

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

**Minutes of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee meeting and
Special Meeting, May 16, 2013**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Anthony Bertrand, Republic Services
Matt Eaton, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
Jacques Franco*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Larry Levin*, Juniper Hills
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Schwartz*, Waste Management

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Kay Martin, represented by Jim Stewart, Bioenergy Producers Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Macaria Flores*, Cerrell Associates
Traacey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coby Skye called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Skye reminded the ATAS members that today's special meeting will be concurrent with the regular monthly meeting. In addition, if an ATAS member wishes to submit an agenda item for consideration, they may contact staff or the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2013 MEETINGS

A Motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2013 was made by Mr. Wayde Hunter, seconded by Mr. Coby Skye, the motion passed with abstentions from Mr. Mike Mohajer and Mr. Jim Stewart.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following updates:

- ARI continues to assist the County coordinating team discussions for SB 804 on a high priority level, leading up-to legislative hearings.
- At a lower level of priority, ARI continues to assist the County by researching available State and Federal funding opportunities.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Ms. Macaria Flores reported that activities have been light in the last month; Cerrell continues to assist the County with research and legislative efforts.

V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Coby Skye provided the following updates:

- Wastecon 2013 will be held on September 17-19, 2013 in the City of Long Beach, information and links to the website will be posted on the Conversion Technology Website.

- The next hearing date for SB 804 is May 20, 2013, with the Senate Appropriations Committee. Additional information will be provided at the next ATAS meeting.

BEGIN SPECIAL MEETING

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION: LEGISLATION RELATED TO CONVERSION TECHNOLOGIES.

Mr. Mike Mohajer expressed his support of SB 804 and AB 997 and there was an extended discussion regarding anaerobic digestion and the definition of composting in State statute.

As a result of this discussion, Mr. Mohajer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wayne Hunter, for the ATAS to recommend to the Task Force that they take a support position on AB 997 consistent with their position on SB 804. The motion passed with abstentions from Mr. Jacques Franco and Mr. Mike Schwartz.

The next item discussed was AB 1126. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that the bill would have a big impact on conversion technologies and was developed by CalRecycle. Mr. Stewart mentioned that the Bioenergy Producers Association was opposed to AB 1126. Mr. Skye discussed details of the bill and its key components.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Mohajer to recommend to the Task Force that they take an oppose position on AB 1126. The motion passed with abstentions from Mr. Jacques Franco and Mr. Coby Skye.

END SPECIAL MEETING

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Betsy Landis recommended that Mr. Stewart come to the Task Force meeting to present to them the Bioenergy Producers Association's concerns about legislation.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.