

November 19, 2009 MINUTES
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; Nicholas Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Ray Hamada, City of Irwindale; Mario Rivas, City of Huntington Park; and Angela Williams, City of Inglewood.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jose Reynoso, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (Solid Waste Management Program) and Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 20, 2009, were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

City of Huntington Park – The article, *City of Huntington Park Hosts Water Conservation Workshop*, was approved.

City of Huntington Park – The article, *A New Plastic Bag Emerges*, was reviewed and approved with changes.

City of Los Angeles – The article, *Government Gone Viral*, was approved with edits.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Sunshine Canyon Landfill Free Dump Day*, was approved with changes.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *California Integrated Waste Management Board Staff Hosts Southern California Conversion Technology Tour*, was approved with changes.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *County of Los Angeles Forges Partnership with Kragen Stores to Recycle Used Motor Oil Filters*, was approved with edits.

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

- Station Fire Assistance
- Remembering John McTaggart
- Landfill Financial Assurance Requirements
- Elimination of Geographical Criteria for CIWMB Grants

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) met on October 15, 2009. The following is a brief summary of some of the issues discussed/addressed by the Task Force:

- Operated by Waste Management, the Simi Valley and Recycling Center, on or about October 2009, released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for public comment. The Draft EIR proposed increasing the disposal capacity to 170 million tons and extending the life of the landfill from 2025 to 2054. The Task Force submitted comments concerning alternatives to landfilling and life cycle analysis.
- Mandatory Commercial Recycling Measure (AB32) – On September 11, 2009, the Task Force submitted comments to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) focusing on, among other things, life cycle analysis and the California Environmental Quality Act requirements. The CIWMB's response failed to address the Task Force's specific concerns. As a result, the Task Force submitted additional comments in October 2009.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled on February 18, 2010, at Public Works Headquarters.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.