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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL AGENCY

2nd Quarter Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2015, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Barbara J. Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Ave. Downey, CA 90242

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Also Present:	**City/Organization**
Primitivo Nunez	Cal Recycle
Mia Hunt	Cal Recycle
Jennifer Blackman-D'Souza	CalMet Services, Inc.

I. Call to Order

George Payba called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Alison Sherman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

A. Sherman called the role and declared a Quorum.

IV. Public Comments and Announcements

V. Opening Remarks, Introductions

LARA Chair K. Herrera spoke about the City of Duarte's contract with Burrtec Industries. Burrtec Industries has been the City of Duarte's hauler and outstanding community partner for a long time. However, in order to assure good stewardship of citizen's dollars, K. Herrera has been reviewing the terms of their agreement and gone through the franchise fee numbers. In comparing services offered by other haulers, Ms. Herrera finds that newer contracts may offer services she does not have and would like to get for the residents of her City.

VI. Approval of 1st Quarter Minutes

The minutes were approved with a motion by J. Emerson of Redondo Beach and seconded by L. Ramezani of Rancho Palos Verdes.

With several members not present at the beginning, there was some confusion on what constitutes a quorum and whether or not members can have two votes if they are representing two cities.

ACTION ITEM: NM/JJ DISCUSS THE BYLAWS ON MEMBER VOTING AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS.

VII. Executive Director Report – G. Payba for K. Coca

Currently the City of LA has approved and created the new Exclusive Waste Hauler Franchise Division. Dan Meyers has been named Division Manager, and a new Chief Inspector will be hired to supervise the inspection crew.

The CRRA Conference will be held August 4-7, 2015 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. The City of Los Angeles is a Partner Sponsor of #CRRA2015 #LightsCameraZeroWaste.

Announcements:

- Members will be able to review the 2014 Annual Report and make any corrections/updates necessary.
- Invoices have been mailed out.

VIII. 2015-16 Budget Presentation – L. Ramezani

L. Ramezani delivered the FY 15-16 budget presentation. All voting members received a copy of proposed budget, and the projected revenue is approximately $121,000. This sum is based on the rate increase from $0.15 to $0.18 per disposal ton approved at the last LARA meeting and with 5% deduction for transfer to the Reserve Account. The Proposed Budget for FY 15-16 is $151,000 which includes restoration of some services/programs such as the regional awards ceremonies and the purchase of giveaways. The Board approved the transfer of $2000 from the compost bins to technical organizations/conferences. A. Sherman mentioned that she purchases compost bins regularly in her City and would like some reimbursement from the compost bins budget allocation. The Board agreed that LARA will purchase mini blue bins, bottle pens, and reusable bags with the 10-Year Anniversary design for giveaways. The budget was approved and adopted by the Board.

IX. Reserve Fund – L. Ramezani

LARA treasurer L. Ramezani and LARA Cities discussed the $121,000 reserve fund. The original purpose of having a reserve fund was to have money set aside in case CalRecycle required a regional base generation study, but once it was determined there was no need for it, LARA decreased the money being transferred into reserves from 20% to 5%. The members agreed that the reserve fund needs to be reevaluated given that it is such a substantial amount and can be of better use elsewhere. Members decided that more discussion is needed, and a motion was made by J. Carlson of Sierra Madre to direct the Finance Committee to draft a Reserve policy. The motion was seconded by J. Emerson of Redondo Beach and passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: AGENDIZE RESERVE FUND DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING; FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK ON THE RESULT OF THE RESERVE FUND POLICY EVALUATION

X. Re-Refined Oil – J. Pinkerton

J. Pinkerton gave an overview of the Re-Refined Oil Workshop in May. She discussed the myths and facts surrounding re-refined oil. API is the organization that certifies engine oils, including re-refined oil, for compliance with its standards. The quality of re-refined oil can be equal or better than virgin motor oil. It goes through the same testing and is held to the

same quality standards as regular oil. Vehicle warranties are not invalidated by the use of re-refined oil as long as you choose a product that works according to your engine's manufacturer specifications. Mechanics do not always know what type of oil they are using because they are not the ones purchasing the oil.

XI. Cal Recycle Report – M. Hunt

Organics Recycling – FAQs are up on their website along, and more tools will be rolled out in the coming months to help jurisdictions.

AB 1594 – This bill states that ADC will no longer be counted as diversion. Cities are encouraged to work with their haulers.

AB 45 – The County Task Force is opposed to this legislation. K. Coca may have information on the Task Force to share.

Beverage Container Grant deadline is on June 23, 2015. Cities are advised to log in as soon as possible to apply. No late applications are accepted. The fund for education and outreach related to AB 341. Theran Wright is the grant administrator. Contact her directly with questions. Cities that want to apply but have not decided on how to spend the funds are urged to log on and apply and make changes later if necessary. This may be the last year for this program.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction – For FY 15-16 CalRecycle has $60 million available to work on reducing greenhouse gases: $20 million dollars for organics; $9 million for fiberglass and plastics projects; $20 million for organics facilities; and $6 million for demonstration projects (new.)

Next Meetings:

- Thursday, 9/17/2015 (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, 91024)
- Thursday, 12/3/2015 (30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275)
- Thursday, 3/17/2016 (Beverly Hills – Location TBD)
- Thursday, 6/16/2016 (Location TBD)

XII. Adjournment at 11:58 am.