

Summary

Mr. Keith Lilley, the newly appointed Deputy Director of Los Angeles County Public Works, welcomed everyone to the call. Mr. Lilley noted the purpose of the Infrastructure LA Sustainable Waste and Recycling Management (SWARM) Subcommittee is to provide opportunities to discuss current challenges surrounding sustainable waste management in our Region. Mr. Lilley also provided a summary of the previous Subcommittee meeting in December.

Attendance:

- 45 participants joined the call:
 - Participants included representatives from about 10 local cities.
 - Cities in attendance included: Signal Hill, Burbank, Culver City, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Glendale, Lakewood, La Mirada, Covina, and Redondo Beach.

Update on the 2021 Legislative Session and Senate Bill 1383.

- Updates and presentations were provided by:
 - Ms. Faith Conley (Legislative Representative, County of Los Angeles)
 - Mr. Derek Dolfie (Legislative Representative, League of California Cities)
 - Mr. Christopher Sheppard (Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works)
- Ms. Conley provided an update from the County Legislative Office on State legislation:
 - Ms. Conley shared that there have been many bills introduced related to climate and the State budget does not include significant infrastructure funding for local agencies.
 - Ms. Conley provided information on the following bills:
 - Senate Bill (SB) 45 is a \$5.5 billion bond with focus on wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection.
 - Assemble Bill (AB) 1500 is a \$6.5 billion bond with focus on wildfire resiliency and drought preparation.
 - The County Legislative Office is working with the authors of SB 45 and AB 1500 to add funding for organics infrastructure.
 - AB 125 is a \$3 billion bond that would provide \$200 million in funding for organics infrastructure.
 - SB 289 would create a stewardship program for used batteries.
 - SB 38 would create a new beverage container recycling program.
 - SB 54 would require single use packaging and food service ware to be compostable/recyclable.

- AB 842 would establish recycled content requirements for single use packaging and products to be compostable/recyclable.
 - Ms. Conley shared that the continuing COVID-19 pandemic has made lobbying more difficult. However, the Senate has suspended the rule for bills to be in print for 30 days before they can be heard to facilitate legislation.
- Mr. Dolfie shared that SB 619 is a spot bill, which will delay implementation and enforcement of SB 1383 to provide flexibility for local jurisdictions. He stated that State funding will likely not be included and will need to come from bond measures or other proposals. He stated that SB 619 will include additional amendments and will be heard on April 12 by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
- Mr. Sheppard provided a presentation on SB 1383 Capacity Planning requirements for the County and Cities.
 - Mr. Sheppard shared that a letter on SB 1383 capacity planning requirements was sent to cities in February 2021 and is posted on the SWARM website.
 - Mr. Coby Skye of Los Angeles County Public Works encouraged jurisdictions to share how they will develop or secure sufficient capacity.
 - Mr. Sheppard stated that anyone interested in breakout sessions related to capacity planning or other SB 1383 topics should reach out to Public Works.

Questions and Answers:

- Ms. Chanel Kincaid from the City of Culver City asked how the County will estimate the amount of edible food disposed. Mr. Sheppard stated that the County uses data from the Statewide waste characterization study and also plans to conduct its own waste characterization study, which currently is on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Skye also shared that the County has an edible food recovery program, Food DROP, and offered to partner with cities interested in developing similar programs.
- Ms. Lisa Rapp from the City of Lakewood asked Mr. Dolfie about Governor Newsom's stance on an implementation delay for SB 1383. Mr. Dolfie responded that CalRecycle Director Rachel Wagoner is not keen on delaying implementation, although conversations are ongoing.

Mr. Lilley expressed that the SWARM meetings have allowed collaboration between different agencies to continue discussion on legislation session and SB 1383 implementation. SWARM will continue to host meetings every quarter or more frequently if there is an issue that needs to be discussed.



SWARM Subcommittee Teleconference
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Infrastructure LA looks forward to continuing discussions related to waste management and recycling through the Infrastructure LA platform.

Links to the meeting presentations and resources can be found on our website at: www.infrastructurela.org/key-initiatives/swarm.

If you have questions regarding Infrastructure LA, you may contact us at InfrastructureLA@pw.lacounty.gov.