

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

Minutes of October 20, 2011

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Jacques Franco*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Ron Goodman, represented by Gary Bautista, Southern California Gas Company
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Public Health
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Rafael Garcia, Republic Services
Kay Martin, Bio Energy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jon Angin, Agilyx Corporation
Traeey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc (ARI)
Becky Bendikson, Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC)
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Susan Higgins*, ARI
Michael Hinrichs*, Cerrell Associates
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
David Muller, Renewable Energy Resources, Inc (RER)
Pat Proano, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Paul Alva called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2011, MEETING

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 15, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mrs. Tobie Mitchell informed the Subcommittee that last month the Department of Public Works participated with an information booth at the South Coast Quality Air Quality Management District Fair, where Conversion Technology information was distributed to the attendees.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN

Mr. Michael Hinrichs elaborated on the summary of activities and action plan memo submitted to the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) that indicates the public outreach activities Cerrell and Associates has performed for Public Works, and how it advances Phase III and IV of the County's Conversion Technology Program. Mr. Hinrichs stated that Cerrell focuses on public outreach and education, and is prohibited from participating in lobbying or legislative advocacy since the County has representatives specifically working on legislative advocacy efforts in Los Angeles and Sacramento.

Mr. Mike Mohajer asked if the summary of activities and action plan that Mr. Hinrichs is referring to, was developed by County staff or by Cerrell. In addition, Mr. Mohajer stated that the motion made by the ATAS was to request the County staff to produce the action plan. Mr. Coby Skye responded that this action plan was developed by Cerrell in conjunction with County staff.

Mr. Alva recommended re-evaluating the action plan and re-submitting a revised version of the report for subcommittee review at the January 2012 ATAS meeting. A request was made for Subcommittee members to share any comments they have on the draft plan no later than the end of November.

V. UPDATE ON PHASE III & IV CONTRACT

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following updates:

- Public Works completed the Six-Month Conversion Technology Update Report, which is being submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Public Works Staff will provide copies to the ATAS members once the report is public.
- ARI continues with the technical and financial submittal review process and database development. The initial review of Requests for Expressions of Interest (RFEIs) submittals is complete and the web modeling is in its final stages.

Ms. Susan Higgins provided the following updates:

- Ms. Higgins mentioned that CR&R approached the County and advised that they were making a technology switch from ArrowBio to Organic Waste Systems DRANCO technology, for technical reasons that will improve the efficiency of their project. For example, since CR&R is capable of processing and screening materials through their MRF, they ended up duplicating many of the inherent functions of the ArrowBio technology. This change will not impact the project as a whole, but it is anticipated that it will require a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and CR&R.
- Rainbow Disposal continues to contemplate whether or not they will switch technologies for the proposed project at their Material Recovery Facility in Huntington Beach. If so, this would also require an MOU revision.
- Due to recent developments, including relocation of IES' 40 ton per day unit from Menifee, CA to Mecca, CA, development of the IES demonstration project has been stalled. The County will therefore primarily focus on facilitating the development of the technology as part of Phase IV.

VI. PRESENTATION BY AGILYX CORPORATION

Mr. John Angin, Vice President of sales and marketing for Agilyx Corporation, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Agilyx Corporation, an alternative energy company that uses a patented conversion technology to turn difficult-to-recycle waste plastics into synthetic crude oil.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no open discussion.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.