

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Future Roadmap Implementation Working Group: Regional Countywide Subcommittee

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

Thursday, August 27, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves
- Jalaine Madrid was introduced as the new Chair of the Regional/Countywide Subcommittee and that Patrick Holland will now be the chair of the County Unincorporated Communities Subcommittee

2. Recap Previous Meeting

- Coby Skye, Public Works, discussed Conversion Technology (CT) efforts
- The need for sustainable funding for recycling programs was discussed
- Stakeholder engagement was discussed including which agencies, organizations, etc. should be invited to participate in the Roadmap discussions
- There was a field trip to the County Sanitation Districts (CSD) Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in June to see the food waste demonstration project
- No subcommittee meetings held in July

3. Mass Debris Management Plan Update

Gabriel Esparza, Public Works, presentation

- The County has hired Tetra Tech BAS as a consultant to assist in developing the Operational Area Mass Debris Management Plan
- The Plan will assess potential operational vulnerabilities in the County region, determine needed resources to meet potential demand, and establish a mechanism for the County and its 88 cities to collaborate debris management efforts following a major disaster event.

- A planning team has been formed consisting of members from the LA County Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Public Health, and the Eight Disaster Management Area Coordinators (DMACs)
- The anticipated date of completion for the Plan is March 2016
- Starting in early 2016 the County will begin to develop an Unincorporated Area Mass Debris Management Plan

4. Conversion Technology Update

Clark Ajwani, Public Works, presentation (starts on slide [#36](#))

- Five year contract with consultant Alternative Resources Inc. for technical assistance in developing CT facilities
- Sanitation Districts' Carson facility currently takes in about 25 tons per day (tpd), with a capacity for up to 84 tpd if adequate feedstock can be obtained
- Developing a pilot food waste collection project in Firestone and Belvedere Garbage Disposal Districts where the material will be taken to the Puente Hills MRF and likely to be sent to CSD's Carson facility to be digested
- CR&R anaerobic facility in Perris, CA is under construction; in its first phase it will process about 150 tpd, and potentially ramping up to 1,000 tpd in future phases
- Lancaster Advanced Recycling for Green waste and Organics project (LARGO) in Lancaster, CA will include anaerobic digestion and composting
 - Currently in early design stage; expected to process up to 2,000 tpd of green and food waste
- The County recently submitted a 6-month report to the Board which included milestones of in-County CT capacity of 200 tpd by 2020; 500 tpd by 2025; and 3,000 tpd by 2035
- Developing a White Paper to quantify the greenhouse gas emissions benefits of CTs compared to landfills and educate stakeholders
 - Sustainability Council may be interested in the White Paper

5. Organics Plan Update

Russell Bukoff, Public Works, presentation

- Public Works is currently developing a Regional/Countywide Organics Management Plan
- Existing facilities such as transfer processing, chipping and grinding, and composting facilities will be surveyed to determine their capacity and their ability to accept new materials in the future
- The capacity of future planned processing facilities will also be analyzed to determine if the combined capacity will be sufficient to meet the demands over a 15 year period.

- Consultant to conduct a market and options analysis to identify markets for compost and other organic materials

6. Open Discussion and Next Steps

- Sustainability Council leadership committee is made up of seven departments: Internal Services, Public Works, Public Health, Regional Planning, Community Development Commission, Parks and Recreation, and Sheriff
 - Second level is the coordination committee which has over 10 departments
 - Third level is working group level: water, framework, and cap and trade program
 - May add additional subcommittees for waste and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Gabriel Arenas provided a brief recap of the pharmaceutical EPR efforts
- Membership of this subcommittee should expand to include cities and haulers

7. Next Subcommittee meeting tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Name	Department
Violet O. Contreras	Alternate Public Defender
Marjorie Santos	CEO
Inna Sarac	Medical Examiner - Coroner
Gerry Villalobos	Public Health
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