

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, October 22, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees were welcomed and participants introduced themselves

2. Recap Previous Meeting

- Presentation by Gabriel Esparza, Public Works, on the Mass Debris Management Plan
- Update by Clark Ajwani, Public Works, on Conversion Technology
- Update by Russell Bukoff, Public Works, on the Regional/Countywide Organics Management plan

3. Emergency Response and Debris Management

Strategy 3 – Initiative E

Jalaine Madrid, Public Works, presentation (slides start at [#52](#))

- We recently experienced severe rain and mudslides in the North County area
- More than 40 pieces of heavy machinery and 60 Public Works personnel worked through the weekend to bring relief to these areas
- El Niño is expected to arrive in Southern California in late fall or early winter this year
- A Communications Plan has been developed for both the Operational Area and Unincorporated Area Mass Debris Plans
- The County has launched a comprehensive storm season website at <http://www.lacounty.gov/elnino>
- [C.A.R.E.](#) (Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort) site has up to date info on road closures, links, and referral services on post-disaster efforts

Please direct any questions to
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4. LACoMAX Presentation

Strategy 1 – Initiative A

Armando Aguilar, Public Works, presentation (slides start at [#66](#))

- LACoMAX was the first website launched by Public Works' Environmental Programs Division, introduced in 1998 to help reach the diversion requirements of AB 939
- It's goal is to divert usable goods and materials that would otherwise be sent to landfills
- LACoMAX is a free service where users can post and browse listings for unwanted goods and materials; users contact each other to complete an exchange, the County is not involved in the transaction
- All items must be free, it is not a marketplace
- Various types of items are available such as furniture, electronics, construction materials, etc.
- We would like to work with the County Surplus program to be an option for any items that cannot be sold or donated
- Is there a way to track successful transactions? We have a section for testimonials from users, we encourage users to let us know about successful transactions but most users do not follow up.

5. Overview of Waste Management

Strategy 2-Initiative A

Trishena Robinson, Public Works, presentation (slides start at [#73](#))

- There are ten permitted Class III landfills and two transformation (waste-to-energy) facilities in Los Angeles County
 - The regional map of Southern California shows locations and info on the various landfills and facilities in the region and was printed and displayed during the meeting
- Trends show a level total disposal trend with a notable increase in exporting, not sustainable over long term
- Only a fraction of the waste stream is generated by the unincorporated areas, shows the importance of extending our outreach to cities

6. Open Discussion and Next Steps

- The group decided to forgo the November subcommittee meeting and have the Working Group meeting in December

7. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2016.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Name	Department
Marjorie Santos	CEO
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Gerry Villalobos	Public Health
Anita Gutierrez	Regional Planning
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Carlos Slythe	Public Works - EPD
Chris Sheppard	Public Works - EPD
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