Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of August 17, 2006

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative John McTaggart, General Public Representative Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County Pete Oda, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Lucha, City of Santa Clarita
Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christine Casiño, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carl Pederson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Subodh Sinha, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wu Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2006

A motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2006, was made. Motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF THE FOURTH DRAFT REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Mr. Chuk Agu presented the fourth draft revisions of Chapter 7 of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE), which incorporates comments from the July 20, 2006, Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Agu also indicated that the fourth draft has also been submitted to the full Task Force for consideration as instructed by the Subcommittee at the July 20, 2006, meeting.

The Subcomittee provided staff with few additional comments, including adding information on Savage Canyon Landfill where appropriate.

The Subcommittee then passed a motion to approve the fourth draft of Chapter 7 subject to the additional Subcommittee comments.

IV. REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8 OF THE COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Mr. Chuk Agu presented the first draft revisions to Chapter 8 (General Plan Consistency) of the CSE. Chapter 8 provides information on the consistency of the sites and areas listed in Chapter 7 as potentially suitable for development of new class III landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation facilities, conversion technology facilities and biomass processing facilities, and expansions of existing facilities, with the General Plans of the governing jurisdiction.

The Subcommittee provided staff with their comments on the proposed Chapter 8 revisions. Mr. Mohajer noted that in order to be consistent with the current laws' attempt to distinguish transformation from solid waste disposal, and in an effort to exclude conversion technology from the definition of

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disposal, all references to "solid waste disposal facilities" should be replaced with the phrase "class III landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation facilities, conversion technology facilities, and biomass processing facilities."

The Subcommittee also instructed staff to restructure the contents of Chapter 8 into distinct categories (similar to Chapter 7) such as class III landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation facilities, conversion technology facilities and biomass processing facilities, and to create a table similar to Table 8-1 for each of these categories, where applicable.

In consideration of the impact of land use permit expiration on a facility's consistency with the governing jurisdiction's General Plan, the Subcommittee instructed staff to also indicate the expiration date of the land use permit(s) for each expanding facility.

The Subcommittee further instructed Staff to include information on Savage Canyon Landfill using the same approach as in Chapter 7.

The Subcommittee then passed a motion to incorporate Mike Mohajer and other Subcommittee members' comments.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.