

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

Minutes for February 15, 2018 Meeting

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark McDannel, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Tom Blank, Waste Management (WM)
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale Department of Public Works.
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Chris Coyle, Republic Services
Tim Hall, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, (CalRecycle)*

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Daniel Dela Cruz for John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jim Stewart, for Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jacques Franco, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and the Economy
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Troy Weber, CalRecycle*
Tracey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)
Adam Seger, Aemerge/Redpak
Landon Miller, Aemerge/Redpak
Gerald Ley, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Clark Ajwani, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Lance Cervantes, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*Designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Patrick Holland called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2018 MEETING

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 18, 2018 Subcommittee Meeting was made by Mr. Wayne Hunter to be amended, if necessary, to address concerns regarding Subcommittee members calling in as members of the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ben Lucha. The motion passed.

III. PRESENTATION FROM AEMERGE/REDPAK

Mr. Landon Miller, Chief Operating Officer of Aemerge, [presented](#) on their anaerobic thermal conversion of medical waste at the Redpak facility in Hesperia, CA. The facility processes the medical waste at 4 tons per hour as well as produces a synthetic gas that is combusted to generate power via steam generator. The electricity production qualifies for renewable energy credits.

Mr. Mohajer asked if any CalRecycle permits were needed for this facility to operate. Mr. Miller answered that the Hesperia facility was not currently permitted to process municipal solid waste, but assured that the company was open to potentially process municipal solid waste in the future.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Mr. Clark Ajwani informed the Subcommittee that February 16, 2018 is the last day for new bills to be introduced. None of the new bills that have been introduced so far do not directly impact alternative technology projects.

V. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/ OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Mr. Ajwani mentioned the following:

- The SB 1383 Workshops have changed dates to April 4 in Sacramento and April 6 in Carlsbad.
- Alternate Resources, Inc. reviewed a Cal Fire Grant opportunity and is looking into the feasibility of applying for the Urban Wood and Biomass Utilization Grant.

VI. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ajwani thanked the Subcommittee for their review and comments of the survey to solicit stakeholder input regarding the e-newsletter. The survey is being finalized and will be sent out with the next newsletter.

Mr. Mark McDannel provided a short history regarding the Commerce Refuse-to-Energy Facility (CREF), which is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Sanitation District). He informed the subcommittee that the Sanitation District's Board decided this facility will closed by June 30. Ms. Betsey Landis asked about the future land use of the CREF site. Mr. McDannel responded that, his understanding was that the City of Commerce indicated they were not interested in another solid waste facility at this location.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ajwani followed up with items from the previous meeting where Mr. Chris Coyle wanted to know if a Subcommittee member can participate on the phone of another Subcommittee member. Staff had inquired County Counsel who responded that an attendee can participate on the phone of another Subcommittee member as a member of the public. The language is unclear whether an acting member of the Subcommittee can act as a member in the same capacity.

Mr. Ajwani said that the Conflict of Interest motion the subcommittee had made in January did not pass at the January 18, 2018 Task Force Meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2018.