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2nd Quarter 2021 Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 2021 - 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Online meeting using Google Meet

Member City	Representative	Email	Present/ Absent
Artesia	Karen Lee	klee@cityofartesia.us	present
Beverly Hills	James Burnley, Vice Chair	jburnley@beverlyhills.org	present
Bradbury	Sophia Musa	smusa@cityofbradbury.org	present
Downey	Carol Rowland	crowland@downeyca.org	present
Duarte	Victoria Rocha	vrocha@accessduarte.com	present
Hermosa Beach	Doug Krauss	dkrauss@hermosabch.org	present
Hidden Hills	Connie Read	connieread@caaprofessionals.com	present
Los Angeles	Nuna Tersibashian	nuna.tersibashian@lacity.org	present
Lynwood	Lorry Hempe, Chair	lhempel@lynwood.ca.us	excused
Manhattan Beach	Anna Luke-Jones	aluke@citymb.info	present
Palos Verdes Estates	Laura Guglielmo	lguglielmo@pvestates.org	absent
Pomona	Shandy Dittman, Secretary	shandy_dittman@ci.pomona.ca.us	absent
Rancho Palos Verdes	Lauren Ramezani	laurenr@rpvca.gov	present
Redondo Beach	Jesse Reyes, Treasurer	jesse.reyes@redondo.org	present
Rosemead	Danielle Garcia	dgarcia@cityofrosemead.org	absent
Sierra Madre	James Carlson	jcarlson@cityofsierramadre.com	excused
South Gate	David Torres	dtorres@sogate.org	absent
Torrance	Jim Keezell	jkeezell@torranceca.gov	present

LARA Staff present

Executive Director	Alex Helou	alex.helou@lacity.org
Administrator	Alexander Brideau III	alexander.brideau@lacity.org
Notetaking / Logistics	Roobina Sinany	roobina.sinany@lacity.org

Also present

CalRecycle	Primitivo Nuñez	primitivo.nunez@calrecycle.ca.gov
CalRecycle	Nicole Macatrao	nicole.macatrao@calrecycle.ca.gov
CalRecycle	Mia Hunt	mia.hunt@calrecycle.ca.gov
Anaergia (presenter)	Shayne Petkiewicz	
Palos Verdes Estates	Carolyn Petru	
Waste Management (Pomona)	Don	



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

1. **Call to Order / Housekeeping (Item I on Agenda):** Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair James Burnley at 10:05 AM. LARA Administrator Alexander Brideau III discussed housekeeping items.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance (Item II on Agenda):** Vice Chair James Burnley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum (Item III on Agenda):** Roll call was taken by LARA Admin Clerk Roobina Sinany in absence of Shandy Dittman. 12 out of 18 cities were present at the time of Roll Call. Quorum declared. A total of 34 people were in attendance at this time.
4. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda (Item IV on Agenda):** Jesse Reyes of Redondo Beach moved to adopt the agenda; Lauren Ramezani of Rancho Palos Verdes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Opening Remarks (Item V on Agenda):** Vice Chair James Burnley started the meeting welcoming all attendees.
6. **Public Comment and Announcements (Item VI on Agenda):** None.
7. **Approval of 1st Quarter 2021 Meeting Minutes (Item VII on Agenda):** Jesse Reyes of Redondo Beach moved the adoption of the minutes. Lauren Ramezani of Rancho Palos Verdes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Approval of Financial Report & FY 21-22 Budget (Item VIII on Agenda):**
 - **Financial Report:** Treasurer Jesse Reyes reviewed the Financial Report and reported a rollover amount of \$76,544.61 into next year (FY 21/22)'s budget. Anna Luke Jones of Manhattan Beach moved to receive and file the Financial Report; Connie Read of Hidden Hills seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - **FY 21-22 Budget:** Treasurer Jesse Reyes reviewed the budget and reported a \$76,544.61 projected rollover balance from FY 20-21 for a total FY 21-22 budget of \$239,286.74, including total budgeted expenditures of \$212,000.00 and an unallocated Remaining Amount of \$27,286.74. Anna Luke Jones of Manhattan Beach moved to approve the FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget; Lauren Ramezani of Rancho Palos Verdes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Open Discussion: LARA Future Meetings & Potential Organics Compliance Expenditures (Item X on Agenda):** Several Board members expressed an interest in considering a hybrid online/in-person meeting concept. Staff will assemble a Google Form to survey the Board regarding LARA meeting logistics and recommended SB 1383/organics expenditures. Interest was also expressed in having someone present to LARA regarding the food recovery aspect of SB 1383. Perhaps a subcommittee / working group could be assembled to consider the appropriate scope of services. Interest was also expressed in having LARA cities provide SB 1383 updates during the quarterly meetings.
10. **Executive Director Report (Item IX on Agenda):** Interim Executive Director Alex Helou reported:
 - Had a meeting with CalRecycle about processing commingled streams. There was a study done by LA County LEA and City of Los Angeles LEA and some City of LA Sanitation staff, looking at the Anaergia system being installed in Sun Valley (which removes organics content from a waste stream in order to be processed in the Anaergia facility in Rialto) to see whether organics could be removed from the commingled stream, especially since many customers may not have enough space for additional collection bins onsite. The report showed about 58% of incoming stream was organics; the garlic press allowed recovery of about 32-35 tons was recovered equating to about 53% of the organic material. CalRecycle has received report and its subsequent revisions; still waiting to hear back as to whether that is acceptable to be considered as part of SB 1383 recovery or not.
 - City of LA looking at whether that could proceed under recycLA or whether the current three-bin system will be continued.

- Thank you to all LARA members for their role in helping us submit the previous year's AB 939 report. Now onward to SB 1383!
- LA City Council considering a major change in the plastics allowed in the blue bin, with the possibility of banning Styrofoam, and looking the potential of banning single-use plastics in Los Angeles. Awaiting Council action after September.

11. **Presentation: "Anaergia & Organics Diversion"** (*Item XI on the Agenda*): Shayne Petkiewicz, Business Development Manager, presented:

- Anaergia capabilities include: Pre-treatment (OREX technology that can recovery organics from a number of waste streams), Energy production (recovered organics are digested anaerobically to produce renewable energy), and Materials recovery (recovering nutrients from anything that isn't digested to turn it into a soil amendment or fertilizer).
- Highlighting Anaergia's processing of mixed solid waste using a high-diversion organics processing facility (HDOPF). Helps municipalities maintain two-stream collection scheme because the organics and trash get separated at the HDOPF.
- This would achieve the 75% organics capture mandated by SB 1383.
- These facilities can process mixed solid waste (70% contamination), wet commercial waste (50% contamination), as well as source-separated organics (<30% contamination). Key to this is their garlic press-style extrusion technology. Turnkey solution for jurisdictions so they can keep their current collection schemes.
- SB 1383 has a broad definition of organics. To target the organics of SB 1383, facilities will engage in pre-processing steps, including bag opening, disc screens, and optical sorters. Will also target wood, OCC, and paper. Remaining items sent to OREX.
- Have two OREXes installed in CA, with a third on the way.
- Right now, an OREX is installed at Waste Management with another being installed at UWS's transfer station. Output is sent to our Rialto facility.
- Huge demand in LA; would need 5-10 facilities to handle Greater LA, so we're looking to develop new partnerships.
- Q&A taken.
- Full presentation is posted on the Meetings page of the LARA website.

12. **Administrator Report** (*Item XII on Agenda*): Administrator Alex Brideau shared:

- AB 939 report:
 - ◆ We have been working with all the LARA cities on your submitted AB 939 data. Almost all cities have finished their first round of edits and we have begun the second round of edits which are ongoing. Once complete, we will copy the data into CalRecycle's EAR system.
 - ◆ EAR was opened for data entry on CalRecycle's LoGIC webpage a couple days ago. CalRecycle has also announced there are some new ADC question(s) on this year's EAR which may only be relevant to cities that have ADC tonnages. We are looking at the new questions in EAR and will reach out to any cities that may need to provide additional information if relevant.
- There has been interest in setting up brainstorming discussions so the Officers of the Board can offer speaker/presenter suggestions to staff. We've also received suggestions regarding options for improving communication and collaboration between the LARA cities. We have been doing some early testing of the features of the business collaboration software Slack, which could facilitate speaker brainstorming as well as peer sharing for SB 1383 collaboration, AB 939 report practices, and general communications between meetings. We will continue to test.
- Did any LARA cities nominated any of their programs for the 2021 CRRRA Awards? No responses.

- Annual dues: The dollar amounts that you saw in the Budget were based on 2019 tonnages obtained from DRS. Now that we have those figures, we will be emailing out invoices for your annual dues soon, so keep an eye out for them. They will be emailed in a PDF-attachment format.
- Tour & event opportunities:
 - ◆ Upcoming Tour opportunity for LARA members who are interested: Disney stages in MB Studios in Manhattan Beach has an organics processor temporarily onsite that we can tour later this month. Tours would be smaller in size (10 people or less), but multiple tours are possible. I think the best time for the first tour would be the week of the 28th, but additional tours are possible after that as well. (Tours would be held before 1pm.) We will email you seeking RSVPs.
 - ◆ WM tour of their "recycling park" in Sun Valley. We will coordinate and pass along details.
 - ◆ Diversion Strategies email about a European roundtable on international implementation of organics collection programs. Scheduled for July 1 at 11am PDT and is free. Will forward email to LARA reps.

13. **CalRecycle Update** (*Item XIII on Agenda*): Primitivo Nunez presented the following:

- EAR became available last week. Online EAR training occurring next week. If you don't have the invite, reach out to Mia or Nicole.
- Mia & Nicole will be reaching out soon to request updates to your city's informal or formal AB 341 and/or AB 1826 plans. We are doing periodic check to see how things are going with keeping on your activity schedules to see whether deadlines need to be updated.
- Many SB 1383 tools available on the CalRecycle website for your use. Please take a look and attend any of the training webinars. Please reach out to us should you have any additional needs, questions, etc. If we don't have the answers locally, we can run your queries up the chain.

14. **Upcoming meetings** (*Item XIV on Agenda*):

- 3rd Quarter 2021 Meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 4th Quarter 2021 Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 1st Quarter 2022 Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 2nd Quarter 2022 Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2022, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

15. **Adjournment** (*Item XV on Agenda*): Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.