

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

Minutes of September 21, 2006

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Ken Murray, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative
Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
John Gullede, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Agajaman, Direct Disposal C&D and recycling, Inc.
Dan Agajaman, Direct Disposal C&D and Recycling, Inc.
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christine Casiño, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Mistie Joyce, City of Los Angeles
Mark Patti, City of Santa Clarita
Carl Pederson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Vicente Sanchez, Reduce Price Disposal
Wu Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2006

A motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2006 was made. Motion passed unanimously.

III. AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Wu Tan stated the City of Los Angeles is requesting to amend its Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) to include the following facilities: Direct Disposal C&D Recycling Inc. and Reduce Price Disposal. Both facilities transfer, process, and sort construction and demolition debris. Mr. Wu Tan stated that staff found the City's request to be consistent with the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, and in compliance with requirements of State regulations. Therefore, he recommended the Subcommittee concur with the City's request to amend its NDFE.

Mr. Mike Mohajer questioned the combined usage of the site for Reduce Price Disposal and auto wrecking storage due to possible storm water quality issues. Ms. Mistie Joyce of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation said that the NDFE itself was not a permit and if there were issues with water quality, the City's local enforcement agency (LEA) will address these issues. Ms. Betsey Landis questioned why "Form 7" does not have a clear definition of where to insert the C&D debris data and the use of "NA/NR" in the diversion rate percent column. Mr. Carlos Ruiz stated that according to Title 14 of the CCR, the "diversion rate quantity" is not required for NDFE within a Jurisdiction. Ms. Betsey Landis instructed staff to provide future clarification on the Summary Table.

The Subcommittee passed a motion concurring with the City of Los Angeles' NDFE amendment to include the two facilities with the following conditions:

- Facilities must submit quarterly reports to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

- The Task Force letter is to advise the City of Los Angeles to look at compliance with reference to potential surface water contamination and stormwater requirements since Reduce Price Disposal shares the site property with an auto wrecking site without a visible division.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Chuk Agu presented the second draft revisions of Chapter 8 of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE), which incorporates comments from the August 17, 2006, Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Agu noted that for completeness, the red-lines from the first draft remained whereas the changes for the second draft were highlighted in yellow. In addition, the Subcommittee was also provided with a list of acronyms for background information only.

The major revisions for the second draft include (1) changing references to solid waste disposal facilities to class III landfills, inert waste landfills, transformation facilities, conversion technology facilities, and biomass processing facilities; (2) restructuring the contents of the chapter into the aforementioned categories; (3) revising Table 8-1 under the different categories and adding a column for General Plan Consistency; (4) adding the information on Savage Canyon Landfill; and, (5) including expiration dates of the existing Land Use Permits or Land Use Authorizations for the facilities with proposed expansions.

The Subcommittee provided staff with additional comments, including to (1) contact the County Counsel to clarify the definition of "Reserved" and "Tentatively Reserved" with respect to expiration of Land Use Permits/Authorizations, and (2) simplify the write-up on the facilities' land use permits.

A motion was made to accept the second draft revisions of Chapter 8 with staff working with County Counsel to clarify the issue regarding "reserved" and "tentatively reserved" areas. Motion passed unanimously.

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 11:55 a.m.