

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

Minutes of May 15, 2008

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates*
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.*
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Nancy Pfeffer, Network Public Affairs*
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster
Gary Toll, Agripost

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 13, AND APRIL 17

The minutes of January 23 and February 13 were approved. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to discuss and consider the minutes of April 17, 2008. Following discussion, the minutes of April 17, 2008 were approved as amended.

II. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

On May 30, 2008, Mr. Skye will be making a presentation at the California Contract Cities Association's annual conference "Models of Green Government" in Palm Springs, CA. Mr. Skye's presentation will highlight the current status of the County's conversion technology project, as well as conversion technologies in general.

Mr. Theroux mentioned that he has filed two letters, one which would recuse himself from voting and critical decision-making regarding the County's conversion technology project due to a conflicting agreement with Chevron Energy Solutions in the development of a feasibility study for the City of Norco. The feasibility study would examine various technologies with the capability of converting a minimum of 100 tons a day of horse manure and greenwaste into electrical and thermal energy. The other letter requests the County and the Task Force's collaboration and assistance regarding the City of Norco's project.

III. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Gibson provided an update on the public outreach contract. During the month of April/May, Cerrell Associates met with representatives for Riverside County's Department of Environmental Health regarding the County of Los Angeles' conversion technology project. Furthermore, Cerrell Associates has been working with Staff concerning the development of the advisory outreach committee; a recommendation regarding the committee should be ready by the June meeting date.

Mr. Gibson presented a draft version of the web database that would be developed solely for ATAS use and access. The purpose of the database would be to provide a

steady stream of information that could be updated and accessed by Subcommittee members in regards to the County's conversion technology project.

SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Skye provided an update regarding the Scope of Work. An overview of the current status of the project, including how the 90 day extension granted at the last monthly meeting will impact the project, ensued. Furthermore, the current facilitation contract is set to lapse on July 1, 2008. Once the proposals from the technology suppliers are received in August and reviewed, the Subcommittee can help to negotiate the final details, and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Once the Board of Supervisors decides to move forward with one or more of the recommended projects, a request for offers can be drawn up for a technical consultant.

Discussion ensued regarding the nature of the EIR process and its impact on the County's project. In particular, Mr. Theroux suggested that the Subcommittee consider utilizing a programmatic EIR rather than an individual EIR for the various conversion technology projects. Following discussion, Staff committed to investigating this issue.

IV. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

Sue Higgins provided an update regarding the County's facilitation contract. At the request of the Subcommittee at the last meeting, Staff confirmed that a potential site immediately adjacent for MRF co-location was considered contiguous, and therefore available for facility development. Consideration of additional locations will be discussed at the June meeting. ARI has requested that the shortlisted technologies provide an interim report regarding their technology's RFO submittal; an update on the technologies current status should be available by the June meeting date.

V. PRESENTATION FROM AGRIPPOST, INC.

Gary Toll of Agripost Inc., a subsidiary of Tri-Post Systems LLC, provided a presentation regarding his company's proposed composting operation. Agripost would utilize incineration and composting technologies to process municipal solid waste. Discussion regarding Agripost's technology, State statutes regulating composting operations, and the possible use of solid waste as feedstock ensued.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion ensued.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2008 at 11 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.