

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

Minutes of February 21, 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
Jacques Franco*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Matt Eaton, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Larry Levin*, Juniper Hills
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

David Cieply, Republic-Allied Waste Company
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Traacey Anthony Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)
Macaria Flores*, Cerrell Associates
David Gerald, Urbaser
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Greg 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.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2012, AND JANUARY 17, 2013 MEETINGS

Mr. Mike Mohajer made a motion to approve the November 15, 2012, minutes, seconded by Mr. Jeff Yann. The motion passed with an abstention from Mr. Larry Lavin.

Mr. Jeff Yann made a motion to approve the January 17, 2013, minutes, seconded by Mr. Larry Levin. The motion passed with an abstention from Mr. Mike Mohajer.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following updates:

- Alternative Resources Inc., (ARI) is currently finalizing an updated Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) to expand the technology and financial company database, upon County's approval the new RFEI will be released to all applicable companies we have contact info for. The RFEI will also be posted on the Conversion Technology website and promoted through the eNotify list.
- ARI continues to promote the Conversion Technology (CT) Survey that is currently available on SocialConversion.org by reaching out to the companies on our database and those that we have targeted to add to it.
- The City of Avalon has been considering the possibility of integrating a CT project with their active procurement for waste collection/landfill operation.
- The City of Long Beach is continuing to consider development of a CT project, and has been in communication with the County about options for proceeding.
- IRS Demolition continues its independent work in considering a potential CT project in the city of South Gate; our consultant prepared a project summary for their use in pursuing potential grant opportunities.
- The County, with assistance from ARI, continues to monitor key state funding opportunities, primarily those that may be available through the California Energy Commission.

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, as described in more detail below.

V. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY ACTION PLAN

Mr. Larry Levin commented that the CT Action Plan should include a statement that reference to actions taken by CIWMB before it was named CalRecycle. Mr. Levin added that some words about why opposition from various politicians could help in future discussions.

Mr. Mohajer made a motion to approve the Conversion Technology Action Plan, seconded by Mr. Levin. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Ms. Macaria Flores provided the following updates:

- The County had a very successful participation at the VerdeXchange Conference on February 3-5 2013, we had a high participation at our 3 panels, and we gathered approximately 50 new signups to our e-newsletter, most of who also signed on to support CT legislation.
- The County continues to organize multiple meetings with Sacramento advocates and stakeholders in support of legislative efforts in Sacramento.
- Mr. Coby Skye announced that Senator Ricardo Lara will be the author of a Bill that will be introduced this week. Additional information will be provided at the next Task Force meeting.
- Mr. Mohajer commented that he participated on a workshop hosted by California Resource and Recovery Association on implementation of AB 341. He stated that at the meeting, the presenters discussed CalRecycle's report but no new information was reported.
- Mr. Mohajer also informed the ATAS that Bioenergy Association of California was recently formed, and they promote composting and low temperature conversion technologies. Mr. Mohajer offered to forward an article to all members regarding this new advocacy group.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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