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3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Bateman Hall – 11331 Ernestine Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262

<i>Member City</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Present/ Absent</i>
Artesia	Karen Lee	(562) 865-6262 x245	klee@cityofartesia.us	present
Beverly Hills	James Burnley, Secretary	(310) 285-2475	jburnley@beverlyhills.org	present
Bradbury	Scarlett Santos Leon	(626) 358-3218	ssantosleon@cityofbradbury.org	excused
Downey	Carol Rowland, Treasurer	(562) 904-7103	crowland@downeyca.org	present
Duarte	Karen Herrera, Chair	(626) 357-7931	herrerakaren@accessduarte.com	present
Hermosa Beach	Kristy Morris	(310) 750-3603	kmorris@hermosabch.org	present
Hidden Hills	Michelle Nicholls	(310) 366-7600	michellenicholls@caaprofessionals.com	present
Los Angeles	Wendy Renteria	(213) 485-3978	wendy.renteria@lacity.org	present
Lynwood	Jennifer Hernandez	(310) 603-0220 x827	jhernandez@lynwood.ca.us	present
Manhattan Beach	Anna Luke-Jones	(310) 802-5363	aluke@citymb.info	present
Palos Verdes Estates	Sean McGovern	(855) 900-4742	smcgovern@hrgreen.com	present
Pomona	Shandy Dittman	(920) 620-3797	shandy_dittman@ci.pomona.ca.us	present
Pomona	Irene Madrid	(909) 620-2231	irene_madrid@ci.pomona.ca.us	present
Pomona	Sam Lama			present
Redondo Beach	Jesse Reyes	(310) 379-2477 x2391	jesse.reyes@redondo.org	present
Rosemead	Tania Ragland	(818) 262-7388	tragland@republicservices.com	present
Sierra Madre	James Carlson	(626) 355-7135 x803	jcarlson@cityofsierramadre.com	present
South Gate	Greg D. Miller			present
Torrance	Alison Sherman	(310) 781-6916	asherman@torranceca.gov	present

LARA Staff

Interim Executive Director	Alex Helou	(213) 485-2210	alex.helou@lacity.org	present
SRCRD Division Manager	Marisela Reyes	(213) 485-3558	marisela.reyes@lacity.org	present
Administrator	Alexander Brideau III	(213) 485-3434	alexander.brideau@lacity.org	present
Associate Administrator	Brandon Kirby	(213) 485-2430	brandon.kirby@lacity.org	present
Consultant	Nady Maechling	(213) 485-3692	nady.maechling@lacity.org	present



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

Also Present

CalRecycle	Nicole Macatrao	(562) 981-8314	nicole.macatrao@calrecycle.ca.gov
CalRecycle	Primitivo Nunez	(562) 492-9687	primitive.nunez@calrecycle.ca.gov
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CR&R	Cristy Morehead		kristym@crrmail.com
CR&R	Maria Lazaruk	(949) 463-5808	marial@crrmail.com
Downey	Julio Guerrero	(310) 738-6165	jguerrero@downey.ca.org
Local Enforcement Agency	Eugene Tseng		
	Yili Tseng		
Los Angeles	David Core	(213) 485-3735	david.core@lacity.org
Los Angeles	Faye Serafin	(213) 485-3752	faye.serafin@lacity.org
Mariposa Eco Consulting (Rosemead)	Cynthia Vant Hul	(909) 560-0542	cynthia@mariposaecoconsulting.com
Republic			
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Nick Morell	(562) 908-4288	nmorell@lacsds.org
Torrance	Jim Keezell	(310) 433-3362	jkeezell@torranceca.org
Waste Management	Sharon Fox		sshapiro@wm.com
Waste Management (Pomona)	Donald Taylor-Stewart	(973) 960-5854	dtaylo34@wm.com

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:02am.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum:** Carol Rowland of Downey called roll and declared a quorum. 17 of 18 voting members were present. (A total of 40 people attended the meeting.)
- IV. **Opening Remarks & Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves as the microphone was passed around the room.
- V. **Public Comment & Announcements:** Nady Maechling made a request for a wider variety of members to make motions and offer seconds. Anna Luke-Jones mentioned the upcoming SBBEC SEED Annual Awards banquet from 3-5 PM Oct. 10 at the Flight Path Museum at LAX. Brandon Kirby reminded members to RSVP to the LARA meeting invites.
- VI. **Adoption of 3rd Quarter Meeting Agenda:** Sean McGovern moved; Alison Sherman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. **Adoption of 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes:**
 Karen Lee of Artesia moved; Greg Miller of South Gate seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. **Executive Director's Report (Alex Helou):**
 - Is it still worth it to recycle?
 - We did not enter into recycling to make a profit.
 - LA will be reporting back on the determination of what items should no longer be accepted in its blue bin recycling program.
 - LA considering how Long Beach, Culver City and other cities are not allowing polystyrene foam anymore. We were told to not yet take a stand on it but to create an environmental impact report (EIR) including a recommendation of what material could replace it if need be.

- LA converting from diesel-powered trucks to electric trucks for hauling under the Green New Deal proposed by Mayor Garcetti. Tentatively may include 3-5 trucks.

IX. **Treasurer's Report & Administrator's Report (Carol Rowland & Alex Brideau):**

- a. Treasurer's Report: LARA total fiscal budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$168,709.32; Reserve Account has \$150,000. Report approval moved by Sean McGovern of Palos Verdes Estates; James Carlson of Sierra Madre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Administrator's Report: All 2019-2020 dues from LARA members have now been received. EAR submitted to CalRecycle on July 31 with no problems. Thank you! LARA members have recently participated in CRRRA Conference in Rancho Mirage, tour of Anaergia, and the Local Government Summit on SB 1383 in Anaheim. LARA staffed a booth at the Bradbury Night Out and Hidden Hills Fiesta events. Brandon mentioned website updates including recent success in the GoDaddy back-end migration to C-Panel. The Q4 LARA meeting is scheduled for Thu, Dec 5. Please RSVP when you receive an invite.

X. **CalRecycle Report (Primitivo Nunez & Nicole Macatrao):**

- Thank you for submitting the EAR.
- We are in the last year of the 2016-2019 review reporting cycle.
- All annual site visits have now been completed.
- MCR/MORE
 - Reviewing the informal plans; will be touching base with cities to seek updates and ask any related questions.
 - 3 LARA cities are exempt from MCR/MORE (Bradbury, Hidden Hills, Sierra Madre)

XI. **Open Forum: "CRRRA Experiences, Best Practices, Lessons Learned":**

- James Burnley:
 - Different schools of thought on whether we begin banishing items from our recycling bins. There are pros and cons of both.
- Jesse Reyes:
 - That session was the most popular one of the conference.
 - Extended Producer Responsibility was discussed.
- Alison Sherman:
 - Way too hot in Palm Springs in the summertime.
 - CRRRA usually has an international speaker; this year's speaker was from the Philippines.
 - Mentioned the small sachets of products that low-income people are forced to buy to save money.
- Shandy Dittman:
 - Was a good crash course on all things solid waste-related.
 - Planning for SB 1383 in terms of rates, etc.
- Jennifer Hernandez:
 - First conference.
 - 3 key takeaways:
 - Contract negotiations

- Program implementation & outreach; How we could involve our council as the process goes forward.
- Understanding the day-by-day lifestyle for participants from other countries who spoke of their economic and sanitary situations.
- Cynthia Vant Hul:
 - SB 1383 impact on food banks was interesting to hear about.
- J. Burnley:
 - BH will be doing a big campaign on waste reduction.
- Tania (Republic/Rosemead):
 - Try to get weights of the waste reduction once that campaign gets going so you can tell a better story on what you're doing. Capture the data.
- A. Brideau:
 - Simple messaging for outreach & education
- Donald Taylor-Stewart:
 - Looking into possible checklist that would specify what the hauler would be responsible for; sparking conversation of new responsibilities.
- Karen Herrera:
 - Scheduled a meeting with their City Council to discuss changes coming with SB 1383.

XII. **Lunch Break**

XIII. **"SB 1383: Why Oh Why?" Presentation (Eugene Tseng):**

- Original policy driver was to preserve landfill space then converted to reduce greenhouse gases.
- Lack of infrastructure
- Integrated MRF = EcoPark
- Question from K. Herrera to CalRecycle: Who oversees the compost facilities?
 - Answer from P. Nunez: County of Los Angeles
- Question from A. Helou: Any charts we can access?
 - Answer from E. Tseng: Will give to you before year end.

XIV. **Review of Q3 Action Items:** (None from this meeting.)

XV. **Upcoming meetings:** Please see the bottom of the Agenda.

XVI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.