



## 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

City of Lynwood – Bateman Hall – 11331 Ernestine Ave, Lynwood, CA 9062

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Veronica Marella	DuCour Project	(714) 329-6459	ducoeurproject@yahoo.com
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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 – J. Burnley called roll and declared a quorum at 10:05 am.**

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

The SGV Awards reception is April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Duarte Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come. LAUSD’s Keep California Beautiful K-12 Recycling Challenge Press Event will be held at Carson High School where they will be honoring LAUSD. The National Graffiti Council (NGC) is donating a mural in the garden of Carson High. Duarte and Bradbury will coordinate an Earth Day event together on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm.

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

**VI. Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

JReyes moved to approved 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Minutes, JBurnley seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Approval of the 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Minutes – 12/5/2018**

CRowland motioned to adopt meeting agenda, JBurnley seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Board Elections**

JReyes motioned to reelect existing board for Fiscal Year 19-20, ALuke seconded, motion carried unanimously. KHerrera announced that she will be retiring and that this is her last year on the Board as Chair.

**IX. Financial Report – Treasurer Carol Rowland**

Remaining balance is \$5923.18 for community giveaways, \$948 for quarterly meeting room fees, \$30.02 for website, \$25 for conferences, and \$2,807.60 for AB1826/SB 1383 compliance. The remaining balance is \$9,733.80 to bring total remaining balance to \$10,988.66. The reserve account has \$150,000. The FY 2019-20 will be presented at the June 20 meeting.



**X. Executive Director Report – George Payba**

China’s National Sword Act - China notified the World Trade Organization about the ban in July, essentially saying the country would no longer act as the world’s trash dump. Currently, China consumes 55 percent of the world’s scrap paper and is a major destination for other recyclables. The National Sword policy follows China’s “Green Fence,” a 10-month policy which set the initial standards for lower contamination levels for recycling. Contaminated pizza boxes will no longer be accepted. Businesses need to be aware of the recycling restrictions imposed by China’s National Sword Act.

AB 901 took effect March 5, 2019 wherein it states that cities/jurisdictions must report directly to CalRecycle. AB 901 changes how organics, recyclable material, and solid waste are reported to CalRecycle. The Recycling and Disposal Facility Reporting System (RDRS) law requires the following businesses to report directly to CalRecycle on a quarterly basis on types, quantities, and destinations of materials that are disposed of, sold, or transferred inside or outside of the state:

- Recycling facilities
- Composting facilities
- Disposal facilities including landfills
- Transformation facilities
- Engineered municipal solid waste conversion facilities
- Transfer/processor facilities
- Contract haulers
- Food waste self-haulers
- Brokers
- Transporters

SB 1383 is in the formal rule making stage and jurisdictions still have time to submit comments.

recyclA had a \$14M amendment stating RSPs (recyclA service providers) will not charge businesses for blue bin collection provided the blue bins are collected the same time as the businesses’ black bins. This amendment is called “Removing Barriers through Recycling”. The goal is to promote a higher recycling rate versus the business’ trash rate. Black bin service and unlocking fees will stay the same. RSPs will not be assessing contamination fee for 2 years, called “Program Optimization” with a goal of training businesses to recycle properly and minimize contamination as well as costs.

SWEEP (Solid Waste Environmental Excellence Program)- SWEEPS National Consensus meeting will be held at the Learning Assistance Center, Hyperion Treatment Facility on April 30. The two sides of SWEEP (Industrial and Municipal) have drafted a Standard and seeks LARA approval to add the LARA logo in in their informational materials with no fees required. SWEEP aims to work with cities of varying sizes and encourage them to participate in both parts of the Draft Standard.

CRowland motioned to allow the LARA logo at SWEEP, JReyes seconded, and motion carried unanimously.





**XI. CalRecycle Report – Mia Hunt and Nicole Macatrao**

Jurisdictions will be asked about their AB 939, AB 341, and AB 1826 progress report every year and at any time throughout the year. Based on a jurisdiction’s status report, a favorable glowing summary with a few areas of concern will be generated by CalRecycle. The jurisdiction has 30 days to respond with corrections and plans called the Informal Plan. The purpose of the Informal Plan is to ensure that program gaps are corrected before a Formal Plan is released and forwarded to the CalRecycle Management. There is a noticeable low participation from jurisdictions and their waste haulers in implanting the requirements of AB 341 and AB 1826. Some ideas to ponder are:

1. Are there any program improvements?
2. What are the trends? Are you actively seeking new outreach and education?
3. Who is the target audience? Who is responsible for this?
4. Make sure activities are consistent (quarterly, annually).
5. Consider the feasibility of your target audience, implementation and completion dates.
6. Describe the jurisdiction’s oversight of hauler education/outreach.
7. Set reasonable expectations (Under promise and Over Deliver).

AB 1826 is in full implementation in 2019 for those businesses that generate 4+ cy of solid waste per week of disposal. Exemptions will be granted by CalRecycle in the 2019 reporting year. Exempted businesses are allowed to put organics in the waste stream; municipalities/jurisdictions will not be required to track the volume of the exemptions at least for the 2019 reporting year.

The AB901 Recycling and Disposal Reporting System regulations will be in effect March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. Training and outreach will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:30 pm to 5 pm in Diamond Bar. Training will be available on CalRecycle’s website and a reminder will be sent once available.

The DRS system will continue reporting to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and the new RDRS will open for reports due October 1<sup>st</sup>.

SB 1383. The implementation dates are now through 2025. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 jurisdictions must have 50% reduction in organic waste disposal. January 1, 2022 regulations take effect and State enforcement begins. January 1, 2025, jurisdictions must have 75% reduction of organics disposal and 20% edible food recovery. The formal rule making process took place March 12, 2019. The slides and public comments are available on the CalRecycle website. Everyone must have an education program that has electronic, print, and outreach version. For more information, visit CalRecycle website for updates and events and/or subscribe to listervs for information.

**XII. SB 1383 Updates/Open Discussion – All**

Enforcement begins 2022, but fees can be enforced in 2024 for jurisdictions. CalRecycle will have tools, education, and sample templates available. Cities may have to create an ordinance or policy in order to make SB1383 enforceable at the city level. Public comments will be addressed after the comment period. Manhattan Beach just approved an RFP, but became obsolete once it had been released because we had a 50% increase for residential and 100% increase for commercial. Financial burden is an issue for customers, jurisdictions, and municipalities. KHerrera encourages cities to speak to representatives and legislators to seek support that enforcement should be the responsibility of haulers and CalRecycle, since jurisdictions are understaffed.

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**XIII. Break – All**

**XIV. LACFRI (Los Angeles County Food Redistribution Initiative) Training – Bernadet Garcia-Silva**

SavethefoodLA.com has outreach in 85/88 cities in the county of LA. 30% of food worldwide is not eaten and this number increases to 40% in the United States. 1.7 million tons of food is sent to the landfill each year. Most of the food wasted is fruits and vegetables due mostly to imperfections and improper storage. The LACFRI wants jurisdictions to support policies and education about source reduction and food donation. The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act of 1996 protects donation in good faith effort. In 2018, California expanded protections for donors and authorizes donors to give direct donation to individuals only where allowed by city laws and also authorizes donation of edible goods past their expiration date. LA Public Health and the CA Public Health and Safety Code include language from SB 557, Food Donation and Public Meals wherein schools can have a “shared table” and surplus edible food can be reused or donated. More information is on the CA Dept. of Agriculture website, and at SavetheFood.com.

**XV. du cOeuR Project – Veronica Marella**

Medical sterile instruments surgical wraps that are thrown into landfill every day are converted into water repellent, heat absorbent and machine washable sleeping mat/blankets for people who are homeless. Ms. Marella is in the process of registering as a nonprofit. Cost of each mat is only thread, elastic and project label. Veronica will run a workshop to train other hospitals and individuals in repurposing. Surgical wraps. To date, 2700 mats have been made and distributed. She would like to get more municipalities and hospitals to participate as well as spreading the word that more volunteers are needed to help with sewing.

**XVI. Compliance Online Worksheet (COW)/Report Overview – J. Jacobs**

Every city should have received reusable bag. Food Finders brochures for each member city is in the back for pick up. Annual membership invoices will be sent in June. Reporting is now open for 2019 and each city has its own login. Use simple COW or full COW. Hit save button as you complete each program. When you are ready to submit 1) click preview report, then 2) press Submit to SRCRD. Completing the COW’s soft deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Conference calls will be sent in May with city departments and cities. Changes will be made until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Draft EAR will be sent to members in late June. In July the LARA staff will begin final review and we will submit August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**XVII. Next Meetings:**

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, June 20, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, September 19, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, December 5, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Lynwood
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Lynwood

**XVIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

