to be working with the jurisdictions to achieve those standards.

Mr. Mohajer added that there is to be another meeting with the jurisdictions but does not have an update about this next meeting. Mr. Mohajer suggested for the Task Force to follow up and petition the Governor, in working with the legislators, to delay the implantation deadlines for SB 1383, specifically when there is no infrastructure to handle the organic waste.

#### **VIII. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – EMERGENCY WAIVER DUE TO COVID-19**

Mr. Michael Harmon reported on an overview on the emergency waiver requested by Republic Services (Republic) for SCL. Mr. Harmon stated that the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 as a result of the CoVID-19 Emergency. On April 20, 2020 Republic Services submitted a request to the Local Enforcement Agency (*LEA*) for a temporary Emergency Waiver of Standards in order to properly manage the waste stream generated during the State of Emergency.

According to Republic Services' request to the LEA, the landfill requested for an increase in daily and weekly tonnages as well as an increase in hours of operation in order to ease the burden of maintaining physical distancing while utilizing less personnel per area to manage more waste. Republic also noted in their request

hat per their existing Solid Waste Facility Permit, no medical waste is accepted at the facility.

Subsequently, on April 27, 2020 the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) approved Republic Services request for an Emergency Waiver of Standard. The LEA's Approval provided the following findings:

- The waiver is in effect from April 20<sup>th</sup> to August 18, 2020 (120 days)
- The daily tonnage limit is increased from 12,100 tpd to 14,100 tpd.
- The weekly tonnage limit is increased from 72,600 tons per week to 84,600 tons per week.
- The landfill operating hours are increased from 6:00am to 9:00pm (Mon-Fri) to 6:00am to 11:00pm (Mon-Sat). Hours for the receipt of refuse are not increased and remain the same.
- Within 90 days of the issuance of the waiver, the Landfill shall submit a report to the LEA in accordance with (14) CCR (*Section 17210.5*) Reporting Requirements.

The LEA may modify, cancel, or revoke the use of the waiver without advanced notice if:

- The operator's use of the waiver will cause or contribute to a public health hazard or threaten the public health and safety or environment.
- The terms of the waiver are not being used expressly for CoVID-19 pandemic.
- The emergency waiver is no longer necessary.

According to Republic Services, since the issuance of the waiver, the landfill disposed over 12,100 tons of refuse on 1 day and the landfill has not yet operated during the extended hours of operation. As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, the LEA has not modified, canceled or revoked the use of the waiver.

Ms. Landis expressed not knowing if SCL is testing their staff to see if they have any employees with the COVID-19 virus. She assumes that all disposable materials such as masks and gloves that people are changing several times a day could be infected with the virus.

**IX. UPDATE ON THE TASK FORCE'S 2020 PRIORITIES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES**

Mr. Ruiz reported that Staff has made some progress on some of the priorities and objectives and have identified the tentative assignments in terms of committees and staff for the implementation of the goals and objectives with intent to present to the Task Force next month. He commented that since the Task Force has resumed activities, the intent is to review with the Subcommittees their jurisdictions and report on their own functioning priorities. There has been progress in preparing a draft advocacy strategy and we intend to bring to the Task Force within the next two months. He added that staff has also prepared a new orientation binder and will be brought to the Task Force for consideration.

**X. APPROVAL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT 5-YEAR REVIEW**

Item was already approved during the FPRS agenda item.

**XI. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

Ms. Jennifer Walling, representative of CalRecycle, reported on CalRecycle's designated email to address the COVID-19 response is [bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:bzassist@calrecycle.ca.gov). Ms. Wallin continued her report with upcoming public meetings, events, and application due dates:

- SB 1383 Rulemaking comments ended – May 20, 2020.
- CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting – May 21, 2020.
- Overview of the 2019 California Waste Tire Market Report Workshop – June 15, 2020.
- Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program (FY 2020-21) – Construction – Application Due Date: July 2, 2020 (previously April 2, 2020).
- Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program (FY 2020-21) – Small Projects – Application Due Date: July 15, 2020 (previously April 6, 2020).
- Beverage Container Redemption Pilot Project Grant Program (2019-20) – Application Due Date: January 1, 2022.

Mr. Mohajer mentioned Tim Hall with CalRecycle stated at the ATAS meeting, a webinar to speak with CalRecycle representatives is scheduled for June 20, 2020, and notifications will be sent out soon.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayde Hunter, with North Valley of Coalition of Concerned Citizens, expressed his concerns regarding the use of WebEx teleconference program not being user-friendly for the audience and that he had difficulties commenting until he messaged the web conference host directly. Mr. Hunter expressed the audience may have difficulties getting their voices heard in future meetings

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020, and teleconference is to be determined.