



1st Quarter Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 15th, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Lucy Avalos Community Center, 5121 Lavinia Ave – Lynwood, CA 90262



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I. Call to Order – Vice-Chair Lorry Hempe

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Secretary James Burnley

III. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum – J. Burnley called roll and declared a quorum at 10:10 am.

IV. Opening Remarks, Introductions – Vice-Chair Lorry Hempe

L. Hempe welcomed all to the Lucy Avalos Community Center, newly built LEED Gold building. The normal meeting location, Batman Hall is temporarily undergoing construction. Members and guests introduced themselves.

V. Public Comments and Announcements – All

Jenna Abbott, Director of the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) gave a brief presentation on the CRRA, one of the oldest and largest recycling associations in California. CRRA’s members represent all aspects of California’s reduce-reuse-recycle-compost economy. CRRA provides resources and networking opportunities for environmental sustainability and is currently working on waste strategies for SB 1383. The Annual CRRA Conference will be held on July 26-29 in Oakland, CA. CRRA also offers certification courses with

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the newest being the Zero Waste Principles and Practices Certification course which CRRA partnered with SWANA to develop. If LARA is interested, CRRA can bring the course to the agency. The course consists of a 3-day course and a final exam, and after completion participants will have a Certified Zero Waste Practitioner (CZWP) certification.

VI. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Karen Coca

As of February 1st, 2018, the rollout for LA’s new recycLA program has been completed. The City faced several challenges during the transition period and is still working through some of those challenges. There are now about 71,500 accounts that have enrolled in the program. The City is now looking forward to begin implementing other programs that are part of recycLA. There are lessons learned for those cities that are looking to implement an exclusive hauling franchise. Most of the customers are now in the system, routing has improved, and there are less service calls and quicker collection of missed pickups. Application of extra service charges, however, continues to be an issue for a number of customers, and the City is working with the recycLA Service Providers (RSPs) to relieve some of the pressure from these increased service costs.

The next challenge is to get customers to recycle properly especially with the current recycling climate due to China’s stricter requirements. We will all have to work together in finding and developing local recycling markets including investing money into local markets so that materials can continue to be recycled. Customer education will be recycLA’s new focus to make sure customers and residents understand what materials can be recycled. Some RSPs have already implemented large scale food rescue programs which is a requirement in their contracts. Many businesses either did not know they could donate edible food and/or did not know how. The City will continue to meet with food rescue organizations to better understand what they need to grow their operations. The City is also working on how to increase organics recycling for the residential sector and how to add food scraps to the curbside program. The City is piloting an In-Sinkerator program where residents put food waste down their drains, which is then processed at Hyperion Treatment Plant. There are several promising programs in the works, and, through recycLA, there are organics facilities that are being developed, but will take several years to come online. Hauling and processing organics takes up a lot of resources, time, and money. Anything that avoids having to go through that process such as composting onsite would be ideal.

VII. Review of 4th Quarter Action Items

All action items were completed.

VIII. Approval of 2017 4th Quarter Minutes – 12/06/2017

K. Rukavina motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by G. Payba, and motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda adopted with unanimous vote.

X. Transformation Tonnage – Treasurer Lauren Ramezani

When the JPA was created, annual fees were set at 15 cents per disposal ton, and was increased for the first time to 18 cents per disposal ton in 2015. As LARA’s diversion efforts improved, disposal tonnage decreased and so did revenue. LARA has not included transformation tonnage in disposal tonnage. If transformation tonnage is added to disposal tonnage, most cities will only see a minor increase with the exception of a few cities that send higher tonnages for transformation. Transformation diversion credit is available up to 10% for the agency. Commerce Waste-to-Energy Facility is set to close on June 30, 2018.

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Motion: Add City's transformation tonnage to the disposal tonnage to be used for the calculation of annual membership fees, effective FY 2018-19, using the official DRS 2016 Disposal Data. Introduced by J. Burnley and seconded by L. Ramezani. Vote was 7-6 against; motion failed.

LARA has purchased green slim jims for three cities. If any other cities would like slim jims, contact LARA administrator Julie Jacobe. The CRRRA Annual Conference is in July and early bird deadline is May 31st; contact Julie to register. Cities should have already received their seed packets, and LARA members can also expect the power banks and insulated bags to be delivered within the next month.

XI. Executive Board Elections – Julie Jacobe

Motions were made to keep each of the sitting executive officers for the 2018-2019 and carried unanimously.

2018-2019 Executive Board

- Karen Herrera – Chair
- Lorry Hempe – Vice-Chair
- James Burnley – Secretary
- Lauren Ramezani - Treasurer

XII. Next Meetings:

- ❖ 2nd Quarter Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 3rd Quarter Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 4th Quarter Meeting, Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

