

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

Minutes of April 17, 2008

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Board*
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
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
Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Department of Sanitation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.*
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.*
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates*
Mischelle Mische, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10 AND MARCH 20, 2008

The minutes of March 10 and March 20 were approved with slight modification.

II. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Theroux provided a presentation regarding the County's efforts and biogas development at a sustainable options/power generation workshop sponsored by Southern California Edison. Mr. Berton also attended a workshop on citing and capacity issues sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board in San Diego on April 16. Mr. Mohajer raised concerns regarding the survey conducted by the Waste Board regarding organic diversion, since the survey does not make reference to changing legislative law that currently defines conversion technologies as disposal. A more detailed analysis on citing and capacity issues will be prepared and is expected to be presented to the Waste Board in May.

III. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Gibson provided an update on the public outreach contract. Cerrell associates have been focusing on various initiatives including clarifying legislative meaning and working to educate legislators on conversion technologies, and develop strategies for facility specific outreach, as well as developing an outreach advisory group. Mr. Theroux suggested that in addition to seeking letters of support from cities within Los Angeles County for the County's conversion technology project, that the stakeholder outreach team pursues letters of support from counties actively researching conversion technologies as an alternative to traditional waste disposal, particularly Ventura, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. Mr. Mohajer stressed that efforts must be strengthened to reach and educate legislative stakeholders on conversion technologies.

IV. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

This item was skipped.

V. ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIERS/SITES

At the request of the Subcommittee from the last meeting, Staff developed additional options to be considered for proposals submitted by participating suppliers, in particular an extension to the May 15, 2008 submittal deadline. Discussion ensued related to the benefits and impacts of the various options presented. Mr. Hunter motioned for the Subcommittee to approve at least a 90 day submittal extension to the technology suppliers, at staff discretion. A modification to the motion was also made by Mr. Mohajer to request staff to work with County Counsel in order to clarify "contiguous" for MRF co-location in the RFO. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK

This item will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Zermeno provided an update regarding the City of Los Angeles' alternative technology project. Site tours, which were scheduled for early April, were postponed and are now scheduled for June. City representatives are expected to visit a total of seven facilities.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2008 at 10am.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am