



Minutes
 Thursday, March 20, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Bateman Hall, 11331 Ernestine Avenue
 Lynwood, CA 90262

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

K. Herrera called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Rae Beimer called the roll and declared a quorum.

Member City	Represented by:	A-Absent/P-Present
Artesia	Andrew Perry	A
Beverly Hills	James Burnley	P
Bradbury	Michelle Keith	A
Duarte	Karen Herrera Chair	P
Hermosa Beach	Larry Lawrence	P
Hidden Hills	Rae Beimer, Secretary	P
Los Angeles	George Payba	P
Lynwood	Lorry Hempe – Vice-Chair, Elias Saikaly represented Lynwood	Excused Absence for LH; P
Manhattan Beach	Anna Luke	A
Pomona	Julie Carper	P
Rancho Palos Verdes	Lauren Ramezani-Treasurer	Present
Redondo Beach	Jon Emerson	Excused Absence
Rosemead	Pat Piatt	A
Palos Verdes Estates	Rae Beimer, Secretary	P
Sierra Madre	James Carlson	P
South Gate	Janine Hamner	A
Torrance	Alison Sherman	P
LARA Executive Director	Karen Coca	P
LARA Administrator	Nady Maechling	P

Others present were:

1. Debbie Morris, H F & H
2. Elias Saikaly, Lynwood
3. Mia Hunt, Cal Recycle
4. Nick Morell, Sanitation District
5. Primitivo Nunez, Cal Recycle
6. Rosa Collado – City of Los Angeles

III. **Public Comments and Announcements – Earth Day Celebration around LARA**

James Burnley, City of Beverly Hills. The City has an Earth Day celebration annually. This year, the celebration is until 9:00 pm. Participants expected to participate are Farmers' Market and vendors.

Karen Herrera, City of Duarte. Its Earth Day Celebration is held on April 12th, in conjunction with Duarte's teen center. It includes seventy five volunteers who will clean up the St. Gabriel River and walking trails. There will be a planting project, in coordination with Bradbury, at Royal Oaks Extension Park. The City of Bradbury and Burtec Industries are the sponsors of these Earth Day Events.

Karen Coca, City of Los Angeles. Los Angeles will be doing an Earth Day month during the month of April. The Keep Los Angeles Beautiful is similar to the Keep America Beautiful campaign. The Keep LA Beautiful includes telling the community to bring their spring cleaning materials to the SAFE Centers. The City is partnering with some donation centers and will collect materials that are for donations. Earth Day celebrations will be happening at the LA Zoo and at LA harbors and beaches. The outreach by the City of Los Angeles has resulted in crowded SAFE Centers during the month of April.

IV. **Opening Remarks, Introduction, Executive Director Report – Karen Coca, Executive Director**

Legislation. SB 270 is statewide legislation in support of the single use plastic bag ban. It has a chance of passing, unlike past bills that did not. It mirrors the existing bag ban legislation. This bill was amended to keep it from overriding local community legislation. Green cities coalitions and other organizations are in support.

LA Shares. LA Shares is a non-profit organization available regionally. LA Shares takes donations of anything from office supplies to furniture. Photos of donated materials are entered in a lottery where a pool of approximately 800 non-profit organizations is registered with LA Shares. Lottery winners contact the donors, and arrange pickups of the material. The winners provide LA Shares and the donors thank you letters from folks who received the materials. The donors also get a tax write-off.

City of Downey is welcomed. The City of Downey is interested in joining LARA. Ms. Carol Rowland, City of Downey expressed she is happy to be at the LARA meeting and to hear about LA Shares.

Happy 10th Birthday LARA! On January, 2004, the Los Angeles Regional Agency or LARA was recognized by the California Integrated Waste Management Board which today is known as Cal Recycle. It really has been 10 years!

Discussions. The subject of what it takes to become a LARA city and what benefits are provided to member cities was discussed. LARA cities led by Torrance and Bradbury gave glowing remarks about the benefits of being a LARA member.

Nick Morell reported that the LA County Sanitation District received an overflowing number of Christmas trees due to the closing of Puente Hills last October 31, 2013. Trees that were received in the Sanitation District transfer stations were then treated as green waste, according to Mr. Morell.

V. Approval of 3rd Quarter Minutes (December 5, 2013)

Comments about the December 5, 2013 minutes - The December 5 minutes need to reflect the discussion about AB1398, its relationship with AB 341, Mandatory Commercial Recycling, and the responsibility if any of the Local Enforcement Agency in its implementation.

The minutes were approved, seconded and carried unanimously.

VI. Presentation by HF & F on Solid Waste Contracting & Compliance

Debbie Morris, HF & F, was introduced by E.Saikaly.

VII. CalRecycle Report – Primitivo Nunez

Ms. Mia Hunt is the new representative from CalRecycle and will be working directly with the LARA Cities on the AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling Plans as well as AB 939 compliance. Questions for P. Nunez regarding 2014-15 Budget & Budget Change proposals, and AB 1398 should be directed to Graciella Castillo of the Legislative Affairs Office at Cal Recycle. KC asked P. Nunez to provide the contact information for the Legislative Affairs Office to Nady Maechling.

Mattress Recycling Council. Mattress Recycling Council will be submitting the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act for approval and Implementation. Cal Recycle will be a leader in this proposal. The informal draft regulatory text is available for comments through March 27. Check out the Cal Recycle website regarding the used mattress program. One is able to subscribe to listserv and get additional information for this program. CalRecycle is accepting comments at Mattresses@calrecycle.ca.gov regarding the [Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act Informal Draft Regulatory Text](#) through Thursday, March 27, 2014. <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/mattresses/>.

Please visit: <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=10697>, the State's website on funding for incentives.

AB 939 Annual Report: The 2013 tonnages from the Disposal Reporting System will be available late June 2014 and the Annual Report is due to CalRecycle August 1, 2014. Efforts and progress on the implementation of AB341 needs to be reported under Program 2030 of the Annual Report. Cities are responsible for education, outreach, and monitoring. In the report, the State will want to know:

- How are the various sectors, such as commercial and residential performing and a summary of all activities for the reporting year.
- The number of businesses subject to mandatory commercial recycling and how many are not recycling. Also wants to know what each city is doing about businesses that are not recycling.

VIII. Election of LARA Officers - Nady Maechling

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously for the following members to be the 2014-15 Executive Board. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

The LARA 2014-15 Executive Board

Chair – Karen Herrera, Deputy City Manager, City of Duarte

Vice Chair – Lorry Hemepe, Public Works Special Projects Manager

Treasurer – Lauren Ramezani, Senior Administrative Analyst, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Secretary – Rae Beimer, Recycling Liaison for the Cities Hidden Hills and Palos Verdes Estates

XI. Next Meeting Dates:

Thursday, June 19, 2014
Thursday, September 18, 2014
Thursday, December 4, 2014

X. Adjournment

11:50 a.m.