

Interdepartmental Working Group

Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803
Conference Room A

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9 A.M. – 11 A.M.

MEETING SUMMARY

WELCOME

- Pat Proano, Public Works, welcomed everyone to the Second Meeting of the Working Group subsequent to the formation of the Subcommittees
- Introductions were conducted
- Food Donation was discussed at a meeting with Dr. Katz, Director of Health Services, and Public Works Director Gail Farber. Following a subsequent discussion with Public Health on the subject, Orange County (Waste Not OC) was invited to present at this meeting

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES TO DATE

(Meeting PowerPoint [Presentation](#))

County Operations

- The primary objective of the County Operations Subcommittee is increasing recycling at County facilities and introducing organics recycling which is required under new state laws
- Internal Services Department (ISD) presented on Facilities Ancillary Services Master Agreement (FASMA) and Recycling Contracts (Details can be found in the April 23, 2015 [Meeting Summary](#))
- Working with ISD on a Request for Information (RFI) to send to waste haulers
- Future waste hauling Request for Proposals (RFP) for County Departments will include more measurement and benchmarking requirements as well as provisions for collecting separated organic waste
- Working on draft sustainability language to require new sustainability initiatives in future RFPs
- Currently reviewing an economic analysis prepared by our consultant on the Pitchess Detention Center Organics Pilot Project

- Preparing a Board Letter for Commercial and Institutional Recycling Program (CIRP) contract to allow site assessments at County Facilities to formulate recycling programs specific to large County operations
- Developing an outline for a Departmental recycling survey

County Unincorporated Communities

- Subcommittee goal is to reach targets of 80% diversion by 2025, 90% by 2035 and 95+% by 2045 in the unincorporated communities
- Subcommittee focused on 3 priorities this year: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), Construction & Demolition (C&D) Recycling, and Organics
- Plan to submit a proposal to the Board of Supervisors by the end of the year to revise our C&D Recycling Ordinance to increase the minimum diversion rate from the current 50% requirement to 70%
- Organics is a key priority and will be through the end of the decade
 - Makes up to 1/3 of the waste currently disposed
 - AB 1826 requires the development of an Organics Collection Plan by the end of 2015, includes requirements that affect County Departments
 - The State is looking at possibly banning organics from landfilling by 2025

Regional/Countywide

- Subcommittee's task is to provide regional leadership by implementing the strategies and initiatives for regional programs and facilities
 - Mass Debris Removal Plan to help all 88 cities respond to a major natural disaster is under development
 - Preparing the Countywide Siting Element
- Presentation on Conversion Technologies and their role in achieving waste disposal reduction targets (Details can be found in the April 23, 2015 [Meeting Summary](#))
- Presentation on the Sanitation Districts' Pilot Food Waste Project (Details can be found in the April 23, 2015 [Meeting Summary](#))
- Field trip to Joint Water Pollution Control Plant scheduled for June 18, 2015, (Details are in the Regional Countywide May 27, 2015 [Meeting Summary](#))
- Discussion on sustainable funding and stakeholder engagement

Outreach & Education

- Subcommittee's purpose is to keep everyone informed via Subcommittee, Working Group, Department Heads, and Board Deputy meetings
- Tasked with developing branding for the Roadmap efforts as well as identifying programs and resources to develop avenues to effectively engage stakeholders in the community
- Added 9 new departments and 15 new members to the Roadmap efforts thanks to the Chief Executive Office's letter to all County Departments
- Moving forward on developing plans to engage stakeholders for our priorities
 - Construction & Demolition

- Organics Management
- Roadmap Outreach Contract
- Shared our tagline, *Sustainable is Attainable: Roadmap to a Waste Free Future*
- Twenty different logo designs developed
 - Survey conducted with the Subcommittee and the general public
 - About 70 people responded
 - Top 6 logo designs were revealed; feedback will be incorporated and a final logo will be chosen
- [Roadmap Website](#) is now up and contains all agendas, summaries, and presentations from our meetings

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY - PHARMACEUTICALS

Motion by Supervisor Antonovich (6/2/15) – Presentation by Gabriel Arenas, Public Works ([Presentation](#), starts at slide #8)

- EPR Motion introduced by Supervisor Antonovich on June 2, 2015 directed various departments to work with the Sanitation Districts to:
 - Investigate options for reducing improper use and disposal of unused/expired medications, increasing public awareness and education, and improving the current management system for unused/expired medications in the County;
 - Partner with the pharmaceutical industry to develop a public awareness campaign to educate residents on the importance of how to properly store and dispose of unused medication and the negative effects to the environment when medication enters the waste stream and waterways;
 - Actively support and pursue extended producer responsibility legislation and take-back programs for sharps and pharmaceuticals at the State level, consistent with the County's adopted Legislative Agenda and Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future;
 - Investigate the feasibility of adopting an ordinance similar to the pharmaceutical take-back ordinance adopted by the Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara and report back in 30 days;
 - Investigate the feasibility of utilizing the County's purchasing power to negotiate producer/pharmacy take-back programs and report back in 30 days; and
 - Report back within 4 months with findings and recommendations.

Strategy

- Working with Chief Executive Office; County Counsel; the Sheriff's Department; the Departments of Health Services, Internal Services, Mental Health, and Public Health; and the County Sanitation Districts to address and respond to the Board's Motion

Next Steps

- A Memo to the Board regarding feasibility of adopting a pharmaceutical take-back ordinance and utilizing County's purchasing power will be submitted by June 30, 2015 as requested by the Board

FOOD DONATION

Presentation by Larissa Yu, Public Works, on the new food diversion requirements for the County, facts about the food waste problem, challenges we face, and potential solutions on how to handle food waste ([Presentation](#), starts at slide #11)

Options for Los Angeles County Program

- Two potential programs are the Food Donation and Recovery Program (Food DROP) and the Food Waste Diversion Program
 - Food DROP program would identify organizations that take food donations to provide outreach and create a directory; it would provide this directory to food establishments that are food generators
 - To get the public involved, the Board could declare a "Day without Hunger"
 - To get businesses involved the Board could recognize businesses that participate in the program
 - Food Waste Diversion Program could include outreach to food establishments, a recognition program, and a Food Waste Management Guide
 - Stakeholder group
 - Haulers would be provided with resources and tools such as a Model Food Waste Diversion Plan. Food Waste Recycling pilot in Garbage Disposal Districts (GDD)

Overview of Existing Programs (Refer to [Presentation](#), slides 21-23 for details)

- Existing programs by other jurisdictions
 - Food Waste Recycling Programs (Non-Exclusive Commercial)
 - City of Los Angeles
 - San Diego
 - Food Waste Recycling Programs (Exclusive Commercial)
 - San Francisco
 - San Jose
 - Santa Clarita
 - West Hollywood
 - Food Waste Donation Programs
 - Darden
 - Albertsons
 - Los Angeles World Airports – Received Green Leadership Award
 - Orange County – Waste Not OC Coalition

- [Waste Not Orange County](#) – ([Presentation](#) by Dr. Eric Handler, Orange County, on the Waste Not OC Campaign)
 - Program started from the desire to help end hunger in Orange County
 - Let's start asking the question... about food insecurity
 - Currently targets two cities: Anaheim and Orange
 - Works closely with various partners such as Food Finders, Orange County Food Bank, and Yellow Cab
 - Reached out to Hospitals, Schools, and other organizations that are food generators
 - Establishments such as Jails may require Board approval
 - Stakeholder Group
 - Businesses (food generators) participate on a volunteer basis
 - Receive tax credit
 - Some are resistant or do not want publicity
 - OC Environmental Health created a Fact Sheet to address misconceptions about donating food
 - Website contains resources such as Fact Sheets and [Tool Kits](#)
 - Google map used to find local pantries
 - Goal is to go National
 - e.g. Waste Not... LA, (add your city/county)
 - Look at obstacles as opportunities

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD

- Annual Report due to Board on October 21, 2015
 - Memo with progress report
- Draft Outline provided to Working Group on June 5, 2015
- Draft Report to Working Group by July 23, 2015 for comments
- Timeline provided ([Presentation](#), slide #25)
- Department Heads will have an opportunity to view and comment on report prior to submitting to the Board
- Consider using the Report to ask for approval to move forward with initiatives
- Need the Working Group's help to inform their Department Heads of the Roadmap's work
 - How can your Department help?
 - Are any of your Department's priorities/programs in line with the Roadmap's initiatives? If so, how can we collaborate
 - Distribute information

OPEN DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

- Finalize Annual Report to the Board
- Next Working Group meeting tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2015

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

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