

MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 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
9th Floor Conference Room
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer (Chair), Integrated Waste Management Task Force; Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica; and Nicholas Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management; and Angela Williams, City of Inglewood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Lopez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works; and Mario Rivas, City of Huntington Park.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 15, 2008, were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Recycled Bottles, Cans, and Glass Can Become T-Shirts, Chairs, and Fiber Glass*, was approved with changes.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Sunshine Canyon Landfill Update*, was reviewed and approved with changes.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *DPW Takes a Safe, Proactive Approach in Properly Managing Home-Generated Sharps Waste*, was reviewed and approved with changes.

City of Calabasas – The article, *Calabasas Passes Recycling Goals*, was approved with minor edits.

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

The Task Force met on July 17, 2008. The following is a brief summary of some of the issues discussed/addressed by the Task Force:

- In April 2008, the Task Force granted a Finding of Conformance to Allied/BFI (BFI) owner/operator of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill for the portion of the Landfill in the County Unincorporated area. In May 2008, BFI filed an application for a Finding of Conformance with the Task Force for the combined City/County Landfill. However, the decision for the Finding is on hold pending additional information from BFI as well as a response from Mayor Villaraigosa on whether the City will allow BFI to proceed to Phase II of the City side of the Landfill.
- Assembly Bill 501 – The Bill requires pharmaceutical companies (manufacturers) who sell prefilled syringes to provide mail-back containers upon a customer's request. Manufacturers are also required to implement an educational program on proper sharps disposal. The Task Force requested that the bill be revised to provide customers with mail-back containers at the point of sale.
- Assembly Bill 2640 – Requires imposing the State's solid waste fee on greenwaste used as alternative daily cover (ADC). It also imposes a 50 percent reduction in the quantities of organic waste by 2020, which means increasing the mandatory diversion rate to 83 percent. This Bill was opposed by the Task Force and failed to get out of the committee.
- Assembly Bill 2866 – This Bill would raise the solid waste disposal fee from \$1.40 per ton to \$2 per ton. It would allocate 15 cents per ton to finance the closure, post-closure and corrective action in the event the landfill operator fails to perform these activities. The Task Force opposed this Bill which failed to get out of the committee.
- Senate Bill 1020 – The intent of this Bill is to increase the State diversion rate mandate from the current 50 percent to 60 percent by 2015 and 70 percent by 2020. It would also require businesses to implement and enforce recycling/diversion programs. This Bill is opposed by the Task Force.
- Senate Bill 1016 – Eliminates measuring diversion. Revises the current diversion rate measurement system to a per-capita disposal based system using the average of three years (2004-2006). The Bill was amended on July 2, 2008 and the Task Force supports the bill.

- Greenwaste vs. Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) – The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts conducted a study that substantiated the fact that the use of greenwaste as ADC generates less greenhouse gas emissions than composting activities. The Task Force submitted comments to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on November 20, 2008, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room C at Public Works Headquarters.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.