

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

**Minutes of January 17, 2013**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Wayde Hunter\*, North Valley Coalition  
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills  
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)  
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

David Cieply, Republic-Allied Waste Company  
Jacques Franco, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)  
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino  
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sue Higgins\* Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)  
Claudia Holguin, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Macaria Flores\*, Cerrell Associates  
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Greig Smith, GS Consulting

\*designates participants over the telephone

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Coby Skye called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and introduced Mr. Larry Levin as the newest member of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS).

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2012 MEETINGS**

Approval of the minutes was deferred for the next ATAS meeting due to a lack of quorum.

## **III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Sue Higgins provided the following updates:

- Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) is currently researching funding opportunities that could support County planning efforts and project development activities. They identified a possible opportunity with the National Science Foundation that initially looked promising, but details revealed that the opportunity doesn't align with current County activities.
- ARI is tracking a pending solicitation from the CEC under the AB 118 biofuels program which is scheduled for release in March or April 2013.
- ARI in conjunction with Department of Public Works' (County) staff, met with CR&R to discuss the status of CR&R's anaerobic digestion project. The project is advancing well and CR&R reported that many site improvements have been made and the facility will be in full construction this year.
- The City of Avalon remains interested in a conversion technology project to extend the life of the Pebbly Beach Landfill. The City recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for waste collection and handling. The RFP process is ongoing and details are not available.
- County staff have been providing technical support to IRS Demolition in South Gate as they evaluate a potential conversion technology project.
- County staff are currently providing technical support to the City of Long Beach as they evaluate a potential conversion technology project.

- A survey was developed and issued by the County to gather information and identify legislative changes and other actions that could facilitate the development of conversion technology projects in California.

#### **IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Macaria Flores provided the following updates:

- The past month's efforts have been focused on helping the Department of Public Works with materials and support for outreach opportunities at various conferences, as described in more detail below.

#### **V. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY ACTION PLAN**

This agenda item was deferred for the next ATAS meeting due to a lack of quorum.

#### **VI. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS**

Ms. Macaria Flores provided the following updates:

- The County will be participating in the VerdeXchange Conference on February 3-5 2013, in Los Angeles California. Mr. Skye encouraged the ATAS members to participate in the VerdeXchange conference. The County will be hosting three panels related to conversion technologies:
  - Municipal Regulations and Options for Conversion Technologies
  - Evaluating for Applicability, Reliability, and Cost-Competitiveness
  - Project Economics and Implementation
- On December 18, 2012, Mr. Pat Proano, Assistant Deputy Director with the Department of Public Works, released an Op Ed entitled "*Californians are ready for conversion technologies*", which has been published widely on various publications throughout the State and the nation.
- The County continues to organize multiple meetings with Sacramento advocates and stakeholders in support of legislative efforts in Sacramento.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were received.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.