



**4th Quarter Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 6th, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 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 –Jon Emerson**

**III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum – K.Herrera called roll and declared a quorum at 10:02 AM.**

**IV. Public Comments and Announcements – All**

Jon Emerson from Redondo Beach, a LARA Charter Member since 2004, is retiring in February 2018. K. Coca and K. Herrera presented a plaque of appreciation to him to honor his many years of service and contributions to LARA including the implementation of waste reduction programs.

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

Karen Herrera opens the meeting wishing everyone happy holidays.

**VI. Approval of 2017 3rd Quarter Minutes – 3/09/2017**

Ken Rukavina of Palos Verdes Estates moves to approve the minutes; George Payba of Los Angeles seconds the motion; unanimously passed.

**VII. Review of 3rd Quarter Action Items**

One action item carried over from the 2<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting: LARA AB 939 Workshop will be held in March 2018. All other action items were completed.

**VIII. Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Meeting agenda adopted with unanimous vote.

**IX. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Karen Coca**

KCoca thanked Hank Brady and Marshalle Graham of CalRecycle for coming to the LARA meeting to give guidance on SB 1383. She discussed in the detail the roll out of the City’s Exclusive Franchise system (recycLA). There are 7 zones and 7 RSPs (recycLA Service Providers). The recycLA ordinance requires businesses to have solid waste services and recycling as well. To help small businesses that generate only a small amount of trash, the City is exploring options like bin sharing. The City is also putting together a registration program for those businesses that are self-hauling their own material. Liquidated damages were being waived during the transition period but will be assessed beginning February 1, 2018.

Some of the challenges with the rollout of recycLA include but not limited to:

- Customers unhappy with set rates and being required to have trash and recycling services.
- Prevalent missed collections, and for some customers, it is multiple missed collections.
- Illegal haulers in the City, and the City is moving forward with enforcement on a few haulers through permit revocations or cease and desist notifications.

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- Driver shortage which is also contributing to missed collections.

Some of the notable advantages of recycLA include:

- A regulated and structured waste hauling system works better
- All clean fuel waste hauler trucks now operate in the City
- An additional 1 million cubic yards of blue bin recycling service is put in place
- Extended recycling services to nearly 80,000 businesses and multifamily buildings
- Much needed infrastructure and equipment improvements

**X. SB 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants – Hank Brady**

H. Brady provided an overview on the draft regulations for SB 1383 and how it will impact LARA cities.

**XI. Organics Recycling Compliance/Non-Compliance – Leslie Lukacs**

L. Lukacs discussed two case studies related to AB 1826.

**XII. LARA Administrator Report and Finance Report**

Treasurer L. Ramezani reported that funds were used for 9 registrations to the Southern California Waste Management Forum in November. Promo items to be purchased are power banks, insulated grocery bags, and seed packets. Actual unexpended balance carried over from FY 16-17 was more than previously projected, and L. Ramezani explained that we need additional funds to cover the cost of the promo items.

*Motion: J. Burnley of Beverly Hills moved to allocate \$21,961.59 from the unexpended funds from FY 16-17 to the promotional items budget line item.*

Motion was seconded by G. Payba of Los Angeles and carried. The discussion for transformation tonnage will be agendized for the next meeting. Transformation is still considered disposal by CalRecycle although LARA is able to get up to 10% diversion credit. LARA membership fees are based only on disposal to landfills and currently exclude transformation.

Karla Ramos from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, manages a CalRecycle grant for recycling. Cities can supplement their recycling programs for beverage containers, tires, and/or oil.

CalRecycle reminded everyone that education and outreach are important, and they will be evaluating programs more closely, specifically MCR and MORE. A new section for MORE has been added to the annual report.



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**XIII. Next Meetings:**

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood

**XIV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Copies of Hank Brady’s presentation are available upon request.
2. Send out LARA roster to all members. *\*Completed*
3. Include transformation tonnage discussion in the agenda for the March 2018 meeting. *\*Completed*
4. AB 939 Workshop to be held in March 2018. *\*Completed*

