

# Sustainable Solid Waste Management Future Roadmap Implementation

## Working Group: County Operations Subcommittee

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

Thursday, August 27, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.

### MEETING SUMMARY

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves

#### 2. Recap Previous Meeting

- ISD Department Rubbish Contract – to incorporate sustainability and reporting requirements
- Hall Of Administration Cafeteria Food Services Contract – to incorporate eco-plans
- Departmental Survey – need for Recycling Coordinators for every department

#### 3. Internal Services Department Contract

Susana Ortega, Internal Services Department (ISD), presentation

- ISD is currently working on developing a hauling contract which includes determining the structure of the contract and the services that will be provided
- Working with Facilities Operation Services (FOS) to create the structure to implement the hauler contract
- A questionnaire is being developed to find out what the service level and service needs are for each County Department
  - Public Works is currently developing a survey to determine recycling practices at County Departments.
  - ISD and Public Works should collaborate to avoid duplication of efforts
- Vendor questionnaire is being developed as an alternative to issuing a formal Request for Information to haulers to learn more about their operations and industry standards

#### Discussion

- Parks and Recreation – We do not have dual bins for recycling, would like to have some
  - For some parks, trash is handled by a landscaping contractor, not ISD

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- ISD's contract would be used for parks that don't have a contractor
- Probation - What is being done for organic waste?
  - A food donation pilot for the County is being developed, led by Public Health and Health Services, partnering with Food Finders
- Questionnaire
  - ISD has contacts for all departments, however provide Susana with contacts that might be better suited for the questionnaire
  - Consider working with Public Works' contractor to help with questionnaire
  - New contract will allow departments to adjust their service throughout the life of the contract if their needs change

#### **4. Departmental Recycling Program and Recycling Survey**

Patrick Holland, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#3](#))

- Most Department Recycling Coordinators (DRCs) have been identified
  - Elevating the importance of this role will help our efforts. A memo from the Chief Executive Office to Department Heads asking them to consider the DRCs role and responsibilities when selecting their DRC will help
- Department-level survey will have general questions about bins, materials generated, green and food waste, how employees are being educated, etc.
  - The survey will ask departments if they keep track of how much they recycle but will not ask for quantities
- Subsequent to the department-level survey, the next phase is a facility-level survey asking coordinators what type of recycling, if any, is being done at the facility level, at a variety of County facilities
- Survey questions are being developed and will be presented to the Working Group during their next scheduled meeting

#### Discussion

- Youn Sim: Sustainability Council leadership committee currently has seven departments: Internal Services, Public Works, Public Health, Regional Planning, Community Development Commission, Parks and Recreation, and Sheriff
- Coordination committee has over 10 departments participating

#### **5. Public Works HQ Organics Pilot**

Beverly Jones, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#7](#))

- Sustainability goals are to divert waste (including organic waste) to comply with AB 341 and AB 1826
- One way to divert organic waste is through composting which makes a beneficial product

- Cafeteria has started using worm composting for organic material, reducing the amount of waste thrown away
- Worm composting, if done right, does not produce odors
- Also working on a xeriscaping project in front of the annex building, installing drought-tolerant plants, a garden, and birdhouses made by inmates at Pitchess Detention Center

#### Discussion

- Parks and Recreation recommended reporting how much is saved and diverted (water, money saved, etc.) by composting
  - Data will help facilitate implementation of sustainability projects such as composting at the Department
  - Drought tolerant plants are being used, but measuring water and energy savings has been a challenge
  - Their Arboretum maintains a number of sustainable systems and are available for tours

#### **6. Open Discussion and Next Steps**

- Sustainability Council has three official working groups (water, framework, and cap and trade program) and is exploring adding additional subcommittees for waste and extended producer responsibility
  - They will be apprised of the Roadmap's progress at their meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015
- Public Works will contact ISD to discuss departmental questionnaire
- Parks and Recreation to provide ISD with list of facilities without a landscape contract

#### **7. Next Subcommittee meeting tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

#### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
Carlos Zimmerman	Beaches & Harbors
Marjorie Santos	CEO
Crystal Dovalina	County Counsel
Mark Tawadros	District Attorney
Candy Rodarte	Internal Services
Dennis Morelos	Internal Services
Rick Teebay	Internal Services
Susana Ortega	Internal Services

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
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Bertha Ruiz-Hofmann	Parks & Recreation
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Ada Lopez	Probation
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Carmen Izaguirre-Gomez	Regional Planning
Nick Morell	Sanitation Districts
Adrienne B Ferree	Sheriff
Gregory Nelson	Sheriff
Richard Sigur	Sheriff
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