

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

Minutes of December 15, 2005

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Chris Mastro, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates

OTHERS PRESENT:

Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Sloan, Jim Sloan Co.
Philip Sloan, Jim Sloan Co.
Mark Patti, Resident of Santa Clarita

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIES FOR PASSAGE OF AB 1090

This Bill has been identified as a priority to provide conversion technologies a level playing field, since current regulations stifle research and development. Mr. Alva mentioned that Staff had directed a letter of support to the Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee (ANRC) supporting conversion technology and AB 1090. Mr. Mohajer explained that as a two year Bill, AB 1090 must be passed by the Assembly at the end of January 2006, meaning it must pass out of the ANRC early in the month, otherwise if the bill stalls in committee, it is "dead" until the 2007-08 legislative session. Because this bill is at a critical juncture, Mr. Mohajer recommended that members of the Subcommittee voice their support to members of the ANRC, and recommend the Task Force members do likewise.

III. DISCUSSION ON FORMATION OF STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

Logistics of a possible stakeholder advisory group were discussed as a mechanism to involve stakeholders in this process and build support. Staff was asked to prepare a plan for the development of a group, which will be considered at the next meeting.

III. CLARIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR CSD'S CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR THE PILOT CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY FACILITY

Mr. Wheless mentioned that a letter from the Sanitation Districts will be ready in early 2006, and touched on the letter's possible main points. Mr. Alva pointed out that because construction of a conversion facility may be partially funded by the Sanitation Districts, the Subcommittee should be cognizant of the Sanitation District's requirements and requests when developing a facility.

V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye suggested that this agenda item be a regular item on future agendas. He also provided a recap of his facility tours at the BRI gasification/fermentation plant in Fayetteville, AR and the Changing World Technology's thermal depolymerization plant

in Carthage, MO. Mr. Skye discussed his meeting with Amador Tibay of CleanSave Waste Corporation, a proponent of an autoclave process, and James Binder of Alternative Resources, Inc., the company that prepared a conversion technology study for the City of New York.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public discussion ensued.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBA

The next meeting date is scheduled for January 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. If possible, this meeting will be coordinated with a tour of the new autoclave facility opening in Anaheim.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.