

HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
JEFF YANN, CHAIR

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2015

BKK LANDFILL Among notices received from California DTSC, was a notice indicating that the BKK Landfill, which closed

SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER The Stakeholder Committee met on December 18 at LADWP's Environmental Learning Center at the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant near LAX. The meeting was attended by three representatives of the Gabrieleno Tongva band. The primary reason for meeting there was to observe the excellent exhibits DWP's Department of Sanitation has put together focused on their twin responsibilities of waste water treatment and solid waste disposal. The Discovery Center will go well beyond these topics in that half of its exhibit content will be focused on natural history as well. The water conservation and protection exhibits were of great interest and, for me personally, having been intensively involved with solid waste disposal for 34 years, so were the solid waste exhibits.

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES ATAS met on January 15. Of interest was a presentation on the Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies now being developed by USC on Catalina island. The speaker described a small pyrolysis unit they are developing there. This was of interest to me because of my involvement more than 20 years ago in a similar project the island was considering at their Pebbly Beach landfill site. Obviously, that project never materialized.

More significantly to unincorporated areas, DPW also released a first draft of a white paper aimed at demonstrating how Conversion Technologies fit into California's mandate to achieve 75 % trash diversion from landfills by 2020. To date, the rate remains around 50 %, requiring a strongly focused effort to achieve goals mandated by AB 341 in 2011. At the same time, the city of Edmonton, Alberta currently achieves 90 % reduction through conversion of 300 tpd of trash to low-carbon liquid fuels. The white paper will be released in February 2015 followed by a conference the County is planning to hold at UCLA in March.