

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of June 16, 2005

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Michael Miller, League of California Cities—Los Angeles Division
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Ron Saldana, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Thomas Garthwaite, rep. by Ken Murray, County of L.A. Dept. of Health Services
Gerry Miller, rep. by Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Rita Robinson, rep. by Karen Coca, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Jim Stahl, rep. by Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Barry Wallerstein, rep. by Jay Chen, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Don Wolfe, rep. by Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Public Works
Ben Wong, rep. by John McTaggart, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Christine F. Andersen, City of Long Beach
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities— Los Angeles Division
David Kim, City of Los Angeles Appointee
Joe Massey, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martins Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kelly Astor, Los Angeles County Waste Management Association
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
David Jones, South Coast Air Quality Management District
George De La O, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Michelle Leonard, SCS Engineers
Ben Lucha, City of Santa Clarita
Richard Ludt, Interior Removal Specialists, Incorporated
Nadia North, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Cynthia Vant Hul, Waste Management, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2005

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 19, 2005. The motion was adopted. All members approved with one member abstaining.

III. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported a number of articles were reviewed for the Inside Solid Waste Newsletter. These included an article regarding conversion technology, an article on the Countywide Summary Plan and Siting Element, and an update and discussion on key Legislative bills the Task Force has taken a position on.

Also to be included in the newsletter are an article from the City of West Hollywood and an article on the Southern California Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Technology Center. There may be an article regarding the Los Angeles Regional Agency, an article on the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center, and an article on the County's Used Oil Collection Center in Marina Del Rey. The newsletter will be out next month.

IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Al Avoian stated the City of South Gate wants to amend its Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) to include Interior Removal Specialists Incorporated, a construction and demolition debris processing facility. The Task Force briefly discussed the City's request.

V. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE'S NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Avoian stated that the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee recommends the Task Force approve the amendment described above to the City of South Gate's NDFE. A motion was made to approve the staff recommendation, and passed unanimously.

VI. REPORT FROM THE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Paul Alva stated the contract with URS expires on July 1 and that a preliminary draft of the Conversion Technology Final Report would be prepared in about two weeks. The Subcommittee will be meeting on June 30 to consider the Report and subsequently present it to the Task Force next month for formal adoption. Task Force members requested a copy of the draft Report before the next meeting.

Mr. Mike Mohajer brought up two items regarding conversion technology. The first item was in regards to a letter forwarded to the Waste Board on whether conversion technology facilities should be considered disposal facilities for purposes of inclusion into the Siting Element. He requested a second letter be sent to the Waste Board requesting a response since no response has been received. Mr. Michael Miller added that staff should work with Mr. Steve Uselton first to find out the status of that letter, then tailor a response to the Waste Board.

A motion was made to send another letter to the Waste Board requesting clarification on whether these facilities should be considered disposal after contacting Mr. Uselton. The letter should indicate the Task Force anticipates completing its Conversion Technology Final Report within the next month. The motion passed unanimously.

Second, Mr. Mohajer stated that on May 5, 2005, the Task Force sent a letter to Senator Lowenthal, Senator Kuehl, and Assemblymember Hancock requesting their claims on the Waste Board's Conversion Technologies Report (as stated in their April 6, 2005, letter) be substantiated. To date, no response has been received from the Senators.

After some discussion, a motion was made to draft a follow-up letter to Senator Lowenthal, Senator Kuehl, and Assemblymember Hancock requesting a response to the May 5, 2005, letter. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. CALIFORNIA BIOMASS COLLABORATIVE DRAFT REPORT

Mr. Coby Skye reported on the California Biomass Collaborative Draft Report. He stated there were many State and local agencies involved in preparing the Report including several members from the Task Force's Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee. The primary task of the Report was to examine the approximate 100 million tons of biomass produced annually in California, evaluate how to best utilize the resource and offer a number of recommendations.

Several conversion technologies, including some of those being reviewed by the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee, were examined and received a positive response.

VIII. PRESENTATION ON LOCKHEED MARTIN AERONAUTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ms. Nadia North provided an overview of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Recycling Program (attached) in Palmdale. The Palmdale facility is located on 1,500 acres and employs about 4,000 people. Ms. North stated their environmental programs have received awards and certifications including the Waste Board's WRAP Award, ISO 14001 Certification, and Cal/OSHA VPP Star Status. Lockheed has invested \$23 million in environmental controls at the facility since 1991.

Lockheed's recycling programs this year have helped to divert over 65 percent of the waste generated. These programs include various recycling contests designed to increase staff awareness and participation and target such items for recycling as concrete, metal, cardboard, newspaper, paper, plastic, aluminum cans, toner cartages, jet fuel, tires, compact disks, and DVDs.

Lockheed hopes to expand its recycling efforts to incorporate more recycled content products and require contractors to recycle more of the waste materials generated. Task Force members provided positive comments and feedback regarding Lockheed's recycling efforts.

IX. PRESENTATION ON AQMD COMPOSTING RULES

Mr. David Jones provided an overview of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Rules 1133, 1133.1, and 1133.2 (attached). Rule 1133's purpose was to create an emissions related database on composting and related activities. It includes composting and chipping and grinding operations unless exempt. Registration for existing operations started in 2003. There is a one-time fee and yearly updates are required. Those exempt from this Rule include portable chipping and grinding operations, community composting, agricultural composting, nursery composting, recreational facilities composting, backyard composting, and wood waste chipping and grinding facilities.

Mr. Jones stated Rule 1133.1 focuses on the prevention of decomposition during the chipping and grinding phase. The exemptions for this Rule include chipping and grinding activities for the following: portable operations, greenwaste generated and used onsite, agricultural, land clearing,

woodwaste, palms, and curbside greenwaste with less than 30 percent moisture.

Mr. Jones ended with Rule 1133.2, which was designed to reduce Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) and ammonia emissions from new and existing co-composting operations. Co-composting is composting where biosolids and manure are mixed with bulking agents to produce compost. New and existing co-composting facilities must operate within an enclosure and use an aeration curing system that works under negative pressure. The exhaust must be vented from the aeration system into an emission control system that operates with at least an 80 percent efficiency in controlling VOC's and ammonia.

Facilities may submit an equivalent compliance plan for the reduction of 70 percent of ammonia and VOC's. These must be submitted by January 2007 for facilities of 100,000 tons per year capacity, January 2008 for facilities with a capacity of 10,000 to 100,000 tons per year, and January 2009 for facilities with a capacity of less than 10,000 tons per year.

Mr. Jones added that AQMD 1133.2 does not target greenwaste composting, agricultural composting, woodwaste composting, co-composting operations of less than 1,000 tons per year, or existing co-composting operations with capacity of less than 35,000 ton per year containing 20 percent or less biosolids.

Some discussion ensued in regard to the 30 percent moisture requirement. Mr. Jones explained it is to prevent the decomposition of green waste. A question was also asked whether the Best Management Practices had been developed for the development of Rule 1133.3. Mr. Jones stated he would have staff provide that information.

X. UPDATE ON AB 399 AND SB 928

Mr. Mike Mohajer stated the Task Force sent a letter to Assemblymember Montañez explaining our position on AB 399. Mr. Mohajer stated he received a call from the author's office and he explained to them the Task Force concerns with the Bill. The Bill would require the development of a model ordinance for adoption by local jurisdictions requiring recycling by multi-family complexes. However, it does not take into consideration the availability of off-site recycling at a materials recovery facility. A discussion ensued regarding AB 399, however, no further action from the Task Force was required at this time.

Mr. Mohajer stated SB 928 (Lowenthal and Perata) would prohibit the Waste Board from granting extensions for achieving the 50 percent diversion mandate and establishes a new unspecified diversion rate by January 1,

2011. However, the Bill does not specify the new diversion rate. Task Force members were in opposition to this Bill since it fails to specify the diversion rate, stakeholders have not been involved in determining the new rate, and the Bill calls for a mandate and not a goal.

A motion was made to send a letter of opposition to Senator Perata and Senator Lowenthal. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

XI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Coby Skye provided a status on the following Legislative Bills (attached).

- AB 399—Introduced by Montañez

This Bill would require the Waste Board to develop a model ordinance to require recycling at multi-family complexes for adoption by local jurisdictions by March 1, 2007.

The Apartment Owners Association, who had been in negotiations with Assemblymember Montañez, informed Mr. Skye that the mandates for onsite recycling would be excluded from the Bill. Mr. Skye indicated if that occurs, staff would recommend the Task Force change its position to support the Bill.

- SB 120—Introduced by Florez

This Bill would require all publicly owned treatment works to indemnify the receiving party for any liability for remediation associated with the disposal or processing of sewage sludge. The Task Force will consider the Bill further at next month's Task Force meeting.

- SB 926—Introduced by Florez

This Bill would allow the Kern County Board of Supervisors to regulate or prohibit the importation of sewage sludge from another California county for application to land within the County's jurisdiction. Mr. Skye stated that County Sanitation Districts is considering removing its opposition to the Bill pending amendments. The Task Force will consider the Bill further at next month's Task Force meeting.

- AB 259—Introduced by Hancock

The Bill would allow Contra Costa County to place a lien on private property on behalf of their private franchise hauler for any unpaid fees. A discussion ensued, however the Task Force took no position on the Bill. The Bill will be monitored.

XII. REPORT FROM THE WASTE BOARD

An update from the Waste Board will be provided at next month's Task Force meeting.

XIII. TASK FORCE COMMUNICATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

Mr. George De La O presented a draft Communication Procedure for Task Force (attached) consideration based on prior Task Force discussions and input from County Counsel. Task Force members requested some modifications be made and it be redistributed to members. These included what procedures must be conducted in case a special meeting must take place. Clarification on email communications was also discussed.

Further comments from the Task Force will be received at the July Task Force meeting.

XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 21, 2005, at 1 p.m.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments or announcements.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Attach.