

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

Minutes of March 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
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Matt Eaton, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (LACSD)
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
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)
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Kay Martin, represented by Jim Stewart, Bioenergy Producers Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gabriel Arenas, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Betsy Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Susan Higgins*, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)
Macaria Flores*, Cerrell Associates
David Gerald, Urbaser
George Gomez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coby Skye called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MEETINGS

Mr. Mike Mohajer made a motion to approve the February 21, 2013, minutes, second by Mr. Jeff Yann. The motion passed unanimously.

III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Sue Higgins provided the following updates:

- The CR&R anaerobic digestion project located at Perris, CA. is reaching the point of groundbreaking, construction is scheduled to instigate in late-summer or early-fall of 2014.
- IRS Demolition is currently working with the County in the development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide technical services for a potential CT project in the City of South Gate.
- The Cities of Long Beach and Avalon continue collaboration with the County and have expressed interest on developing potential CT projects at their corresponding cities.

Mr. Mohajer asked what type of permit the CR&R project received from CalRecycle, and whether that permit is already in-hand or is pending?; Ms. Higgins offered to contact CR&R to verify and provide the information at the next ATAS meeting.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Ms. Macaria Flores provided the following updates:

- On Monday March 18, 2013, The County in conjunction with California State Association of Counties (CSAC), hosted a forum/discussion event in Sacramento, CA. focused in conversion technology policies and SB 804; with the participation of State Legislators, and a variety of key stakeholders. This was a very well received event. In addition to the discussion, the County and CSAC closed the forum with the presentation and screening of the movie "Trashed".

Mr. Coby Skye added that this event was a good opportunity to meet with key stakeholders and the screening of the movie was very helpful in highlighting the importance of proper solid waste management.

Mr. Mohajer asked to please describe the message of the movie. Mr. Skye stated that the movie focus on the issue of waste on a global level, waste and landfill management, and waste to energy facilities and their challenges, as well as the amount of waste that ends up as letter. Also he stated that a section of the movie highlights the San Francisco's organics collections and recycling programs.

V. BIOENERGY ASSOCIACION OF CALIFORNIA (BAC)

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Julia Levin, Executive Director of BAC, introducing her organization and stated that the BAC was founded by companies and groups interested in promoting bioenergy generation from organic waste in California. The mission of the BAC is to lead the way and ensure that recently enacted state policies help the industry to grow quickly and sustainably, and in the process make California a world leader in bioenergy. ([Presentation Attached](#))

VI. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Coby Skye provided the following updates:

- The County participated on multiple meetings with County representatives, Sacramento advocates, and stakeholders in support of AB 804. Mr. Skye commented that AB 804 it's a bill by Senator Ricardo Lara, co-sponsored by Los Angeles County and CSAC, and is designed to create a pathway for conversion technologies.
- County has also met with every state agency that has involvement with environmental issues, CalRecycle has been the lead because of the tying to waste management, Energy Commission, Public Utilities Commission, the Governor's Office, and several others, to discuss and gather feedback regarding the issues associated with conversion technologies.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Betsy Landis, commented that since we got all drawings for the anaerobic digestion project in Lancaster Landfill, there are several interesting points and comments that will be discussed this afternoon at the Task Force meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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