

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

**Minutes of June 18, 2009**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
John McTaggart\*, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Fernando Berton\*, California Integrated Waste Management Board  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Chen, Southern California Edison  
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association  
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation  
Mark McDannel, represented by Robert Ferrante, County Sanitation Districts of  
Los Angeles County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Jones, AECOM  
Matt Gallagher, Cerrell Associates\*  
Sevak Khatchadorian, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Daniel Moscaritolo, Remediation Earth  
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
G. Vospher, GES

\*designates a call-in attendee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2009 AND MARCH 19, 2009**

Minutes for March 19, 2009 and April 16, 2009 were approved by the subcommittee.

**III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Mr. Skye provide an update on conferences that staff has participated in including the Waste to Fuel conference in San Diego, the Biomass Collaborative Annual Forum in Sacramento, and a presentation to the Ventura County American Public Works Association. Mr. Skey also participated in several meetings in Sacramento to provide technical feedback regarding AB 222. Upcoming conferences include the Waste to Energy Finance and Investment Summit in July, the CRRRA Conference in August, and SWANA WASTECON in September. On July 14, as part of the Waste Board's strategic policy committee, Waste Board staff will be presenting the first in a series of presentations regarding different conversion technologies - the first presentation will discuss anaerobic digestion. These meetings are all webcast and open to the public.

**IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT**

Matt Gallagher with Cerrell Associates provided an update on Public Outreach. Cerrell staff continues to monitor AB 222 through constant interaction with Sacramento contacts prior to its committee hearing date. Media training for Mr. Skye was arranged to prepare him on delivering key message points, in anticipation of the recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors.

**V. UPDATE ON TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS**

Ms. Mitchell provided an update regarding the negotiations with the selected companies. Staff has developed draft agreements and is working County Council to finalize the agreements, which is anticipated to happen in the next few weeks. In addition, staff has worked with the recommended environmental consultant for Phases III/IV in order finalize the schedule of prices for the contract. This process is also anticipated to be completed in the next few weeks.

**VI. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT**

Mr. Zermeno presented an update on their Alternative Technology Project. On August 22, 2007 the city received 13 proposals for Alternative Technology projects from companies located around the world. The proposals included anaerobic digestion, advanced thermal recycling, gasification and pyrolysis technologies. Two submittals were received for their proposed emerging technology category, and included plasma arc gasification as well as anaerobic digestion. After initial screening for compliance with City contracting requirements, as well as further review by City staff including site visits, the City decided to move forward with a short list of vendors. The vendors on the short list include Wheelabrator Technologies, California Renewable Technologies, Urbaser & Keppel Seghers, and Green Conversion System.

The City will further evaluate the list given two pressing concerns – the availability of emission reduction credits which may be needed for the facilities, and the financial situations of the companies given the global economy and that some of the proposals are from overseas. On July 1, 2009, the City presented this recommendation to its board and received approval on the short list and to further evaluate the list.

**VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, PARTICIPATION, AND 2009 GOALS**

After discussion, a motion was made to approve the goals with some revisions, and to forward them to the Task Force for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Discussion ensued regarding definitional issues within current State statutes.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2009.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.