

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

Minutes of August 17, 2006

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
3rd Floor Annex, Large Conference Room
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS

Paul Alva, represented by Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Barnwell, CCT Marketing LLC
Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Kevin Butler, Global Alternative Green Energy
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental Corporation
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Committee considered request from the RENEW LA Committee to provide conversion technologies "by right" status in M2 and M3 (heavy industrial/manufacturing) zones in the City of L.A. Despite protest by environmental groups, who claimed the request was premature and they had no input, the Committee approved the request. It was noted that this request comes one full year after the publication of the RENEW LA plan, and that most of the environmental groups claiming they had no mechanism for input on this process were not only invited to the City of L.A.'s Emerging Waste Technologies Forum at UCLA, but were speakers and presenters on the stage.

III. COMMUNICATION WITH MRF OPERATORS AND TECHNOLOGY VENDORS

On August 10, ARI sent a letter to the top six technology vendors identified in Phase I as well as the eight technology vendors passing the minimum screening criteria in Phase I. The letters were designed to determine the vendors' interest in participating in the Phase II process and to provide the opportunity to disclose new and relevant information regarding their technologies.

In disclosing new information, the technology suppliers were asked to address factors that impacted their ranking in Phase I as well as specific issues unique to their technologies. As of August 17, 2006, 10 of the 14 companies had acknowledged receiving the letter, and 5 made a statement that they would respond. A response to these letters is expected by August 18. However, it was suggested by Mr. McTaggart to extend the due date by 10 days in order to maximize the amount of companies able to participate.

IV. NEXT STEPS FOR PHASE II FACILITATION CONTRACT

Mr. Binder mentioned that ARI is continuing to evaluate the letters received, and will forward their comments to staff. He estimated that by December 2006 a list will be finalized of the companies receiving the RFI. At present, ARI is drafting the RFI, researching funding opportunities, and preparing for the facility tours.

V. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

The Public Outreach Contract is scheduled to be released the week of August 21. Two weeks following, a bidders' conference will be scheduled. Proposals for the contract would be due approximately two weeks after the conference.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Theroux stated that the State released the Bioenergy Action Plan in July 2006, which is currently accessible from the energy commission's website. This website also provides a link to the Federal Interagency Biomass Initiative, from which funding for conversion technologies is available. Mr. Skye noted that the August Waste Board agenda contained an item on conversion technologies, but was pulled prior to the Waste Board hearing.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting is scheduled is scheduled as a teleconference happening August 30th at 10 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 pm.