

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

**Minutes of May 21, 2009 Meeting**

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
12th Floor, Executive Conference Room  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsy Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John McTaggart, General Public Representative  
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tobie Mitchell, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2009**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2009, meeting was unanimously approved.

**III. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT REVISION UPDATE**

Mr. Chuk Agu updated the Subcommittee on the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) revision. Mr. Agu indicated that Chapter 5 concludes the draft revisions to substantive sections of the CSE; and staff will prepare and submit a complete preliminary draft package of the entire CSE to the Subcommittee for review. Mr. Agu also informed the Subcommittee that staff is working on contracting options with various service and technology vendors to facilitate other aspects of the CSE revision process, such as publication of the CSE preliminary draft, preparing the CSE's environmental document, conducting public outreach/information meetings (using information technology tools), etc. In addition, staff will provide the Subcommittee with regular updates.

**IV. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT CHAPTER 5 REVISIONS**

Ms. Tobie Mitchell made a power point presentation on the second draft revisions to Chapter 5 (Alternative Technologies) of the CSE.

Ms. Mitchell discussed the key updates to the second draft, namely, updating information on the Southern California Conversion Demonstration Project; updating the regulatory, environmental/social, technical, and economic sections of the Chapter, including regulatory uncertainty, air pollution, and total system costs.

Ms. Mitchell also discussed the various staff recommendations which ranged from adding a definition of alternative technologies in the Chapter to enhancing the discussion on environmental issues to address Assembly Bill 32 and global warming issues.

Ms. Mitchell further discussed various comments received from the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) on the second draft. The major comment was to enhance the discussion on combustion (Section 5.4.1.) and fluidized bed combustion (Section 5.4.1.1.), and also to compare and contrast the key differences between the alternative technology efforts of the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles.

Ms. Mitchell indicated that staff's next step would be to incorporate the ATAS and Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee comments, and re-submit the revised Chapter 5 along with the entire CSE preliminary draft.

The Subcommittee discussed the Chapter revisions, concurred with ATAS comments and staff's recommended revisions, provided further comments, and instructed staff to include: (1) reclaimed water as a component of the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility Schematic Process Diagram in Figure 5-1, and the Southeast Resource and Recovery Facility Refuse-to-Energy Schematic Process in Figure 5-2; and (2) the use of reclaimed water in the facility requirements.

The Subcommittee also inquired if Chapter 5 includes a discussion on the siting criteria for the conversion technology facilities, and also the locations of the facilities. Mr. Agu explained that these issues were addressed in Chapter 6 (Facility Siting Criteria), Chapter 7 (Proposed In-County Facility Locations and Descriptions), and Chapter 10 (Finding of Conformance) of the CSE. Also that Figure 7-10 (Areas Potentially Suitable for Siting Conversion Technology Facilities in Los Angeles County) of Chapter 7 (4th draft revision) shows the areas potentially suitable for siting conversion technology facilities in Los Angeles County, and that Chapters 6 and 10 discuss and outline the siting criteria for solid waste disposal facilities. The Subcommittee suggested that few sentences be added to Chapter 5 to reference Figure 7-9 and Chapters 6 and 10 discussion on the siting criteria.

The Subcommittee concurred that the potential locations for conversion technology facilities could be shown in the CSE either (1) by showing land use areas potentially suitable for siting CT facilities (e.g., Figure 7-10 in the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of Chapter 7), similar to what was done for the Los Angeles County Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CoHWMP), or (2) as a "dot on the map" of locations of the major materials recovery facilities, transfer stations, and construction, demolition, and inert (CDI) debris processing facilities (e.g., Figure 7-8 in the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of Chapter 7). However, the Subcommittee expressed concern over listing

locations of materials recovery facilities; transfer stations; and CDI debris recycling facilities as “dots on the map” in the CSE, since these facilities are non-disposal facilities and also for concern over local opposition and political ramifications.

**IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. NEXT MEETING DATE**

To be announced at a later date.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.