

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

**Minutes of December 17, 2009**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Chen, Southern California Edison  
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition  
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Eugene Sun, City of San Marino Mayor  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Paul Alva, represented by Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hillary Gross Moglen, Cerrell Associates  
Angélica SantaMaría, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
G. Vospher, GES

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor Eugene Sun of the City of San Marino was introduced and welcomed as the newest member of the Subcommittee.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

The minutes for August 20 and September 17 were approved by the majority of the members present with the exception of Eugene Sun who abstain from voting on both minutes.

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

Mr. Skye noted the Pacific Biomass Conference will be held from January 11-13, 2010 in Sacramento. Ms. Tobie Mitchell will be presenting on Wednesday of the event on the County's conversion technology efforts. The VerdeXchange Green Marketmakers Conference 2010 will take place on January 25, 2010 in Downtown Los Angeles, where Mr. Skye will be speaking.

Mr. Zermeno provided an update on City of Los Angeles' Alternative Technology Project. On November 9, 2009, the City's Public Works Board approved staff's recommendation to move forward with the contract negotiations under the emerging technologies category with CART – a partnership between ArrowBio and CR&R. City staff has begun meetings for contract negotiations and expects to continue to meet for the next two months.

Discussion ensued about facilities, technologies, tonnage and service area. Mr. Zermeno indicated that the City is looking at the needs of the City anticipating the population growth.

**IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT**

Hillary Gross Moglen of Cerrell Associates provided an update on the Public Outreach Contract. Cerrell met with the Coalition for Clean Air to provide them with information on the County's project. Cerrell worked with County Staff on presentations and preparations for the next step on this project. Staff is currently working on the formation of an environmental advisory group to coordinate more effectively with environmental organizations as a part of Phase III and especially Phase IV of the project.

**V. UPDATE ON PHASE III & IV CONTRACTS**

Mr. Skye provided an update regarding the Phase III/IV contracts. As mentioned at the December meeting both the technical evaluations and negotiations with technology vendors are completed. County counsel and their legal staff are doing the final review and approval of the MOUs as it pertains to each company. Due to the holidays some meetings were cancelled and with the recent turnover in the Public Works department staff anticipates going before the Board of Supervisors in February. There will be two items for the Agenda; the first item is to approve the MOUs with the technology vendors and MRF partners to develop the demonstration projects, and the second item is to approve an environmental consultant that would assist in developing the demonstrations projects and initiate Phase IV.

**VI. 2009 CA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC) INTEGRATED ENERGY REPORT**

Mr. Skye provided a synopsis of the CEC's *2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report* (Report) and noted the Report was deficient in discussing the opportunities provided by conversion technologies and in addressing the challenges faced by such technologies. Mr. Mohajer made a motion to send a letter to the CEC requesting that the Report include a discussion of conversion technologies and provide clear definitions for the terms "biomass facility" and "MSW conversion facility." The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. McDannel provided an update on the landfill gas-to-energy plant being developed at the Calabasas landfill. The plant is currently at approximately 95% completion and it is anticipated to be operational by March 2010.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2010.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 54 a.m.