

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

Minutes of July 19, 2012, Meeting

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization 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:

Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Becky Bendikson, City/County Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory
Committee
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Linda Lee Miller, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Sevak Khatchadorian, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Nik Reppuhn, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Emiko Thompson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2012, MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2012, meeting was unanimously approved.

III. SAVAGE CANYON LANDFILL IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER, FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Ms. Linda Lee Miller informed the Subcommittee that the City of Whittier has submitted additional information to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) regarding its application for a revised Solid Waste Facility Permit for Savage Canyon Landfill. As such, the City needs time to discuss the application with the LEA and CalRecycle. The City requests the Subcommittee to postpone making a decision on whether the changes to the Landfill require a Finding of Conformance from the Task Force until the next Subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to the request.

IV. CITY OF AZUSA AMENDMENT TO NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Nik Reppuhn made a [PowerPoint Presentation](#) to the Subcommittee on the City of Azusa's Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) Amendment.

On February 22, 2012, the Azusa City Council amended the NDFE which was previously approved by CalRecycle in 1994. The NDFE Amendment entails the removal of three facilities that are no longer operating and an addition of three new facilities. The three facilities removed are: Fibre Fuel, BFI Tire Recycling, and Western Disposal Waste Recovery and Transfer Station. The three newly added facilities are: Azusa Material Recovery Facility, Athens Material Recovery Facility/Transfer Station, and American Organics Compost Facility.

The Azusa Material Recovery Facility is proposed to be located at 1501 West Gladstone Street in the City of Azusa. The owner and operator, Waste Management, Inc., expects to start up the facility by the summer of 2013. The 125,000-square-foot facility will process a maximum of 800 tons per day (tpd) of recyclable materials, 2,500 tpd of municipal solid waste, and 500 tpd of green waste. The facility will serve the cities of Azusa, Pasadena, Baldwin Park, San Dimas, Claremont, Los Angeles, and County unincorporated areas.

The Athens Material Recovery Facility/Transfer Station is an existing facility located at 14048 and 14150 Valley Boulevard in the City of Industry. The facility is permitted to process up to 5,000 tpd of non-hazardous refuse, separated or comingled recyclables, and inert waste. The diversion rate for incoming

municipal solid waste ranges between 25 and 30 percent; and 90 percent for incoming source separated recyclables. The facility is approximately 19 acres and serves the cities of Azusa, Bell Gardens, Covina, Irwindale, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, West Hollywood, County unincorporated areas, and other cities in the general vicinity.

The American Organics Compost Facility is also an existing facility located at 20055 Shay Road in the City of Victorville. The facility is permitted to process up to 700 tpd of green waste and organics. The facility serves the cities of Azusa, Bell Gardens, Covina, Irwindale, Glendora, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, West Covina, West Hollywood, and County unincorporated areas.

The NDFE Amendment is in conformance with the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and complies with State laws and regulations (Section 18770, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations). Since it is not subject to environmental review in accordance with Section 41735 of the Public Resources Code, no environmental document was prepared.

Pursuant to AB 341, the local Task Force is no longer required to review, comment, or take action on the NDFE Amendment. After some discussion, a motion was passed for staff to send a letter to the City of Azusa thanking the City for providing a copy of the NDFE Amendment to the Task Force. The letter will also indicate that the NDFE Amendment is in conformance with the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, and complies with State laws and regulations, and with environmental regulations; and include a reminder that monthly disposal reports should be submitted by the facilities to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works on a quarterly basis.

V. APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

As requested at the June Subcommittee meeting, Mr. Martin Aiyetiwa brought the preliminary draft of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) back for the Subcommittee's review and consideration.

Ms. Betsey Landis inquired if all the comments made by the Subcommittee have been incorporated into the latest draft. Mr. Aiyetiwa confirmed that all the comments have been addressed and any new comments received will be reflected in the next version of the document.

Mr. Christopher Salomon asked if the consultant, who will be hired to format the final version, will be making significant changes to the CSE. Mr. Aiyetiwa stated

that the consultant will only modify the format and the “look and feel” of the document for public presentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Carlos Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Salomon to approve the preliminary draft CSE as of July 19, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. UPDATE ON SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL

Ms. Miller informed the Subcommittee that in June of this year, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) received 55 odor complaints, of which 20 were landfill gas related, 1 was trash related, and 34 were either not verified or determined not to be landfill related complaints. AQMD issued 1 odor violation in June.

Mr. Ruiz asked how the number of complaints compares to previous years. Ms. Miller stated that compared to June of last year, 10 more complaints have been received this year. Only 1 and 5 complaints were received in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

Mr. Wayne Hunter commented that just because a complaint is not verified does not necessarily mean it is not landfill-related. It is difficult to track a complaint due to the time difference between the time when AQMD receives a complaint and the time it is able to investigate it. Mr. Hunter said he would share a report with the Subcommittee that outlines the number of odor complaints AQMD receives about the Landfill.

Mr. Gerardo Villalobos informed the Subcommittee of Republic’s request to the LEA to implement a 90-day pilot project utilizing a modified Dust Boss. The purpose of the pilot program is to assess whether the modified equipment is effective in mitigating odors.

Ms. Miller also updated the Subcommittee on the progress of enhancing the landfill gas control system. Various components of Flare 9 are still being assembled, and it is anticipated to begin operation by August 3, 2012. Republic has decided that Flares 1, 3, and 8 will be upgraded with two 200 horse power blowers each. The equipment modification Title V permit has already been submitted to AQMD. Republic anticipates installing two of the blowers by August 15, 2012, and the remainder by the end of August. Once Flare 9 and the blowers are installed, the landfill expects a significant increase in the amount of landfill gas collected and destroyed.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no discussion/public comment.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

August 16, 2012.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.