

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

Minutes of September 17, 2009

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fernando Berton*, California Integrated Waste Management Board
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
John McTaggart*, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Chen, Southern California Edison
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Kay Martin*, Bioenergy Producers Association
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE 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, Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hillary Gross Moglen, Cerrell Associates*
Chris Jones, AECOM
Jim Leach, DANA Technologies
Luke Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
José Reynoso, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. LEA
Angélica SantaMaría, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
G. Vospher, GES
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2009

Due to lack of quorum, approval of August 20, 2009 minutes have been moved to next Subcommittee meeting.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye provided an update on the upcoming WASTECON 2009 event that will be held from September 22-24, 2009 in Long Beach. Mr. Skye will be presenting on Thursday of the event on the county efforts on Conversion Technology. We will have our first Conversion Technology outreach booth at Wastecon.

In October, the Waste board is coordinating a tour of several different alternative technology facilities in Southern California. Staff is coordinating with the Waste Board to will send an invitation to the Subcommittee members once the details have been finalized. .

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Hillary Gross Moglen of Cerrell Associates provided an update on the Public Outreach Contract. Cerrell assisted with registration of a Public Works outreach booth at the SWANA WASTECON 2009 conference held on September 22-24, 2009 in Long Beach. Cerrell also worked with County staff to identify, customize and order giveaway items for the WASTECON booth and future outreach activities.

V. UPDATE ON TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Skye provided an update regarding the negotiations with selected companies for Phase III/IV. Both the technical Evaluations and Negotiations are completed with the technology companies. Currently County counsel and their legal staff are doing the final review and approval of the MOU as it pertains to each company. Staff anticipates filing the board letter within the next few weeks and going before the Board of Supervisors before the end of the year.

VI. DANA TECHNOLOGIES, JAMES LEACH

Mr. Leach from Dana Technologies presented an overview on the various conversion technologies that he has evaluated and facilities that he has visited as a consultant, working on behalf of a project proposed in Hawaii. Mr. Leach advocated a hybrid approach that borrowed the best aspects of various conversion technology facilities to maximize conversion efficiency and robustness of the system. After the presentation Mr. Leach answered questions from members of the Subcommittee. Mr. Skye thanked Mr. Leach for sharing with the Subcommittee his company's experience in conversion technologies.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Zermeno provided an update on City of Los Angeles' Alternative Technology Project. The final review of the remaining vendors on the shortlist is expected to be finalized at the end of the month with a recommendation to the Board by mid October.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2009.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.