

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

Minutes of November 16, 2006

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Nichole Horton, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carlos Ruiz, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Steven Walder, Walder and Company Consulting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Chip Clements discussed his presentation at the Southern California Waste Management Forum's annual conference on November 6th. His speech included a general overview of conversion technologies and discussion on the County's upcoming demonstration conversion technology project. On November 14, representatives of ARI and Mr. Skye had a meeting with city staff from the City of Oxnard who expressed interest in the County's proposed facilitation project, as well as activities and partnerships/relationships between the parties involved.

III. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

According to Ms. Higgins, on October 27th, technology vendors were provided an initial RFI for the facilitation contract which was distributed by email, and followed by a hard copy. Ms. Higgins commented that six of the nine technology vendors would be replying to the RFI with certainty: ArrowBio; Changing World Technologies; Interstate Waste Technologies (IWT); Gem America; International Environmental Solutions (IES); and Ntech Environmental.

Questions were raised regarding consideration of additional MRF facilities; following discussion, the Subcommittee decided to stay with the shortlisted MRF sites previously chosen. Furthermore, Ms. Higgins explained that participating vendors were given December 4 and 15 to submit their technology's technical and cost/economic information. After vendor feedback, these dates were combined and both cost/technical information submittals will be due December 15, with technology vendor interviews scheduled the week of January 22nd.

Mr. Skye explained that Community Recycling, a transfer/MRF station, has been issued a cease and desist order by the Waste Board. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter to Community Recycling in order to get clarification pertaining to the order and its potential impact on operating a conversion facility. The motion passed.

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IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

The committee meeting for the evaluation of the public outreach contract will be taking place November 17, 2006. Following the schedule generated by ASD, the contract should be approved by December 2006.

V. DISCUSSION ON INCENTIVES

ARI prepared a preliminary draft memo regarding opportunities for incentives for participating technology vendors. ARI explained that the memo is necessary and would allow vendors the ability to prioritize what forms of support they believe are integral to their perspective projects. By identifying what forms of support are necessary for each technology, ARI can pair the facilities and vendors to each coupling's best advantage. However, before a memo can be distributed, it will be reviewed by the County Council, and additional feedback is expected by Subcommittee members.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Theroux introduced Steven Welder, a financial advisor for the North American Development Bank (NADB). NADB is notable for financing environmental projects benefiting communities in close proximity to the U.S./Mexican border. Mr. Welder has volunteered to examine the facilitation project.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting is scheduled for a teleconference January 4, 2006 at 10 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.