

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

Minutes of August 21, 2008

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Board*
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
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
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Kathleen Gandara, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates*
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Mark Wittenberg, Cerrell Associates*
Carlyle Workman, City of Lancaster

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2008

Due to the lack of quorum, this item was skipped.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

On September 12, 2008, the San Gabriel Council of Governments will be hosting a workshop entitled *Trash 101*. Paul Alva, Coby Skye, and Tobie Mitchell are expected to provide presentations regarding legislation and waste management issues impacting the County of Los Angeles, including conversion technologies. On November 10, 2008 the Southern California Waste Management Forum will be hosting their annual conference and exhibit, and will include topics pertaining to solid waste issues and conversion technologies. Mr. McDannel added that he attended CRRA's 32nd annual conference and tradeshow in Burlingame, CA August 3-6, 2008.

Ms. Mitchell mentioned that Dr. Joseph Norbeck, a professor at the University of California, Riverside, has developed a gasification technology that can derive syngas from sewage sludge. Dr. Norbeck extended an offer for the Subcommittee to tour the University's pilot facility. Ms. Mitchell also said that the University submitted a pre-proposal to the AQMD for a research grant for this specific project.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Gibson provided an update on the public outreach contract. Mr. Gibson said he is developing a media plan for the County's project that will include written publications and a web component. The web database is ready to put online, and instructions will be sent to subcommittee members as to how to access information.

V. DISCUSSION ON RFO RESPONSES

Mr. Skye provided an update on the responses received for the RFO. Five offers from four technology companies have been submitted and will be reviewed by an evaluation committee made up of Subcommittee members. Ms. Gandara of Public Works' Architectural Engineering Division discussed the review process for the submitted offers that includes the committee evaluation process. Discussion ensued regarding the RFO response review process. Mr. Mohajer stressed that the County's role is not to make a

financial offer, but to be a facilitator in order to provide support activities to the participant. The time frame for the evaluation and negotiation process for the selected participant will be approximately six months.

VI. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Skye provided an update on the draft scope of work for the next phase of the County's conversion technology project. Feedback and comments on the scope of work should be submitted by September 5, 2008, in order to be incorporated and finalized by the September subcommittee meeting date. The RFP based on the scope of work is slated for release by the end of September. Proposals will most likely be received from participants by late 2008.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Miguel Zermeno provided an update on the City of Los Angeles' conversion technology project. During the months of June and July, a delegation made up of various representatives which included the Bureau of Sanitation, the Mayor's Office, and Councilman Greg Smith and staff of his and other City Council offices, made site visits to waste to energy and conversion technology facilities located in nine countries: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States. Bureau of Sanitation staff is working closely with HDR to provide a recommendation to the City Council by December of 2008. It is expected that negotiations will be planned with the top ranked company.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is to be determined.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.