

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

**Minutes of April 18, 2013**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Bertrand, Republic Services  
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  
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management  
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino  
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno\*, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Becky Bendikson, Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Community Advisory Committee  
Traacey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)  
Macaria Flores\*, Cerrell Associates  
George Gomez, 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 MARCH 21, 2013 MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Yann, seconded by Mr. Wayde Hunter, to approve the minutes with certain amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following updates:

- The County continues to work with IRS Demolition, Inc. in support of a conversion technology facility at their operation in the City of South Gate.
- The County is currently drafting a 6-month status report to the Board of Supervisors; the report will include an updated listing of stakeholders, updated project descriptions and status.
- As part of ARI's ongoing activities to monitor technologies and provide technical information to stakeholders, they have compiled a listing of companies, including those that are currently on the County's database and others that are not yet listed. The table includes a brief company and technology description, contact information and website links.
- The City of Oxnard released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a business plan for the City operation and maintenance of the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station. Information and a link to this RFP will be included in our next E-notify.
- CR&R Inc., has completed their preliminary engineering drawings for their anaerobic digestion project in the City of Perris, CA, and they expect to break ground in August of this year with a one-year construction period.

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

Ms. Macaria Flores provided the following updates:

- In the last month, Cerrell and Associates has focused on assisting the County with outreach to key stakeholders for support of SB 804.

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

Mr. Coby Skye provided the following updates:

- Mr. Skye stated that SB 804 is currently the main focus of our outreach activities.
- The County participated in multiple meetings with committee staff, state agencies, and other stakeholders in support of SB 804 this past month.
- The County encountered considerable opposition to SB 804 in Sacramento orchestrated by Californians Against Waste, who have circulated misinformation about both the content and the intent of the legislation. County staff is working hard to correct the information.
- SB804 was scheduled to be heard by the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications on April 16, 2013. This hearing has been moved to April 30, 2013.

Mr. Wayne Hunter expressed concerns over the language in the bill and was concerned that the bill does not do enough to correct definitions or provide incentives for conversion technologies.

A discussion of the bill language and the politics surrounding the language followed. Mr. Skye noted that the County continues to be committed to a transparent process moving forward and welcomes input from all stakeholders. Mr. Skye encouraged stakeholders submit support letters for SB 804 with specific details about what kind of language they would like to see in the bill.

Mr. Franco gave an update on the BioCycle conference in San Diego. Next year's conference will be fully devoted to renewable energy. Mr. Franco made a general request to members for ideas about which topics should be discussed at the conference.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public comments.

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

