

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

Minutes of June 18, 2009 Meeting

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Mike Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Allan Chan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Gabe Chavez, Mission Recycling
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Linda Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Carol Ly, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Corey Mayne, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Howard Morris, City of Pomona
David Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Lindsay Sagorski, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Matt Suska, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2009

A motion to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved.

III. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CITY OF POMONA NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Martin Aiyetiwa gave a PowerPoint presentation ([see Attachment No. 1](#)) on the Staff Report on the City of Pomona's request for the Task Force to review and approve the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the City of Pomona's Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE), in accordance with the requirements of Section 41734(a)(1) of the California Public Resources Code and Section 18761(b), Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Along with the powerpoint, copies of the following documents were provided to the Subcommittee for review and comment: (1) Staff Report on Amendment No. 3 to City of Pomona's Nondisposal Facility Element, dated June 9, 2009; (2) Staff's written (email) response to Mr. Mohajer's comments on June 9, 2009 Staff Report on Amendment No. 3 to City of Pomona's Nondisposal Facility Element; and (3) Mr. Aiyetiwa's Powerpoint Presentation on Amendment No. 3 to City of Pomona's Nondisposal Facility Element.

The City's NDFE was approved by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) in 1996, and subsequently amended in 2004 (Amendment No. 1) and 2007 (Amendment No. 2). The City is proposing to amend the existing NDFE to include two transfer/processing facilities which are owned and operated by West Coast Recycling Services, (d.b.a. Mission Recycling). The facilities accept and process source separated recyclables and e-waste from the commercial and residential sectors.

The facilities received temporary permits on August 7, 2008 to comply with Assembly Bill 1473, which requires nondisposal facilities that fail the Waste Board's "3-Part Test" to obtain full Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP). These facilities failed the 3-Part Test because the residuals generated are more than ten percent of the amount of throughput. As a result, the operator of the facilities

must obtain permanent SWFP's when their temporary SWFP expires in June 2010.

Mr. Aiyetiwa stated that Staff found the City of Pomona's NDFE Amendment No. 3 to be in conformance with the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, environmental regulations, and with State laws and regulations.

Mr. Aiyetiwa also stated that based on these Findings, Staff recommended Task Force concurrence with Amendment No. 3 to the City's NDFE; and for the owner/operator of each facility to submit Form 7 (titled "Monthly Disposal Quantity Reporting For Use by Solid Waste Station and Nondisposal Facility Operators Origin Survey") on a quarterly basis (within 30 days from the end of the quarter) to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division. The Monthly Report shall contain the type and quantity of waste (by weight) received at the facility for processing, recycling, and disposal at off-site facilities. The facilities' owners/operators may submit the quarterly reports in an alternative reporting format as required by their respective Local Enforcement Agency.

The Subcommittee discussed the NDFE Amendment and provided comments and further instructions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Estimated Quantities of Material Entering the Facilities:** The Subcommittee inquired as to the total amount of materials that could be processed at each facility. Mr. Aiyetiwa stated that the facility located at 1326 East 9th Street processes about 300 tons per day (tpd) of materials, of which approximately 220 tpd is recycled, and 80 tpd is transferred to landfills. The facility located at 1341 East Mission Boulevard processes nearly 200 tpd, of which 150 tpd is recycled, and 50 tpd is transferred to landfills.
- **Processing Municipal Solid Waste or Source Separated Recyclable Materials:** The Subcommittee asked if the facilities process municipal solid waste or source separated recyclables at the facilities since it was not clear in the Staff Report. Mr. Gabe Chavez (representing Mission Recycling) stated that the facilities accept only source separated materials and E-waste and only from commercial and residential waste sectors.

- **Compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Requirements:** In response to Subcommittee inquiry, Mr. Chavez also stated that the facilities are in compliance with RWQCB standards.
- **Description of Facilities:** The Subcommittee instructed Staff to classify facilities listed in the NDFE Amendment Staff Report as materials recovery facilities (MRF); transfer stations (TS), construction, demolition, and inert (CDI) debris processing facilities, etc., instead of as transfer/processing facilities in order to convey the true function of such facilities. The revised terminology should then be consistently used throughout this and future Staff Reports.
- **Additional Information on Staff Report:** The Subcommittee also stated that the Staff Report did not reflect the information on the first two amendments to the City's NDFE as described in the PowerPoint presentation, as well as the permitting information due to California State Assembly Bill 1473. The Subcommittee instructed Staff to include pertinent information as part of or along with future NDFE Staff Reports because such information would answer many questions on the facilities.

In addition, the Subcommittee also instructed Staff to be careful in describing the amount of materials processed, recycled, and transferred to landfills, and for the Staff Report to be clear on the approximate amount of materials recycled.

In conclusion, the Subcommittee made a motion to recommend to the Task Force to concur with the subject amendment to the City of Pomona's NDFE and request the owner/operator to submit monthly reports as indicated in the Staff Report. The Subcommittee also requested Staff to prepare a letter from the Task Force to the Waste Board notifying them of the Task Force's concurrence with the NDFE Amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT REVISION UPDATE

Mr. Chuk Agu gave a PowerPoint presentation ([see Attachment No. 2](#)) on the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) revision update. The PowerPoint presentation focused on information and update on (1) background of the CSE revision process; (2) content of the CSE preliminary draft; (3) chapter revisions and submittals; (4) preliminary draft preparations; (5) purpose and content of the chapters; (6) CSE revisions and revision process; and (7) next steps.

The background information provided included handouts and discussion on the status of the revision. Mr. Agu noted that the preliminary draft contains over 600 pages with 250 pages of tables, fact sheets, figures, flowcharts, maps, etc., and that the various chapter draft revisions have been submitted and presented a combined total of 38 times to the Subcommittee and Full Task Force.

Mr. Agu further indicated that in preparing the preliminary draft CSE, Staff:

- Researched, reviewed, verified, evaluated, analyzed, and updated information on (1) permits for each of the Class III and inert waste landfills, and transformation facilities in Los Angeles County; (2) all out-of-County landfills in California and neighboring states; and (3) related laws, regulations, ordinances and rules of these jurisdictions.
- Prepared, mailed, and conducted detailed surveys of 25 landfills and two transformation facilities in the County, 35 out-of-County Class III landfills, and 11 out-of-State Subtitle D-equivalent landfills.
- Conducted facility site visits and tours of 11 Class III landfills, 12 inert waste landfills, and two transformation facilities in the County; and in-County MRFs and TS with potential rail-loading capability and rail-yard facilities with potential solid waste handling capability.
- Conducted meetings with planning departments of all the cities in which landfills are located, all the Local Enforcement Agencies in the County, various regulatory agencies, and other organizations and County departments; and additionally with various service and technology vendors to develop contracting mechanisms for outsourcing various portions of the CSE revision process.
- Monitored applicable Federal and State legislation, laws and regulations; local ordinances and resolutions; and agency rulemaking.
- Participated in numerous conferences, workshops, seminars. and programs.
- Developed an updated, an extensive and detailed list of over 70 landfills located in and out of Los Angeles County; and 41 MRFs, 18 TS, 6 CDI debris processing facilities, and 41 railroad yards located in Los Angeles County.

- Developed an updated and detailed individual state-of-the-art aerial photographic maps for each permitted Class III landfill, inert waste landfill, and transformation facilities in the County; maps showing location of all landfills, transformation facilities, MRFs, TS, CDI debris processing facilities, rail-yards, rail-loading and intermodal facilities in the County; and maps showing the identified locations of the out-of-County Class III landfills (located in California) and out-of-State Subtitle D-equivalent landfills potentially available for out-of-County disposal.
- Reviewed various stock photography and image databases, and selected over 200 photograph and images for use in publishing the CSE.

Mr. Agu also briefly discussed the various handouts and documents provided to the Subcommittee at the meeting, which include:

- Mr. Mike Mohajer's June 11, 2009 written (email) comments on the Draft Minutes of the May 21, 2009 Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee Meeting
- Revised Minutes of the May 21, 2009 Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee Meeting
- Copy of Mr. Agu's PowerPoint presentation on Countywide Siting Element Revision Update, dated June 18, 2009
- Southern California Association of Governments, *The State of the Region 2007*, Ping Chang.
- Southern California Association of Governments, *2008 Regional Transportation Plan*.
- Table of Contents of the Preliminary Draft CSE
- Countywide Siting Element Revision Process
- Summary of CSE Chapters' Draft Revisions and Submittals
- Summary of CSE Chapters' Purpose, Content, and Latest Major Revisions

- Copy of California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 9. Planning Guidelines and Procedures for Preparing and Revising Countywide and Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plans.
- Completed set of tentative Preliminary Draft CSE
- Samples of draft publications of the following portions (e.g., Chapter, Table, Fact Sheet, Flowchart, Figure, etc.) of the Preliminary Draft CSE . developed by County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Public Relations Group:
 - Chapter 2 (Goals and Policies)
 - Table 4-10 (Summary of Description of Disposal Capacity Need Analysis Scenarios), Table 4-16 (Disposal Capacity Need Analysis Scenario No. 6), Fact Sheet 3-2 (Calabasas Landfill), Figure 3-2 (Calabasas Landfill), Figure 3-18 (Existing Inert Waste Landfills in Los Angeles County), and Flowchart 10-1 (Proposed Finding of Conformance (FOC) Process Flowchart).

Mr. Agu indicated that the next step would be to finalize and submit the Preliminary Draft CSE to the Subcommittee, full Task Force, County Counsel, County Chief Executive Officer, stakeholders and responsible agencies for review and comments; publication of Preliminary Draft CSE; and establish/implement service contracts to facilitate CSE publication, preparation of CSE environmental document, and preparations for the public review and information meeting process.

The Subcommittee inquired if Staff is requesting comments on the materials presented to them at the meeting. Mr. Agu indicated that the information was presented primarily as an informational update.

The Subcommittee commended Staff for a job well done and for Staff's efforts and hard work throughout the revision process. Subcommittee noted that the selection of pictures is very important and provided Staff with further guidance. Subcommittee suggested for Staff to select (to the extent possible) pictures and images that strictly convey the meaning of the text and that do not offend anyone, and also to use focus groups to obtain different opinions on the selected pictures and images. In conclusion, Subcommittee instructed Staff to provide them only with redline copies of the Preliminary Draft CSE (without the pictures and images) for review.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.