

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

Minutes of September 20, 2007

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Dave Hauser, Browning Ferris Industries
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
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
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:

Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Bender, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Carl Pederson III, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 7, JUNE 21, JULY 19, AND AUGUST 19, 2007

The minutes of June 7, June 21, July 19, and August 16, 2007 were approved.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye mentioned that he will be providing a series of presentations regarding the County's conversion technology efforts to the City of Glendale; the California Council for Environment and Economic Balance; the Air and Waste Management Association of California; and the County Council Association of California. Mr. Theroux reported that the California Air Resources Board is developing an expanded list of early action items for compliance with AB 32, and a hearing was conducted the week of September 16. Surprisingly, the only item during the hearing that related to solid waste related to improved landfill gas capture, and a recommendation was made to send comments to the ARB to consider additional landfill diversion efforts under their early action items. Mr. Theroux also participated in a roundtable discussion conducted by Valley Vision, on behalf of the Clean Energy Technology Action Team, which are working to brand the nine-county Sacramento region as a clean technology/energy hub.

On September 21, Mr. Theroux will chair a meeting at CSULA regarding the nine state college consortium that is attempting to rethink the colleges' energy balance and efficiency, combined heat and power production, and the use conversion technologies. Mr. Theroux will be meeting with the Dean of Engineering, the Director of Facilities and the Director of Development for CSULA, and will be reporting on the discussion at the next Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Berton will be speaking at the LEA/CIWMB 10th annual conference, October 16-18 in San Diego, regarding emerging technologies on an international level.

IV. DISCUSSION ON SB 1020

Mr. Skye provided an update on SB 1020, which is now a two year bill. The most recent language circulated to the Subcommittee, which was not officially adopted, only

provided diversion credit for anaerobic technologies and a narrowly defined subset of “cellulosic ethanol” processes, precluding most conversion technologies from receiving similar provisions and retaining exiting inaccurate definitions of conversion technologies in Statute. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to recommend that the Task Force send a letter to SB 1020’s author, expressing the Task Force’s concerns regarding the proposed amendments, and send a letter to each city in Los Angeles County requesting they also send a letter of concern to the Senator’s office. The motion passed unanimously.

V. UPDATE PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Gibson provided an update regarding the public outreach contract. Cerrell Associates has been conducting stakeholder meetings and are developing articles for publication in regional papers, including an editorial response to an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal. Discussion ensued regarding the County’s website release date and e-newsletter, and it was agreed that the new website should be launched in concert with the approval of the Phase II Report.

VI. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

Ms. Higgins provided an update on the facilitation contract. At present, ARI is working to incorporate comments into the Report. Mr. Skye went over the comments received for the executive summary on a page by page basis. Discussion ensued regarding changes to the Report’s executive summary.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF PHASE II CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION REPORT

Mr. Mohajer made a motion to recommend that the Task Force approve the Los Angeles County Conversion Technology Evaluation Report - Phase II Assessment, with amendments agreed to by the Subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Mohajer announced that the Southern California Waste Management Forum will be conducting their annual conference and exhibit entitled “Environmental Integration: From Concept to Reality”, on November 15, 2007 from 7:00am to 3:30pm in Ontario, CA. Mr. Skye will be participating as a panelist regarding the County’s conversion technology demonstration project.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be taking place on October 18, 2007

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.