

Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of March 16, 2006

International Environmental Solutions
25685 Sherman Road
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Paul Alva, represented by Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ed Wheless, represented by Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of
Los Angeles County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Laehy, Pacific Energy Solutions
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Del Thomas, Mechanical Systems
Lori Van Arsdale, Councilmember, City of Hemet

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 a.m.

II. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye reported that on March 15, 2006, Paul Alva gave a presentation to the Regional Planning Commission on conversion technologies. It was noted that several commissioners expressed interest in conversion technology development and suggested that CUPs for future MRFs include a provision allowing for co-location of conversion technology facilities.

Mr. Skye and Mr. Theroux were both speakers and attendees at the California Bioenergy Interagency Working Group's Bioenergy Action Plan Workshop on March 9, 2006. Mr. Theroux also spoke on conversion technologies at the National Hydrogen Association Conference held in Long Beach on March 14, 2006, in which Terry Tamminen, the governor's special assistant, was in attendance. Mr. Berton is in the process of organizing the Emerging Technologies Forum, which is being sponsored by the Waste Board and will take place on April 17 and 18, 2006 in Sacramento.

Mr. Theroux confirmed that the City of Los Angeles is ready to proceed in phase two of their conversion technology study. The study has been approved by Mayor Villaraigosa's office, and includes an outreach plan and technology assessment. On a related note, the City is preparing to host the Conversion Technology Summit, which involves a variety of stakeholders including Senator Alarcon's office and the County of Los Angeles in an effort to address concerns, objectively examine emissions data, and present a balanced approach on conversion technologies.

Because of the strong influence of special interests on legislation impacting conversion technologies, Mr. Theroux suggested that the County pool their lobbying resources with other interested municipalities in an effort to increase lobbying efforts and provide accurate conversion technology related information to Sacramento policymakers. Therefore, Mr. Theroux made a motion for the Task Force to approach the Board of Supervisors to contact Southern California governmental entities to assist in forming a lobbying team in Sacramento. The motion passed with Mr. McDannel abstaining from the decision.

Because of the importance of the Waste Board's *Conversion Technology Report to the Legislature* on conversion technology related legislation, Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter to the Governor to ask for assistance in getting the Report released. The motion passed with Mr. McDannel abstaining from the decision.

III. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RFPS

The evaluation committee is set to review responses for the facilitation RFP following the Task Force meeting at 3:30 p.m. on March 16, 2006. The meeting will be held at Public Works in conference room C.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public discussion took place.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting will be held April 20, 2006 at 10 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.