

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**Amended Minutes of November 20, 2003**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative  
Margaret Clark, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division  
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
John McTaggart, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Thomas L. Garthwaite, represented (rep.) by Virginia Maloles, County of L.A. Dept. of Health Services  
James A. Noyes, rep. by Shari Afshari, County of L.A. Dept. of Public Works  
David Roberti, rep. by Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Barry Wallerstein, rep. by Jay Chen, South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Judith Wilson, rep. by Karen Coca, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Ben Wong, rep. by Mike Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Deaton, City of Los Angeles Appointee  
Christopher J. Garner, City of Long Beach  
David Kim, City of Los Angeles Appointee  
Joe Massey, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
Jim Stahl, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Barker, County of L.A. DPW  
Toyasha Black, City of Arcadia  
Chuck Buehard, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Susan Collins, HFH  
Anna Gabriel, County of L.A. DPW  
Anita Jimenez, City of Santa Fe Springs  
Duane McDonald, Athens Services  
Michelle Nicholls, SCS Engineers  
Lara Orchanian, City of La Habra Heights  
Martin Rosen, City of L.A. LEA  
Ron Saldana, LACDA  
Isabel Schleip, City of Covina

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2003**

The minutes of October 16, 2003, were approved unanimously.

**III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR PER COUNTY CODE §3.67.060**

Task Force members voted and elected Mr. Mike Miller as the Vice Chair of the Task Force, replacing Margaret Clark in that position.

**IV. REPORT FROM THE FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Mike Mohajer stated that he chaired the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee meeting in Mr. Albert Avoian's absence. He explained the Subcommittee approved a motion to require the City of Los Angeles to provide zoning and current operational tonnage per day information for each private, non-City owned facility that will be listed in the City's Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE). The Subcommittee requested that the City of Los Angeles provide this information to staff prior to the next Task Force meeting. The Subcommittee postponed making a decision regarding the amendment to the City's NDFE until the information has been received and reviewed.

Ms. Karen Coca from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation expressed concern that zoning and tonnage information had not been requested previously. She stated that she would like to have a list of all the information that will be needed so the City can provide all of the necessary information required to end the NDFE amendment approval process.

Mr. Mohajer also provided an update from the Public Education and Information Subcommittee. He stated that the Subcommittee considered and approved articles that have already been submitted for the next issue of the Inside Solid Waste (ISW) newsletter. The Subcommittee also assigned a number of articles for staff to prepare for the next issue of ISW. The next issue of ISW is scheduled to be released in January 2004. Mr. Mohajer stated the Subcommittee assigned him to contact several agencies who have representatives that are members of the Subcommittee who have been no-shows for the past several months.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT**

This item was postponed until the next Task Force meeting so that the Subcommittee has an opportunity to review requested information from the City of Los Angeles.

**VI. STATUS OF RESPONSE TO TASK FORCE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON BRADLEY LANDFILL**

Mr. Martins Aiyetiwa from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works stated that the owner/operator of Bradley Landfill sent a letter to the Task Force requesting an additional 30-day extension on providing requested information. Task Force members agreed to grant the extension, but decided the owner/operator must submit requested information to the Task Force on or before December 17, 2003. A motion was made stating that if the requested information is not received by that date, the owner/operator of Bradley Landfill will be asked to appear before the Task Force at the December 18, 2003, Task Force meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Task Force members also requested that County Counsel be present at the December 18, 2003, Task Force meeting if the owner/operator of Bradley Landfill does not submit the required information by December 17, 2003.

**VII. CIWMB DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES**

Mr. Mohajer stated the Task Force previously sent a letter to the Waste Board regarding conversion technology facilities, but the Task Force did not receive a response from the Waste Board. Task Force members expressed concern regarding how gasification is defined in the Waste Board's draft regulations for conversion technology facilities. Task Force members discussed the draft regulations and agreed that by moving gasification into transformation, the Waste Board is essentially attempting to change State law through their regulations.

A motion was made to send a letter to the Permitting and Enforcement Committee chaired by Michael Paparian, with copies of the letter sent to every Waste Board member and the Governor, requesting a formal response from the Waste Board regarding this issue. Prior to voting on the motion, Task Force members discussed the Governor's Executive Order, as it requires State agencies to stop processing new regulations for a period of time not to exceed 180 days. Task Force members decided to acknowledge the Executive Order in their letter to the Waste Board by requesting the

Waste Board provide a response regarding Task Force concerns when the regulatory process begins again. The motion passed unanimously.

In addition, Task Force members discussed the section of the Governor's Executive Order that requires government agencies to provide a report on recently passed and proposed regulations and their impacts on business and industry. Task Force members decided that the letter to the Governor should be in reference to waste management issues that concern the Task Force only. A motion was made to develop a list of concerns regarding the solid waste industry to send either in a letter or as an attachment to a letter to the Governor. The motion passed unanimously. Task Force agreed to provide input to a list of concerns developed by staff which will be included in the letter to the Governor within 10 days, so that staff has time to draft the letter or report before the next Task Force meeting.

#### **VIII. STATUS ON DISPOSAL REPORTING SYSTEM AND ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY REGULATIONS**

Mr. Aiyetiwa stated the Waste Board recently approved a revised version of the Disposal Reporting System adjustment methodology regulations for a 45-day public comment period. These revised regulations do not contain requirements the Task Force originally had opposed, such as a requirement that site addresses must be provided. Mr. Aiyetiwa stated that staff will review the regulations and will inform Task Force members at the next meeting of any concerns.

Mr. Mohajer stated the Task Force sent a letter to the Waste Board regarding alternative daily cover regulations and inquired whether a reply from the Waste Board had been received. The Waste Board has not sent a reply to the letter. A motion was made to send a letter to the Office of Administrative Law with a copy to the Governor regarding the alternative daily cover regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. REPORT FROM THE CIWMB**

Mr. Steve Uselton from the Waste Board discussed the construction and demolition (C&D) regulations that have been forwarded to the Office of Administrative Law for review. He distributed a resolution from the Waste Board's September 2003 meeting and stated that there is an aspect of the resolution dealing with how the regulation of certain inert disposal facilities might affect the local jurisdictions' ability to meet diversion requirements. These inert disposal facilities in question have not been part of the disposal reporting system in the past. However, as a result of the new regulations, these facilities will be given a solid waste facility permit, specifically an Inert Debris Type A Disposal Facility Registration permit.

Mr. Uselton explained that tonnages from these facilities will be captured in the Disposal Reporting System. Since this type of facility was not regulated back in 1990, when jurisdictions were doing their generation analysis, disposal at these facilities might not have been captured in their base year generation study. Mr. Uselton stated that not having that information in the base year and then evaluating disposal in the reporting year can significantly impact diversion rates.

Mr. Uselton explained the Waste Board intends to allow jurisdictions to petition the Waste Board for a review on a case-by-case basis if their diversion rates have been affected by the changes made to the C&D regulations. The Waste Board's current policy is that if jurisdictions have projects that are one-time anomalies or that are outside of the control of the jurisdiction, jurisdictions may petition the Waste Board for a review on a case-by-case basis. The Waste Board intends to follow the same type of policy to resolve jurisdictions' concerns regarding changes made to the C&D regulations.

Mr. Uselton also stated that the Waste Board is still waiting for the Board of Equalization data before the adjustment method calculations are released for Annual Report use. The Waste Board has posted the annual reporting system online and has provided passwords to jurisdictions. The Waste Board has also posted the disposal information for each jurisdiction. The Waste Board will notify jurisdictions as soon as Board of Equalization information is available and jurisdictions will have an additional 30 days to complete their Annual Report following the release of the information.

Mr. Uselton stated the Waste Board plans to begin surveying school district recycling, per SB 373. He explained that one of the provisions of SB 373 was to survey school districts to assess recycling programs in their schools. The Waste Board hopes to finish collecting survey information by January 2004. The Waste Board will post the survey results on their website.

Mr. Uselton also stated the Waste Board has added new features to its Board Agenda document system. The Waste Board will be adding meeting transcripts from mid-1996 onward to the system.

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no open discussion/public comment at the meeting.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2003.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.