



1st Quarter Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2015; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion, 12000 Vista Del Mar, Playa del Rey 90293

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Others Present:

Irene Madrid
Mia Hunt
Wendy Dunlap
Michelle Nicholls
Tommy Gendal
Julie Hast
Angelica Dulce
Elizabeth Martinez
Francella Aguilar

City/Organization

City of Pomona
CalRecycle
CalRecycle
Waste Resource Inc. (WRI)
Waste Resources, Inc.
POLA/ Ecotelesis
Waste Management – City of South Gate
Republic Services – City of Rosemead
Republic Services

I. Call to Order

K. Herrera called the meeting to order.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

J. Carver led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

A. Sherman called roll and declared a quorum.

IV. Public Comments and Announcements

Attendees announced their name along with the city or company they represent.

V. Opening Remarks, Introductions – Karen Herrera

Michelle Nicholls, Leila Sadrieh, and Tommy Gendal were acknowledged as first time guests to the LARA meetings.

VI. Approval of 4th Quarter Minutes (September 18, 2014)

The Minutes from the 4th Quarter meeting of 2014 were approved.
The Motion was made by E.Martinez, seconded by J. Burnley and carried unanimously.

VII. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Karen Coca

Environmental Learning Center

K. Coca described the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. HTP is owned and operated by LA Sanitation, the ELC is designed to teach children and adults about sustainable water and solid resources management. The Center was developed as an engaging, interactive learning environment, one that not only explains sustainable principles for everyday life, but also demonstrates these principles. Entrance to the Center is FREE, and is open for group tours. Reservations must be made prior to the visit.



AB 1826 (Organics Recycling)

The implementation of this new program poses an immediate challenge. The infrastructure does not exist to handle the amounts of organics material that are present within the City of Los Angeles. Top contenders in the Los Angeles Waste Hauler Exclusive Franchise Project have addressed organics recycling into their proposals. The top franchise contenders can use this new ordinance to capitalize on the new services needed. Jurisdictions can build their own processing centers, but experience has shown that in doing so comes its own set of challenges, including acceptance from its residents due to the “NIMBY” attitude (Not In My Back Yard).

AB 45 (Household Hazardous Waste)

There are many individuals lobbying for the support of AB 45. She advised all jurisdictions to review available material on AB 45 and to decide how it will operate within each member’s jurisdiction. The bill includes a requirement for all jurisdictions to calculate a base year amount and subsequent annual measurements of increase/ decrease in collection. KCoca mentioned that several jurisdictions had carried out similar calculations in the early stages of AB 939 and that was hardly a painless process.

VIII. Budget & Finance Committee Report – Treasurer L. Ramezani

LRamezani discussed the Membership Fee Increase Packet which was emailed to all LARA Members one month prior to the meeting. Throughout the ten years of LARA existence, the decrease in disposal tonnages led to a decrease of membership fees. Lower LARA revenues resulted in cutting back on attendance to conferences, reduction of funds allocated for business awards programs, and purchase of promotional products for community events. The fee increase would stimulate the purchases of promotional content products, open doors to environmental workshops, and so much more.

A change to the member ship fee to (\$0.18) per ton will generate roughly \$20, 000; giving LARA the opportunity to accomplish more. The City Attorney of Los Angeles was contacted to inquire if the fee change would need approval from every City’s Council. The City Attorney stated that the LARA Board would be able to make the adjustments to the fees. LARA has been in existence for 10 years and has not increased the membership fees.

The motion to increase the annual membership fee from \$0.15 per disposal ton to \$0.18 was moved by JEmerson, and seconded by JBurnley. The motion passed with one “No” vote from ASherman of Torrance.

IX. Executive Board Elections – J. Jacobs

J. Jacobs discussed the Executive Board Election process. The nominations forms were sent prior to the 1st Quarter meeting. Members were to nominate up to two per position. The voting results were:

Chair – K. Herrera, Vice Chair – L. Hempe, Treasure – L. Ramezani, and Secretary – A. Sherman

Artesia, Beverly Hills, Bradbury, Downey, Duarte, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Manhattan Beach, Pomona, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rosemead, Palos Verdes Estates, Sierra Madre, South Gate, Torrance

Minutes by: Linda Perez, City of Los Angeles



X. CalRecycle Report- M. Hunt, CalRecycle

AB 1826 (Mandatory organics recycling)

In October of 2014 Governor Brown signed AB 1826 Chesbro (Chapter 727, Statutes of 2014), requiring businesses to recycle their organic waste on and after April 1, 2016, depending on the amount of waste generated per week. This law also requires that on and after January 1, 2016, local jurisdictions across the state implement an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste generated by businesses, including multifamily residential dwellings that consist of five or more units (please note, however, that, multifamily dwellings are not required to have a food waste diversion program). Organic waste (also referred to as organics throughout this resource) means food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed- in with food waste. This law phases in the mandatory recycling of commercial organics over time, while also offering an exemption process for rural counties. In particular, the minimum threshold of organic waste generation by businesses decreases over time, which means that an increasingly greater proportion of the commercial sector will be required to comply. Workshop on 4/28 The Southern California workshop was held in Diamond Bar. <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/>

AB 1594 (Green Material Used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC))

In September 2014, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1594 (Williams, Chapter 719, Statutes of 2014), mandating that as of January 1, 2020, the use of green material as alternative daily cover (ADC) will no longer constitute diversion through recycling and will instead be considered disposal in terms of measuring a jurisdiction’s annual 50 percent per capita disposal rate. <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/lgcentral/basics/ADCGreen/default.htm>

Mattress stewardship

The California Mattress Stewardship Law, the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act, (Chapter 388, Statutes of 2013 [Hancock, SB 254]) established an industry-run, statewide program to increase the recovery and recycling of mattresses at their end-of-use. <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/mattresses/Program.htm>

Paint stewardship

The California Paint Stewardship Law (Chapter 420, Statutes of 2010 [Huffman, AB 1343]) established an industry-led, statewide program to manage the reuse, recycling, and proper disposal of leftover paint. <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Paint/Program.htm>

Notice of Funds Available FY 14-15 will be out 6/23/15 Reporting on this requires proof of all expenditures.



AB 939 (Reporting)

Calrecycle’s AB 939 reporting including phone calls and site visits are going well, and will be scheduling cities that CalRecycle has not met with yet. MHunt will also be sitting in on a COW appointment day, N. Maechling and the *AB 939/341 Los Angeles Regional Agency Regulatory Compliance team* scheduled the appointments with all LARA members via Google’s Doodle App.

Reporting on AB 1826 is to be included into the existing AB 939 reporting form and is not to require a separate reporting process.

XI. Peer Sharing – City of Lynwood

L. Hempe from the City of Lynwood presented on their Lynwood’s recycling efforts.

XII. Next Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, June 18, 2015, Downey
- Thursday, September 17, 2015, Sierra Madre
- Thursday, December 3, 2015, TBD

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm