

Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of January 21, 2010 Meeting

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Suk Chong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Carol Ly, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Corey Mayne, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
David Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Mateusz Suska, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2009, meeting was approved with one abstention.

III. CONSIDERATION OF FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT (FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT) ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr. Mateusz Suska gave a PowerPoint presentation ([see Attachment No. 1](#)) on the Draft Five-Year Review Report ([see Attachment No.2](#)) of the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan.

Section 41822 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) requires each city and county to review its Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) at least once every five years to correct any deficiencies in the CoIWMP and comply with the source reduction and recycling requirements established under Section 41780 of the PRC, and revise the CoIWMP as necessary.

The Los Angeles County's CoIWMP was adopted by the California State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), formerly the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board), on June 23, 1999, and the County CoIWMP's first Five-Year Review Report was approved by CalRecycle on September 21, 2004. The purpose of the Five-Year Review Report is to assure that the County's waste management practices remain consistent with the hierarchy of the State's waste management practices (as defined in Section 40051 of the PRC) -- in the following order of priority: (1) source reduction, (2) recycling and composting, and (3) environmentally safe transformation and land disposal.

Title 14, Section 18788 of the California Code of Regulations also identifies the minimum issues the County shall address when preparing the CoIWMP's Five-Year Review Report. These issues are changes in: (1) demographics in the county; (2) quantities of waste within the county; (3) funding sources for administration of the countywide siting element and summary plan; (4) administrative responsibilities; (5) program implementation status;

(6) permitted disposal capacity and quantities of waste disposed of in the county; (7) available markets for recyclable materials; and (8) the implementation schedule.

Mr. Suska stated that these minimum issues were addressed in this Five-Year Review Report and the following Findings were made:

- The Source Reduction and Recycling Elements, Household Hazardous Waste Elements, and Non-Disposal Facility Elements of the 88 cities and unincorporated areas of the County, as updated through the jurisdiction's Annual Report, continue to fulfill the goals of AB 939, and thus, do not need to be revised at this time.
- In concurrence with the Findings of the 2004 Five-Year Review Report of the CoIWMP, the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element needs to be revised and is currently being revised by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Public Works) with Subcommittee and Task Force guidance.
- The Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Summary Plan continues to fulfill the goals of AB 939, and thus, does not need to be revised at this time.

The Subcommittee made the following general comments on the Five-Year Review Report:

- Include a discussion on the State's reorganization and renaming of the former Waste Board to CalRecycle under the California Natural Resources Agency.
- Indicate that the County and the Task Force mutually support solid waste issues and are partners in producing planning documents such as this Report.
- Use exact dates in place of general terms such as "at this time," or "currently."
- Clearly state the sources for information in the tables and include a statement that the data in the tables is obtained from CalRecycle rather than Public Works.

The Subcommittee also made the following specific comments on the Five-Year Review Report:

- **Recycling Condition, Page 3, 1st Paragraph, 2nd Sentence:** Revise the phrase "...a variable bin rate system" to read as "...variable bin systems..."
- **Recycling Condition, Page 3:** Insert a new paragraph between the Recycling Condition and Disposal Capacity Condition Sections to discuss alternative technologies.
- **Disposal Capacity Condition, Page 3, Item (2):** Replace the word "particularly" with the words "for example."
- **Disposal Capacity Condition, Page 3, Item (3):** Insert the word "Develop" at the beginning of the sentence.
- **Disposal Capacity Condition, Page 3, 3rd Paragraph, 2nd Sentence:** Add the words "...and developing..." after the word "purchasing."
- **The Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, Page 4:** Revise this section to include a discussion to highlight the County's participation and efforts in working with CalRecycle on solid waste management issues, including changing the way the State determines compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 from focusing on tracking every ton of solid waste, commonly known as "bean counting," to program implementation through passage of the Solid Waste Disposal Measurement Act of 2008 (Senate Bill 1016).
- **Section 3.0, Local Task Force Review, Page 9, 4th Paragraph, 2nd Sentence:** Bulletize the sentence starting with "Public Education and Information Subcommittee (PEIS)..." since it should stand alone. In the same "bullet," describe the importance of the Task Force's *Inside Solid Waste* quarterly newsletter published by the PEIS which serves as a forum to communicate information on waste management and waste reduction issues of importance to Los Angeles County.
- **Page 10, Item (1):** Replace the word "includes" with the words "consists of."

- **Section 4.1, Changes in Demographics in the County, Page 13, 3rd and 4th Paragraphs:** Add the word “waste” before the word “generation” in these paragraphs.
- **Table 4.1.1., Sources of Generation, Page 13:** Insert the word “waste” before the word “generation” in the title of the table. Explain the meaning of the terms “old” and “new.” Reverify the data in the table for accuracy.
- **Table 4.1.5, Page 21:** Define the term “Board’s Default Adjustment Factors.”
- **Table 4.1.6, Pages 22 through 24:** Replace the number “-0” with “0” wherever it is found throughout the Table. Also, verify the data in the table for accuracy, particularly for mobile homes.
- **Analysis, Page 25:** Include a weighted average for disposal, if possible, to back up data in the Report after the check boxes at the top of the page.
- **Discussion, Page 58, 4th Paragraph:** Change the reference from “3,200 lbs/person/year” to “3,200 lbs/capita/day” to be consistent with the chart located on Page 59.
- **LA County Disposal and Population Trends Bar Graph, Page 58:** Include data starting from the year 1990 to show true variations in disposal over time. Include a footnote to reflect that material types have been redefined over time due to changes in State regulations. The Subcommittee also instructed Staff to include diversion data, if possible, in this bar graph for comparison purposes.
- **Page 59, 2nd Paragraph, 3rd Sentence:** Revise the phrase “...Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle...” to read as: “...Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Recover...”
- **Page 62, 1st Paragraph, 1st Sentence:** Revise the sentence to indicate that neither Peck Road Gravel Pit nor Sunshine County/City Landfill will likely expand.
- **Page 62, 3rd Paragraph, 2nd Sentence:** Replace the phrase “ ...County of Los Angeles...” with “...County Sanitation Districts...” and add a sentence to indicate that County Sanitation Districts have purchased and developed the Mesquite Regional Landfill.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.