

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

Minutes of September 25, 2008

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 Board
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Bilson, Private Citizen
Wesley Bilson, Private Citizen
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
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Mark Wittenberg, Cerrell Associates*
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2008

The minutes of June 19, 2008 were approved.

III. DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION OUTREACH PLAN

Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Gibson of Cerrell Associates provided a presentation regarding the County's Public Outreach Plan. At present, Cerrell Associates is working to implement its general outreach strategy for the County's conversion technology project. Of note, modifications are planned to the County's conversion technology website, future presentations, and means of communication. For the record, Mr. Alva stressed the need for a diverse approach to managing waste. Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of the public education outreach plan.

IV. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

An overview of the recent conversion technology events and meetings were provided. Ms. Mitchell mentioned that a tour of the University of California, Riverside gasification pilot facility for Subcommittee members was postponed until the spring. She also added that she provided a presentation to the City of San Diego, which is interested in pursuing CTs as an alternative to landfilling. Both Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Skye met with solid waste professionals from Limerick County, Ireland, who are interested in developing conversion technologies as a means to help reduce disposal of the biodegradable fraction of their waste stream. Mr. Skye said that that he was a featured speaker at the Waste Board's Climate Change and Conversion Technology Speaker Series on September 22, 2008.

Mr. Berton stated that he will be speaking on behalf of the United States' state department at conferences sponsored by the nations of Curacao and the Bahamas regarding conversion technologies during the week of September 21, 2008. Mr. Tseng mentioned that the U.S. navy in San Diego is possibly looking to do a study on various technologies that can be used to manage their waste stream. The study should be completed by the end of the year.

V. DISCUSSION ON RFO RESPONSES

RFO responses were passed out to participating members at the evaluation committee meeting. Because the content of the responses is sensitive, discussion regarding this item was limited. It was noted that the next evaluation committee meeting is expected to take place October 23, 2008.

VI. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK

Ms. Mitchell provided an update on the draft scope of work for Phase III and Phase IV. Comments provided by Subcommittee members were incorporated into the latest draft. Discussion ensued regarding the draft scope of work. Mr. Alva motioned to approve the draft scope of work with the comments submitted by the Subcommittee. The motion passed. The draft will be forwarded to AED to be processed. Mr. Alva stated that a consultant should be selected and a recommendation presented to the Board of Supervisors concurrently with a project recommendation.

VII. PRESENTATION BY RON GRANADOS

Mr. Ron Granados provided a brief overview of his accomplishments and goal to work with the County to convert waste into energy. Mr. Alva requested Mr. Granados to put his request regarding Puente Hills Landfill into writing. Mr. Alva stressed that anything to do with the Puente Hills Landfill is the responsibility of Sanitation Districts.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion ensued.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is to be determined.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.