

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

Minutes for May 21, 2020

WEB CONFERENCE

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Nick Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Teri Muse, Waste Management
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Chanel Kincaid, City of Santa Monica
Mario Rivas, City of Huntington Park
Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works
Elizabeth Zaragoza, Los Angeles County Public Works
Jeffrey Zhu, Los Angeles County Public Works
Sarah Michael, Los Angeles County Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Mohajer and seconded by Mr. Morell. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles were provided to the subcommittee for review:

- Alternative Recipe for Common Household Products
- Fast Fashion Environmental Impacts
- COVID-19 Impacts on Recycling and Waste Services
- Food Donation & Recovery Outreach Program
- Los Angeles County Climate Action Plan
- Generation Earth Goes Virtual
- Update on Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) Regulation

Mr. Mohajer asked the subcommittee if there were any comments regarding the Alternative Recipe for Common Household Products article. Ms. Muse commented that it was a good and informative article to be included in the newsletter. Mr. Mohajer suggested that the wording of the first sentence be changed to "hazardous" or "these chemicals" instead of "toxic". Ms. Williams concurred and stated that the change would make this statement sound less alarming. Mr. Mohajer made the motion to accept the article with these changes. Ms. Williams, Mr. Morell, Ms. Muse, and Ms. Olivas accepted the motion.

While discussing the Fast Fashion Environmental Impacts article, Ms. Muse inquired as to whether the program mentioned in the article only applied to Public Works. Ms. Muse also stated that the article should have a broader statement regarding clothing donation that is not specific to Public Works' program. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that he would like the "2700 liters of water" statement to be substantiated by a reputable source. Mr. Morell and Ms. Muse agreed that the article should include the source for this statement.

Mr. Morell noted on the timing of the COVID-19 Impacts article relative to the projected time of publication. Mr. Morell, Ms. Muse, and Mr. Mohajer noted some inconsistencies in the article due to the time it was written. Mr. Morell stated that he would like to review the article prior to publication. Mr. Mohajer

requested that Ms. Oyola have the author contact him regarding edits to the article.

While discussing the next article, Food Drop, Mr. Mohajer and Mr. Morell suggested that "we" in the article should be changed to "staff". Mr. Mohajer inquired when Spring Edition of Inside Solid Waste would be published. Ms. Oyola responded that all the articles have been provided to CGRG (Community and Government Relations Group) and staff is currently awaiting a draft. Ms. Olivas mentioned that staff is working on making the review process more efficient and there will be a draft available next week. In discussing the "Climate Action Plan" article, Mr. Mohajer requested that Mr. Carlos Ruiz conduct a second review of the article to finalize it for the general public, cities, and haulers.

In reviewing the "Generation Earth" Article, Mr. Mohajer requested that staff add a small overview that explained the Generation Earth program. He also requested that the statement regarding "75 percent increased participation" be substantiated and clarified. Ms. Muse inquired if this program was countywide, Ms. Olivas confirmed that it is a countywide program and the article refers to webinars primarily for teachers.

While discussing the "SB 1383 Updates" article, Mr. Mohajer commented on how the article is outdated and needs to be revised prior to publication. Mr. Mohajer reiterated that many articles have dynamic issues and would like articles to reflect accurate information at the time of publication. He suggested that Ms. Kawsar Vazifdar or Mr. Ruiz revise and update this article prior to publication.

IV. CHAIR REPORT ON TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS

No report on Task Force Action Items due to time constraints.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled remotely for Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 9 a.m.