

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

**Minutes of January 19, 2006**

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  
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting  
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Ed Wheless, represented by Mark McDannell, County Sanitation Districts of  
Los Angeles County  
Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Gandara, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Ben Lucha, City of Santa Clarita  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m.

## **II. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Mr. Skye reported that a tour of the World Waste Technologies' Autoclave in Anaheim is scheduled to occur when the facility becomes fully operational, sometime in April or May. He also mentioned that a representative from Choren, a company that produces diesel fuel from organic feedstock, contacted Staff and is planning to make a presentation on his company's technology at the next Task Force/Subcommittee meetings.

Mr. Zermeno reported that the City of Los Angeles' Mayor's office is recommending coordinating an environmental workshop which would examine emissions data from gasification, pyrolysis, and waste to energy facilities. He also stated that phase one of the City's conversion technology study is complete, and the start date for phase two has been delayed.

## **III. UPDATE ON AB 1090 AND RELATED LEGISLATION**

After going through significant revision, AB 1090 was pulled prior to committee hearing on January 9, 2006. The bill was stripped of language that would have provided diversion credit for conversion technologies and counted it as recycling. Mr. Mohajer said that language eliminated from the original version of AB 1090 might be introduced in a new legislative bill later this year. A motion was passed that recommended the Task Force send a letter to Assembly Member Barbara Matthews clarifying our support for AB 1090, and some of the key provisions we hope to be retained in the Bill when it is reintroduced. The motion passed. Mr. McDannell abstained from the decision. In order to gain more leverage in Sacramento, a motion was passed previously at the December Task Force meeting that designated Mr. Mohajer as the Task Force's representative in Sacramento and Mr. Mike Miller his alternate. The Subcommittee would provide technical support to the designees while in Sacramento.

Presently, the Task Force has taken no formal position on two conversion technology related bills, AB 727 and AB 177. Even though these bills are technically dead, the Subcommittee recommended that the bills' authors be added to the Cc list for the Matthews' letter.

#### **IV. PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP**

A draft list of possible members of a stakeholder advisory group, including members from key agencies and environmental groups, was developed and awaiting for Subcommittee approval. Staff is prepared to develop a more comprehensive stakeholder advisory group list based on Subcommittee suggestions. Once the list is approved, Staff will develop a formal invitation and meeting dates to be finalized by the Task Force.

#### **V. FEDERAL RENEWAL FUELS STANDARD – MICHAEL THEROUX**

This item was skipped.

#### **VI. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RFPS**

An RFP for the facilitation of a conversion technology facility was released in December and the due date for accepting proposals was extended to February 21, 2006. Kathleen Gandara, a representative from Architectural Services Division (ASD), explained that three firms have agreed to submit proposals. Once these proposals are received and meet County criteria, an Evaluation Committee, composed of Subcommittee members, will review and evaluate the passing proposals in early March. Depending on the Evaluation Committee's recommendations, ASD will schedule interviews with the given recipients.

Mr. McDannell presented a letter from the Sanitation Districts' in regards to their position on possible funding of a pilot scale conversion technology test facility, and their definition of what constitutes a pilot project.

#### **VII. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Skye stated that the conversion technology website, which can be accessed from the Task Force's main website, was ready for public viewing. He also mentioned that two solid waste periodicals mentioned the release of URS's "Conversion Technology Evaluation Report" in their publications.

#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD**

No meeting date was announced.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.