

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

**Minutes of October 16, 2003**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative  
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
John McTaggart, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Christopher J. Garner, represented by Charlie Tripp, City of Long Beach  
Thomas L. Garthwaite, rep. by Virginia Maloles, County of L.A. Dept. of Health Services  
James A. Noyes, represented by Carlos Ruiz, County of L.A. Dept. of Public Works  
Jim Stahl, rep. by John Gullede, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Barry Wallerstein, rep. by Jay Chen, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Judith Wilson, represented by Karen Coca, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Ben Wong, rep. by Mike Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Deaton, City of Los Angeles Appointee  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles Appointee  
Joe Massey, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
David Roberti, General Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, County of L.A. DPW  
Toyasha Black, City of Arcadia  
Anna Gabriel, County of L.A. DPW  
Linda Lee, County of L.A. DPW  
Carolyn Meredith, City of Pasadena  
Marlin Munoz, City of La Mirada

Javier Peraza, City of Diamond Bar  
John Richardson, Community Recycling  
Ron Saldana, LACDA  
Isabel Schliep, City of Covina  
Vanessa Tubaces, Charles Abbott  
Associates

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2003**

The minutes of September 18, 2003, were unanimously approved as presented.

**III. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Albert Avoian stated the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee met and discussed the amendment to the City of Los Angeles Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE). The Subcommittee requested additional information, such as existing and total capacity for each facility listed, and questioned various items in the staff report. Mr. Avoian stated the Subcommittee decided the staff report needs to be revised to include the additional information and clarify the items in question before the Subcommittee can make any decision regarding the amendment to the NDFE. Staff will work with the City of Los Angeles to revise the staff report and the Subcommittee will meet again after they have had the opportunity to review the revised staff report.

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT**

The Task Force postponed this item because the Subcommittee requested that revisions be made to the staff report for the amendment to the NDFE. The item will be placed on the agenda after the Subcommittee has had adequate time to review the revised staff report.

**V. STATUS OF RESPONSE TO TASK FORCE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON BRADLEY LANDFILL**

Mr. Martins Aiyetiwa from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works stated that Waste Management, Inc., faxed a letter to Task Force staff requesting a 30-day extension on the Task Force request for information on the Bradley Landfill. A motion was made to grant a 30-day extension to Waste Management, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CoIWMP) FIVE-YEAR REVIEW**

Mr. Paul Alva from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works gave a presentation on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) five-year review. He stated the CoIWMP is the County's and cities' guiding document for achieving full compliance with AB 939 goals. He explained that for the County of Los Angeles, the CoIWMP is comprised of many documents and he described those documents. Mr. Alva explained the CoIWMP must be reviewed every five years to identify deficiencies (if any) and to revise the documents if necessary. He stated the Task Force must review the County's CoIWMP and explained the mandatory review issues the Task Force must address in their review. These mandatory review issues include changes in the quantities of waste within the County, changes in funding sources for administration of the CSE and Summary Plan, changes in permitted disposal capacity within the County, and program implementation status.

Mr. Alva described the anticipated timeline for the review and the possible changes to the CoIWMP that may occur during the review. He stated the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) specifically may need to be amended because the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion to remove Blind Canyon and Elsmere Canyon from the CSE.

**VII. REPORT ON THE CIWMB'S CONFORMANCE FINDING POLICY**

Mr. Ruiz stated the Waste Board's Finding of Conformance (FOC) policy had been discussed at the August 5, 2003, Sustainability and Marketing Development Committee meeting. At that meeting, Waste Board staff recommended that if a changes to a landfill boundary resulted in a landfill boundary different than that described in the CSE, an amendment should be required. The Sustainability and Marketing Development Committee recommended that Waste Board staff look at the comments received by stakeholders and if necessary, hold a workshop to discuss the issue.

On October 7, 2003, the Waste Board conducted a workshop on the Finding of Conformance policy. However, the focus of the workshop was whether the current FOC process provides adequate public notice. At the end of the workshop, it was decided that rather than developing a generalized conformance finding policy to address the stated concerns (which would require an amendment to the CSE), the Waste Board will look at each individual situation on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Ruiz concluded that this Waste Board action lays to rest the issue for the time being but indicated that

staff will remain vigilant in case the issue resurfaces at a later date. Task Force members expressed skepticism about the Waste Board's action and concurred that staff should monitor future Waste Board actions.

#### **VIII. REPORT FROM THE CIWMB**

There was no report from the Waste Board. Mr. Uselton was unable to attend due to illness and no other representative from the Waste Board was present at the meeting.

#### **IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Alva stated the Governor recently approved three bills:

- SB 20, Introduced by Sher and Romero

This Bill addressed the electronic waste issue by requiring that a recycling fee be assessed on each cathode ray tube sold in the State and by prohibiting the exportation of e-waste to developing nations. The Bill also required manufacturers to document and report their efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and to design for recycling.

- AB 1497, Introduced by Montanez

This Bill extended Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) review time from 30 days to 60 days when making a determination on the adequacy of a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) application. The Bill also required the Waste Board to adopt regulations by 2005 regarding changes to any SWFP, and changed the due process procedure for disposal facilities when the LEA is considering penalizing the facility for failing to take appropriate corrective actions.

- AB 28, Introduced by Hannah-Beth Jackson

This Bill increased the refund value on beverage containers to 4 cents (8 cents on larger containers), with an automatic step-up to 5 cents (and 10 cents for larger containers), if recycling rates fail to reach 75 percent by 2006.

#### **X. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Mike Miller stated the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is meeting on October 16, 2003, to vote on whether to send two

letters to the Waste Board, as recommended to them by its Solid Waste Committee. The first proposed letter to the Waste Board would state the Waste Board's effort in dealing with the construction and demolition regulations is appreciated, but in their efforts, the Waste Board should stick to the spirit of AB 2308.

The second letter would state that if the Waste Board is going to do a study on conversion technology and its impacts on recyclers, it would be best to look at all aspects of conversion technology so that the system can be fully evaluated. Ms. Landis stated that if the SGVCOG approves the letters, the letters should be included in the next Task Force mailing. Mr. Miller stated that if the letters are approved, he will forward copies of the letters to Task Force staff to include in the next mailing.

Ms. Betsey Landis stated the notice the Task Force received regarding Sudden Oak Death should be placed in the Inside Solid Waste newsletter to increase public awareness of the issue.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 20, 2003.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.