

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

Minutes of May 18, 2023

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Vanessa Olivas, Los Angeles County Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, rep by Karen Gork, County of Los Angeles Public Health
Nick Morell, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Teri Muse, Waste Management
Kimberly Nilsson, Solid Waste Solutions
Angela Williams, City of Inglewood

OTHERS PRESENT

Josephine Chen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Henry Kong, Los Angeles County Public Works
Genevieve Osmena, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mike Mohajer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023, MINUTES

Approval of minutes is postponed until next Subcommittee meeting scheduled August 17, 2023.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The following articles proposed for the Spring 2023 edition of Inside Solid Waste were provided to the Subcommittee for review:

- City of Los Angeles' Residential Organics Composting Program – Mr. Mohajer stated in the fourth line from the bottom of the second paragraph, 2003 should be replaced with 2023. Ms. Vanessa Olivas concurred.
- Governor Newsom Visits Lithium Valley to Highlight Momentum on Becoming Global Source for Battery Production – Mr. Mohajer questioned the first paragraph where it mentioned the Salton Sea containing one-third of the world's lithium. He requested reference material to validate the statement. He also made some suggested edits for the third paragraph for better flow. Ms. Olivas wanted to confirm if referenced web links on articles show the entire link. Ms. Carol Saucillo confirmed that the full web link should provide readers with the entire link.
- Generation Earth Program, Students Attend Environmental Youth Summit– Mr. Mohajer had some minor changes to the second paragraph. Ms. Olivas mentioned that in the past, the Generation Earth Program offered school competitions on recycling and water conservation projects but have since replaced them with a youth summit where invited schools are able to showcase their projects. Mr. Mohajer made a minor edit on the bottom of fifth paragraph.
- H Cycle Technology Evaluation by CalRecycle – Mr. Mohajer stated he reviewed the article and approved for publication.
- Governor Newsom's budget proposal to protect the \$345 million from Fiscal Year 2021-22 and Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Senate Bill 1383 Implementation Grants and the Organic Waste Infrastructure Program – Mr. Mohajer suggested a couple edits to the first paragraph to reflect what Governor Newsom stated after the article was written and for better flow.

- Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Ordinance Update – Ms. Olivas suggested to remove the word "we" in the first paragraph and replace with "Public Works " along with a couple other minor edits. Mr. Mohajer in the third paragraph suggested some edits for clarity. He also requested for the first bullet on the right column for clarity on how the deposit system and how deposit amounts are calculated. Ms. Olivas suggested combining bullets on the new deposit system into one single bullet. Mr. Mohajer suggested replacing the word "guidelines" to "ordinance" in the first paragraph on the right column for clarity. Mr. Mohajer on the first sentence of the second paragraph on the right column suggested giving Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors credit since they adopted the new ordinance. Ms. Olivas suggested on the second to last paragraph to remove "we" and replace with "everyone" and included a couple of minor edits for better flow.
- Free Disposal Day Events at Landfills – Mr. Mohajer reviewed the article and suggested at the end of the article to include the business hours and days the public is able contact designated Public Works staff. Ms. Olivas suggested a couple edits in the first paragraph for better flow. Mr. Mohajer requested that staff verify if the communities listed under Sunshine Canyon Landfill belong to Supervisorial Districts three and five.
- Recycling Market Development Zone – Los Angeles County – Mr. Mohajer recommended the first sentence of the article be revised and to provide a copy of the California statute on market development zones to the author. Mr. Mohajer also requested that the first paragraph be revised, clarifying which cities operated under Los Angeles County's recycling market development zone. He recommended including Public Works business days and hours at the end of the article.

Mr. Mohajer recommended articles be written about the impacts to Sunshine Canyon Landfill due to recent rainstorms and flooding, and the end-of-life management of solar panels.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 9 a.m.