

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

Minutes of November 17, 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)
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Rafael Garcia, Republic Services
Ron Goodman, represented by Gary Bautista, Southern California Gas Company
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Public Health
Kay Martin, Bio Energy Producers Association
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
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:

Traeey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc (ARI)
Becky Bendikson, Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Community Advisory Committee
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Susan Higgins*, ARI
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 OCTOBER 20, 2011, MEETING

Approval of the minutes was deferred for the next Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee Meeting for lack of a quorum.

III. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Jacques Franco informed the Subcommittee that on December 5-6, 2011 the City of San Jose will be hosting the "Waste Conversion Congress" conference. Ms. Tobie Mitchell also noted that Mr. Pat Proano would be speaking at the conference on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Miguel Zermeno reported that the City of Los Angeles (City) is in the process of interviewing and selecting an outside legal counsel to assist with the contract negotiations with Green Conversion System (GCS) for the commercial facility and emerging category facility developments. In addition, Mr. Zermeno stated that for the past year the City has been in contract negotiations for the emerging category facility with California Renewable Technologies (CART), but the City was approached and informed by CR&R that the partnership between CR&R and Arrow Ecology (ArrowBio) has been terminated. Therefore, the City is seeking to terminate all contract negotiations with CART under the emerging category.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN

Ms. Tobie Mitchell informed the Subcommittee that there were staff changes at Cerrell Associates resulting in a transition to new staff members working on the County's conversion technology contract. The new team will resume monthly updates on public outreach to the Subcommittee in January 2012.

V. UPDATE ON PHASE III & IV CONTRACT

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following updates:

- On November 16, 2011, the City of Perris Planning Commission certified the environmental permit for the municipal solid waste (MSW) anaerobic digestion project.

- ARI initiated a preliminary assessment for the City of Avalon's conversion technology project; a draft report is scheduled to be complete within three months.
- The economic modeling process continues for the Calabasas Landfill project. The preliminary modeling recommendation is to run 700 tons per day, utilizing anaerobic digestion or low temperature gasification.
- ARI has been working closely with Cerrell to identify other sources of grand opportunities. ARI will begin to reach out to environmental foundations to obtain additional sources of funding.

VI. PRESENTATION BY URBASER INC.

Mr. David Garcia de Herreros, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding URBASER INC, a waste management and treatment company that focus on street cleaning and municipal waste collection; design and construction of materials recycle facilities; sanitary landfills; municipal waste-to-energy facilities; biomethanization plants and others.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

There was no open discussion.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.