



2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lynwood Bateman Hall, 11331 Ernestine Avenue – Lynwood, CA 90262

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I. Call to Order – Chair Karen Herrera

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Lorry Hempe

III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum – Secretary James Burnley

K. Herrera called roll and declared a quorum at 10:12 AM.

IV. Public Comments and Announcements – All

N. Morell of Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD) explained that the Puente Hills MRF will be able to accept organic waste slurry by end of November. Currently, the facility accepts about 10 tons of organic waste per day and the goal is to increase to 165 tons/day. Puente Hills MRF will process the organic waste and then transport the slurry to their wastewater treatment plant in Carson. The treatment plant receives 550 tons per day at a cost of \$85/ton.

The City of Downey will develop a food waste program in the next 5 years. The goal is to take 165 tons per day of clean food waste.

L. Rider, Chair of SBBEC (South Bay Business Environmental Coalition), stated SEED awards applications are available until the end of July for companies or individuals that have exhibited excellence in environmental sustainability. Their jurisdiction is the South Bay but nominees can be from outside of the South Bay.

V. Opening Remarks, Introductions –Chair K. Herrera, All

VI. Approval of 2017 1st Quarter Minutes – 3/09/2017

Lauren Ramezani called for modification of minutes. C. Rowland called for motion to approve minutes, G. Payba seconded, the motion carried.

VII. Review of 1st Quarter Action Items

VIII. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda adopted with unanimous vote.

IX. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Karen Coca

The new LA Franchise system continues its rollout although a lawsuit was filed. The City has 11 zones and will be serviced by 7 recyLA service providers. There are approximately 80,000 commercial accounts registered with the open market. The first 25,000 notification letters were sent to the first subzone and was sent to property management firms and the property addresses to let them know that recyLA was being implemented. Beginning in July, haulers will go door-to-door conducting waste assessments at each commercial property and set up waste and recycling services. Franchise rates are bundled to include costs for

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recycling. Many issues have surfaced that were not taken into consideration including logistics. Food rescue has surprisingly also proven to be problematic for haulers due to the way negotiations are done with the food rescue groups. Haulers are contractually obligated to fund food rescue programs which need to be presented to customers that generate edible food.

Some commercial accounts will have a decrease in prices, and some will go up, especially in cases where businesses were being serviced by unpermitted haulers.

The new CalRecycle SB 1383 is looking to regulate everyone including generators, haulers, cities, and facilities. A positive outcome of bringing requirements on everyone is a more cooperative environment among haulers and generators. An SB 1383 workshop is scheduled on June 26 in Lakewood.

AB 1826 compliance currently includes notification and identification of generators, providing education on the requirements and compliance, and providing an organics program. Lack of infrastructure prevents cities from hauling mixed organic wastes. Such constraints need to be addressed in hauler contracts. Under LA's new franchise system, approximately \$200 million will be dedicated to building and expanding infrastructure in the next few years, but this still does not guarantee there will be enough capacity for everyone. The infrastructure issue needs to be solved regionally and not just city by city. LARA cities need to communicate with their waste haulers to ensure that haulers are securing or developing sufficient capacity to handle all organic materials. LA is also in pre-design phase to build a facility at CLARTS that will be able to accept mixed organics. LA is looking into developing a way to slurry the organic waste and send it down to Hyperion Treatment Plant through the sewer system for processing.

Lastly, K.Coca stated that the City of LA is available to help LARA cities in communicating with their haulers and getting information from them. City of LA can review RFP or give suggestions and help during the RFP process.

X. Compost-Focused Integrated Urban Farming – The Growing Club

The Growing Club is a non-profit volunteer-based urban farming and composting program based in Pomona. The Club's main goal is to educate residents and others to use ecologically integrated farming practices such as composting and to bring communities together to bring health and nutrients back to the urban ecosystems. The Club offers classes on composting and a farmer training program which is a 6-month long internship that teaches people how to operate an ecological urban farm. L. Fang, one of the founders, has a Master's degree in compost biology and has helped in the development of high quality compost. Local sites educate residents on healthy soil and responsible water management, create carbon sequestration, and create community gathering spaces. Local composting also allows for savings in both transportation costs and emissions from hauling waste. The Growing Club envisions a network of small-scale community compost sites to help build the infrastructure necessary to handle our waste and meet state mandates, revitalize our ecosystems, and bring nutrients back into our food. With only 1/3 of an acre dedicated to composting, 28,000 lbs. of food waste and 120,000 lbs. of other organics was composted with volunteers working limited hours. The site produced enough compost for an entire year and about 10,000 lbs. of produce. Their compost is made of 33% organic matter, and their soil has increased from 1% organic matter to 11%. This high level allows for great water retention, nutrient availability, good soil biology, and is an indicator of the amount of carbon that has been sequestered in the soil.

XI. LARA Group Photo

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Group photo taken at 11:18 AM. See attached photo.

XII. Food Rescue and Feeding the Hungry – Julie Jacobs

Using Food Finders as an example, it's estimated 18% of food waste is disposed in landfills and 40% of food produced never gets eaten due to cosmetic reasons, confusion with "sell by" and "best by" dates. Businesses can partner with recovery agencies rather than having to waiting for infrastructure to become available for organics processing. LARA cities can include food rescue programs as part of the AB 1826 activities within the AB 939 Annual Report.

XIII. Food Waste Recycling Pilot Program LAX – Marivic Sabillo, Ed Melara, Ralph Suarez

The pilot program is located in Terminals 7 and 8 and represents the typical concessions found throughout the airport: coffee shop, sit-down restaurant, fast food restaurant and VIP lounge. Food waste is collected Monday through Friday averaging 1.15 tons per week. LASAN collects the food waste, takes it to CLARTS, and then sends to CR&R's anaerobic digestion facility where it is processed into digester gas. CR&R only accepts un-contaminated food waste, therefore, training is important to prevent contamination. LASAN trained 115 concession workers and managers on sorting between food waste, recyclables, and landfill material. For training purposes, the term organics has been changed to food waste and also has been translated to Spanish.

Using the tonnage data from the first 30 days of the pilot, the amount of The amount of food waste recycled in those 30 days resulted in a net savings equivalent to the amount Using the first 30 days of the pilot, the amount of food waste recycled resulted in a net savings equivalent to the amount of CO2 that would have been produced if a person were to drive 2,777 miles.

XIV. 2017-18 Budget Presentation – Treasurer Lauren Ramezani

Budget Line Item AB 1826 to be changed to AB 1826 Compliance. Motion to adopt by C. Rowland; J. Emerson seconded and motion carried.

XV. CalRecycle Report – Primitivo Nuñez, CalRecycle

The 4-year review letters for the LARA cities were sent to the Executive Director. However, individual courtesy copies were also sent to the LARA cities. Almost all cities had areas of concern where CalRecycle felt additional work was needed to address programs. In the 2016-19 Review Cycle, areas of concern will be stated during during annual reviews, if not earlier, to allow cities to address them immediately. P. Nuñez stated the review did not include organics, and this next cycle will include organics with "at any time review" for each city on AB 1826 and organics programs.

XVI. LARA Administrator Report – N. Maechling, J. Jacobs

Interviews in preparation for the 2016 AB 939 Annual Report were completed in May. The "areas of concern" were reviewed. Some cities were required to come to the LARA offices to complete their reports.

XVII. Next Meetings:

- ❖ 3rd Quarter Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 4th Quarter Meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 1st Quarter Meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood

XVIII. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.

Action Items

Carry Over from First Quarter Minutes

- 1. Spanish version of the MORE flyer will be sent to members once the approval process is complete. *Completed
- 2. J.Jacobe to resend the MCR-MORE Google form to cities that have yet to complete the form. *Completed

Second Quarter Meeting Minutes

- 1. First Quarter Meeting Minutes to reflect that Hidden Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Lynwood were represented by Michelle Nichols. *Completed
- 2. First Quarter Meeting Minutes to reflect J.Burnley as Secretary. *Completed
- 3. J. Carver to send J.Jacobe a spreadsheet of questions which includes haulers, businesses, thresholds, issues, pickup times, landscapers, volume of waste, etc. *Received from J. Carver
- 4. LARA staff to create a list of AB 1826 questions designed for haulers.
- 5. Cities to report their Earth Day activities on the C.O.W., and during annual reviews with CalRecycle.
- 6. Cities to share the letter of Scott Smithline, CalRecycle Director, with their City's Council members. *J. Carver sent the letter to the Pomona City Council.
- 7. Budget Line Item AB 1826 to be changed to AB 1826 Compliance
- 8. LARA to send Draft E.A.R. for a final review prior to submittal. *Draft was sent on 7/11/17
- 9. LARA to present at the 3rd Quarter Meeting a 5-year historical data of expenses.
- 10. LARA to provide a Calendar of Events

