

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

Minutes of March 18, 2010

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacques Franco *, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle)
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
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 Council Member
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kevin Chen, Southern California Edison
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

*designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2010 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2010.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010 and February 18, 2010. The motions passed with Mr. Mark McDannel abstaining on the minutes of January 21, 2010.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Mark McDannel reported that the County Sanitation Districts visited the Crazy Horse Landfill to view a demonstration scale autoclave facility in Salinas, CA, that converts unsorted MSW into cellulose.

Mr. Jacques Franco informed the ATAS that the dates for the upcoming Biomass Collaborative Forum were changed to May 10-11 2010 in order to accommodate the Governor's Keynote speech at the Clean Tech conference that will be starting on May 12 at UC Davis. This year the Forum will be held in parallel with other renewable energy events at UC Davis to share diverse ideas regarding how renewable energy projects can be integrated in urban areas. On day two (May 11) the focus will be on Urban derived biomass, the new name for trash. Mr. Coby Skye has been invited as a speaker at this conference to present on the conversion technology efforts on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

Mr. Mike Mohajer reported to the ATAS on the Southern California Waste Management Forum Spring conference in Downey. Mr. Mohajer reported that the presentation from Dr. William Welch of UC Riverside regarding thermal conversions technologies around the world was very well received.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Skye provided the update on the Public Outreach Contract. Staff continues to work with Cerrell in coordinating meetings with representatives of various environmental groups. A meeting with the environmental justice community is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2010 in Wilmington, CA. The focus of the meeting is to share Dr. William Welch's recent study on emissions from thermal conversion technologies around the world.

Staff is also working on setting up a forum in UCLA that would focus on conversion technologies, regulations and green jobs. Tentatively, staff is looking at hosting this forum in May.

V. UPDATE ON PHASE III & IV CONTRACTS

Mr. Skye announced the tentative date for the Board hearing is April 20, and encouraged the ATAS members to attend the hearing in lieu of an ATAS meeting in April. The Board will be considering two major items: approval of Memorandums of Understanding with the three technology development teams; and approval of the environmental consultant contract to assist in Phases III and IV of the Project. Approval by the Board would represent a significant milestone in the Project's development and would set the stage for the first conversion technology facilities in the U.S. to be developed.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Miguel Zermeno with the City of Los Angeles provided an update on their alternative technology project. Currently the city is in final negotiations with CART, a partnership made up of CR&R and ArrowBio, for development of a facility. Members will be kept posted of any developing news.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is TBD. If the conversion technology project is scheduled for April 20, members are encouraged to attend the Board hearing in lieu of a meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.