

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2008
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer (Chair), Integrated Waste Management Task Force, Michael Burk, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica; Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; and Nicholas Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Lopez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

I CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 16, 2007 and November 19, 2007 were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES - See Attachments

City of Calabasas – The article, *Winners of the 2007 Recycling Coloring Contest*, was approved with minor edits.

City of Calabasas – The article, *75% Recycling Goal by 2012*, was approved with clarification/edits and placed on hold due to space limitations in Volume 54 of *Inside Solid Waste* and approved for inclusion in Volume 55.

Rock View Farms – The article, *Plastic Milk Crate Theft*, was approved with minor changes.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Public Works Partners with Kragen Stores*, was reviewed and approved with changes.

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority – The article, *Reduce Waste and Recycle More*, was reviewed and approved with minor edits.

Mike Mohajer requested staff prepare additional articles covering the areas listed below for publication in an upcoming newsletter:

- California Product Stewardship Council and the Task Force decision to join
- Conversion Technology Update
- Update on SB1016
- Update on FA for landfills/AB 2296
- Summary of BFI request to the CIWMB as the local LEA for Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill.
- Summary of the ARB's Economics and Technology Advancement Advisory Committee Report and its recommendation for GHG reduction.

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

The Task Force did not meet in November 2007. However, they met on December 20, 2007 and January 24, 2008. The following is a brief summary of the some of issues discussed/addressed by the Task Force:

- Countywide Siting Element Revision – They received an update on one the Siting Element's chapters addressing out-of-County available disposal capacity.
- Conversion Technologies. The Task Force received an update on the County's Request For Proposals for development of a conversion technology demonstration facility. The deadline for submittal of a proposal is mid May.
- Senate Bill 1016 Status Report – The intent of this bill is to change the state law (AB939) where a jurisdictional compliance with waste reduction mandates will be based on waste diversion programs implementation and less on mathematical compliance. Originally the draft revision to the bill also incorporated a language increasing the current mandatory reduction. However due to the Task Force and other stakeholders opposition, the proposed increase in diversion rates have been eliminated but most likely will show up in SB 1020.
- Los Angeles County Public Works Solid Waste Information Management System (SWIMS) – Staff provided the Task Force with a brief overview of the system. The SWIMS is a paperless system designed by the County Public Works for use by landfill and other solid waste facility operators as well as waste haulers to submit waste and diversion quantities to the County.

- Sunshine Canyon Landfill (County Unincorporated Area – County Project) - On January 24, 2008 the Task Force considered a request from Allied/BFI, owner/operator of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill for the Finding of Conformance for the County side of the project. However, the decision was delayed due to lack of information from BFI.
- California Product Stewardship Council – At its January 24th meeting, the Task Force received an over view of the Council’s mission and goals from their Executive Director. The goal of the Council is to promote product stewardship among producers/manufactures to reduce the current financial burden that they have exposed the local governments to for disposal of unwanted materials.

The Task Force voted to join the Council as well as requesting the County and the cities to do the same.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively set for May 15, 2008, at 9 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attachments