

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

Minutes of April 19, 2012

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Suk Chong, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Jacques Franco*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

David Cieply, Republic- Allied Waste Company
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Kay Martin, Bio Energy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino

OTHERS PRESENT:

Traecey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc (ARI)
Becky Bendikson, Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Community Advisory Committee
Anthony Bertrand, Republic Services
Teri Cohan Link, LINKCO INC
William Gorham*, Cerrell Associates
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Jacqueline Maddox, Clements Environmental
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Betsy Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Pat Proano, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Suk Chong called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2012 MEETING

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve corrected minutes, seconded by Mr. John Kaddis. Motion carried.

Following approval of the minutes, Ms. Tobie Mitchell introduced Mr. Ron Kent, representative from Southern California Gas Company, as the new member of the ATAS. Mr. Kent shared briefly about the projects he is working on for the Gas Company.

III. UPDATE ON PHASE III & IV CONTRACT

Ms. Traecy Anthony provided the following updates:

- Together with the County, Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) has been working on various activities for a potential anaerobic digestion project at Calabasas Landfill. The County is in the process of identifying waste resources, which has included meetings with the City of Santa Monica to discuss the potential project and their interest in providing waste to a project.
- ARI is currently working with Cerrell Associates (Cerrell) and a web developer, to publish a technology and financial services database and web-based models. The database and models are running on a temporary domain hosted by the web developer. ARI and Cerrell are working as a team to confirm functionality and finalize the presentation of the materials on the web.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Mr. William Gorham provided the following updates:

- Cerrell participated in meetings with the County, ARI, and key stakeholders regarding potential sites for a CT project at the City of Carson.
- The County is participating and Cerrell is assisting in the California Contract Cities Annual Municipal Seminar, in May 2012 to educate and spread the positive message of CTs in California.

- Cerrell continues the communication and education efforts at Sacramento and environmental groups to garner public support for our CT efforts.
- On May 8 and 9, 2012, the County, Cerrell, and other stakeholders will be meeting in Sacramento with the Director of CalRecycle, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, Commissioner of California Energy Commission, and the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Pat Proano stated that in addition to Cerrell's efforts, the County is working with several cities and other counties in a CT working group created by the County Engineers Association of California to engage decision makers in Sacramento and to review legislation such as Assembly Bill 341. Mr. Proano added that this working group will support current and new CT projects. Mr. Mohajer commented that this support group should also consider legislation such as A.B. 1900.

Mr. Proano requested that Cerrell, develop a list of issues and regulations that could be addressed at Sacramento.

V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Ms. Tobie Mitchell gave a summary of the 26th Annual BioCycle West Coast Conference, which was held on April 16-19, 2012, in Portland OR. Ms. Mitchell provided a presentation on behalf of the County.

VI. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY MEDIA PLAN

Chairman Chong presented a draft outline of the Conversion Technology Action Plan. Mr. Mohajer recommended discussing the Action Plan at the next ATAS meeting, along with the fact sheet requested by Mr. Proano.

VII. VICTORY PLANT CONCEPT OVERVIEW

Ms. Mitchell stated that she spoke with Mr. Scott Miller, who is the lead coordinator for the Victory Plant Certification Concept. This group was convened by Biofuels Digest to develop a certification for advanced biofuel projects producing 5 million gallons or more per year of biofuels. According to Mr. Miller, this concept is in its preliminary stage of coordination. The certification would be available to viable commercial scale conversion facilities that meet the EPA

renewable fuel standard definition of low carbon fuels and are determined financially viable by a recognized 3rd party audit.

Mr. Miller will provide the ATAS a presentation of this concept in the May, 17 2012 ATAS meeting.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Betsey Landis suggested as part of the Conversion Technology Action Plan, addressing the incorporation of potential conversion technology project locations in the Countywide Sitting Element.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.