

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

Minutes of April 19, 2007

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Chris Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Nicole Bernson, City of Los Angeles
Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Ken Murray, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Chuk Agu, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Sevak Khatchadorian, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2007 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2007 was made. Motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF THE WORKING DRAFT REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9 OF THE COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Mr. Chuk Agu made a Powerpoint Presentation ([Attachment I](#)) on the preliminary draft revisions to Chapter 9 of the County Siting Element (CSE). The presentation focused on major assumptions and revisions, and the next steps regarding the revision.

Chapter 9 describes how jurisdictions in Los Angeles County may use the out-of-County disposal option to provide adequate disposal capacity during the 15-year planning period. Mr. Agu indicated that the purpose of Chapter 9 is to provide a description and locations of existing and proposed out-of-County landfills that may be used by jurisdictions in Los Angeles County to ensure that adequate disposal capacity is provided for solid waste generated in Los Angeles County during the 15-year planning period.

Mr. Agu noted that due to the complexity, sensitivity and uncertainty of issues involved in Chapter 9, the draft revision is still in its conceptual stage. As a result, facility information and data contained in this draft is tentative and will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Staff will fine-tune Chapter 9 revisions and resubmit it to the Subcommittee for a detailed review and discussion.

The major assumptions on to Chapter 9 include (1) the 15-year planning period (anticipated as 2009 - 2024) for the revised CSE, (2) out-of-County disposal need (i.e. projected export), (3) components of out-of-County disposal option, (4) types of out-of-County facilities, (5) out-of-County landfill selection criteria, (6) availability of waste-by-rail (WBR) system, (7) distance of out-of-County landfill sites, (8) reliance on truck versus rail transport, (9) necessary in-County infrastructure, and (10) out-of-County disposal strategy.

For major revisions on Chapter 9, staff (1) incorporated Subcommittee members previous comments, (2) incorporated new and additional substantive information, (3) incorporated new and additional assumptions, (4) updated and added new facilities and facilities' information (4) added new tables, maps, fact sheets, and figures, (5) separated discussion and information on out-of-County landfills located in California from those located outside California, (6) relied on waste-by-truck rather than waste-by-rail transport as the primary means to access the out-of-County disposal capacity, (7) rearranged Table of Contents and added sections, (8) deleted previously identified but terminated projects regarding Material Recovery Facilities/Transfer Stations (MRFs/TS) with potential rail-loading capability, (9) listed and described the permitted

MFRs/TS, rail-yards, rail-loading and inter-modal facilities in Los Angeles County as the in-County infrastructure necessary to access the out-of-County disposal capacity, and (10) modified the out-of-County landfill selection criteria.

The next step is for staff to (1) incorporate additional Subcommittee comments, (2) determine if “dot on the map” approach is allowable for showing location of out-of-County landfills in lieu of individual landfill maps, (3) determine if a table summarizing fact sheet information is allowable in lieu of individual landfill fact sheets, (4) continue to research and obtain missing landfill and facility information, (5) continue to research and verify waste import restrictions of the out-of-county landfills, (6) prepare and complete remaining tables, maps, fact sheets, figures, etc, (7) select the potential out-of-County landfills located both in California and outside California, and (8) submit revised draft of Chapter 9 to Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee provided staff with comments, including to (1) define major terms and acronyms at the beginning of Chapter 9, (2) use generalized maps (i.e., “dot on the map” approach) to show location of out-of-County landfills in lieu of individual landfill maps, and (3) summarize landfill fact sheet information in the tables in lieu of providing individual landfill fact sheets. In addition, Ms. Landis instructed staff to discuss compliance of the solid waste exports with the AB 939 diversion mandate, and Mr. Mohajer instructed staff to define and discuss conversion technology facilities separately from solid waste disposal facilities.

The Subcommittee instructed staff to incorporate comments and submit the revised draft to the Subcommittee.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.