

Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of May 18, 2006

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
John McTaggart, General Public Representative Alternate
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
John Gulledge, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles
Pete Oda, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martins Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christine Casiño, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wu Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHAPTER 7, OF THE REVISED COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Mr. Chuk Agu presented the second preliminary draft revisions to Chapter 7 of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE). Mr. Agu indicated that this draft incorporates the comments received from the full Task Force at its March 16, 2006 meeting.

The revised draft also included a map showing areas potentially suitable for siting conversion technology facilities in Los Angeles County, as previously instructed by the Task Force. Mr. Agu explained that staff developed the map from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Plan Land Use Update of 2000. SCAG's land use categories selected as potentially suitable for siting conversion technology facilities are light industrial, heavy industrial, miscellaneous industrial, utilities, and general industrial.

The Subcommittee was also provided the following:

- Background materials relating to SCAG's General Plan Land Use Update used to develop its land use maps.
- The latest CSE's goals and policies adopted by the Task Force, a copy of Title 14, Sections 18755 – 18756.7 of the California Code of Regulations; the definition of "gasification" and "transformation" pursuant to AB 2770; the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Policy regarding the "The Dot on the Map" for the purpose of Solid Waste Facility consistency with the CSE; and, the Task Force correspondence to the Waste Board in regards to the CSE's Finding of Conformance versus the "The Dot on the Map" policy.
- The glossary of terms and acronyms of the 1997 CSE. The Subcommittee agreed with Mr. Agu's suggestion to provide the Subcommittee with an updated glossary of terms and acronyms with each revised chapter to minimize the need to define the terms in each chapter.

The Subcommittee discussed the revised draft and provided staff with their comments. Due to the complexity of the issues involved with Chapter 7, the Subcommittee also instructed staff to restructure Chapter 7 into the following components: Class III Landfills, Inert Waste Landfills, Transformation

Facilities, Waste-to-Energy Facilities, Conversion Technology Facilities and Biomass Conversion Facilities.

The Subcommittee instructed staff that all future chapter revisions should be submitted to the Subcommittee first and in turn, the Subcommittee will update the Task Force.

III. CONSOLIDATION OF SOLID WASTE MONITORING REPORTING FORMS

Mr. Aiyetiwa presented the consolidation of solid waste monitoring reporting forms to the Subcommittee. He recommended that all existing Task Force solid waste monitoring and reporting forms be replaced to comply with the new California Integrated Waste Management Board's Disposal System and Adjustment Method regulations, which took effect on January 1, 2006. The new regulations, among other things, specified new reporting requirements for waste haulers, transfer stations/non-disposal facility operators, landfills, and transformation facility operators.

Mr. Aiyetiwa also stated that the Department of Public Works is developing a comprehensive Internet-based system to give transfer stations/non-disposal facility operators the option of submitting the information via the Internet.

The Subcommittee agreed with Mr. Aiyetiwa's recommendation and provided staff with their comments.

In regards to staff's recommendation to send a letter to all transfer stations/non-disposal facility operators in Los Angeles County requesting they utilize the new forms immediately, Mr. Mohajer requested the letter be postponed until after the training period to avoid confusion.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public discussion.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.