

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

**Minutes for March 17, 2022**

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

**WEB CONFERENCE**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Clark, League of California Cities  
Eddie De La Riva, League of California Cities  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Jordan R. Sisson, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Robert Ferrante, rep by Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Barbara Ferrer, rep by Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, Los Angeles County Public Health  
Bernadette Halverson, rep by Reina Pereira, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Eric Lopez, rep by Erin Rowland, Long Beach Public Works  
Wayne Nastri, rep by Jack Cheng, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Mark Pestrella, rep by Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Public Works

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Michelle Chambers, League of California Cities  
Jeff Farano, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles  
Jim Smith, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Whitney Amaya, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice  
Charles Darensbourg, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens  
Dave Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Kartik Raj, Earthjustice  
Aric Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Kawsar Vazifdar, Los Angeles County Public Works  
Jeffrey Zhu, Los Angeles County Public Works

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Mr. Sam Shammass.

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022 MINUTES**

Mr. Mike Mohajer made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Margaret Clark seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Mr. Shammass stated moving up those agenda items needing to be voted on since Ms. Clark had to leave the meeting early and quorum was needed. Agenda items to be moved included Consideration of Concurrence with the Final Draft Revised Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element (CSE) and the Legislative Update.

## **III. CONSIDERATION OF CONCURRENCE WITH THE FINAL DRAFT REVISED LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Mohajer for the Task Force to concur with the Final Draft Revised CSE that was reviewed by the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee (FPRS) and to write a letter to Public Works (PW) stating the Task Force reviewed the document, all comments were addressed from the December 22, 2021, letter, and the Task Force concurred with the revisions to the document. Mr. Patrick Holland seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

## **IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Sheppard provided the legislative update and noted the following key dates, February 18, 2022, was the last day for new bills to be introduced, spring recess will begin on April 7, 2022, and the Legislature will reconvene on April 18, 2022. Legislators have until April 29, 2022, to pass any fiscal-related bills out of their policy committees, and May 6, 2022, is the last day to pass any non-fiscal bills out of their house of origin. There were 53 bills on the [Legislative Table](#). Mr. Sheppard highlighted six bills on the cover page:

- AB 1747 (Quirk) – Contractors: Disciplinary Action. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Margaret Clark seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- AB 1985 (Robert Rivas) – Organic Waste: List: Available Products. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Clark seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

- AB 2048 (Santiago) – Solid Waste: Franchise Agreements: Database. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Reina Pereira seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- AB 2374 (Bauer-Kahan) – Crimes Against Public Health and Safety: Illegal Dumping. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Pereira seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- SB 833 (Dodd and Stern) – Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Clark seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- SB 1187 (Kamlager) – Fabric Recycling: Pilot Project. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to support, and Ms. Pereira seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.

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

Mr. Chris Sheppard reported that the ATAS received presentations from PW and Tetra Tech. PW provided a demonstration of resources on the [Southern California Conversion Technology website](#) and an overview of the [Enhancing Countywide Solid Waste Management Programs and Infrastructure Report](#). Tetra Tech provided information on feasibility analyses for potential organic waste processing facilities at four closed landfill sites in LA County. Both reports will be available on the March ATAS minutes on the [Task Force website](#).

Tetra Tech is supporting PW with Senate Bill 1383 planning efforts, evaluating the potential to develop organic waste processing facilities at closed landfill sites, and helping to prepare the draft Calabasas anaerobic digestion facility request for proposal that will be released in the next few weeks. Tetra Tech also finalized the anaerobic digestion fact sheets for PW.

There was an update on upcoming conversion technology events and conferences that may also be found in the [Conversion Technology Newsletter](#).

- SWANA SOAR 2022: March 21-24, 2022, Kansas City, MO
- CEAC Spring Conference 2022: March 23-25, 2022, Monterey, CA
- SWANA 51st Annual Western Regional Symposium: April 4-7, 2022, Fish Camp, CA
- Tcbiomass: April 19-21, 2022, Denver, CO
- NACE Annual Conference 2022: April 24-27, 2022, Buffalo, NY
- Waste Expo 2022: May 9-12, 2022, Las Vegas, NV

- RNG Summit 2022: May 17-19, 2022, Houston, TX
- Biogas Americas 2022: May 23-26, 2022, Las Vegas, NV
- VerdeXchange 2022: June 19 – 21, 2022, Los Angeles CA

Mr. Wayne Hunter asked if there was any disclaimer on the website regarding endorsement of processes for the various entities and respective technologies listed. Mr. Sheppard responded he would double check but believed there is a statement to that effect.

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

Mr. Mohajer reported on the FPRS meeting:

- As discussed in Item III, the FPRS reviewed and concurred with the CSE.
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill lawsuits remain status quo with continued postponements of trial dates.
- Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) had 84 odor complaints in February 2022, and 1 Notice of Violation issued by the Southcoast Air Quality Maintenance District.
- Discussion on the permitted daily tonnage at SCL and the impact pertaining to the daily cover on Saturdays when the landfill is closed until Monday morning, which is the requirement under the Conditional Use Permit. PW is working with Republic Services on compliance.
- Due to time constraint, the update on Finding of Conformance was postponed to next month.
- There was one public comment by Mr. Hunter regarding SCL operators not using soil on Saturdays to cover the landfill after the facility closes.

#### **VII. LOS ANGEES COUNTY TIMESHEET POLICY**

Update was postponed until next month due to most Task Force members receiving stipends unable to attend today's Task Force meeting.

#### **VIII. CALRECYCLE UPDATE**

There was no update due to CalRecycle's representative unable to attend today's Task Force meeting. Staff will disseminate the monthly CalRecycle Update for March 2022 to the Task Force after the meeting.

#### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were public comments from Mr. Kartik Raj of Earthjustice and Ms. Whitney Amaya of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

about letters their organizations submitted to the Task Force regarding AB 1857. Their organizations are requesting the Task Force to remove their opposition and support Assembly Bill 1857. Both Mr. Raj and Ms. Amaya shared their respective concerns regarding the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility in Long Beach. Mr. Shammass thanked both Mr. Raj and Ms. Amaya for their comments and stated that the Task Force would review their respective submittals.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1 p.m.