

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

Minutes of February 26, 2009

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Board
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rogelio Gamiño, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Ben Gibson, Cerrell and Associates*
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Angélica SantaMaría, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Peter Zorba, City of Lancaster

*designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Paul Alva took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Rafael Garcia as the new member of the subcommittee. Mr. Garcia is taking over Mr. David Hauser's duties as the new representative for Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, SEPTEMBER 25 ,OCTOBER 21, 2008 AND JANUARY 15, 2009

The approval of the August 21, September 25, October 21, 2008 and January 15, 2009 minutes were postponed until the next meeting date due to lack of quorum.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. McDannel mentioned that the biosolids reduction technology pilot facility has begun operation and demonstrated capability for gas production. It is currently undergoing final testing before beginning operation, gasifying the biosolids and then making diesel fuel out of the gas.

Mr. Skye provided an update on his recent presentation to the City of Sacramento. The City Council decided not to pursue a sole source proposal for a plasma arc classification technology. The City wanted to restart the process and review all available technologies before deciding on a specific project.

Mr. Skye also met with the California Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento. Similar to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the group is very supportive of Conversion Technology and wants to make sure that if there is any legislation that they can take an active role in supporting it. This support would not only be for environmental reasons but for the jobs that it will bring.

Mr. Skye brought up the option of hosting upcoming ATAS meetings at other locations as discussed at previous meetings, and requested for subcommittee members to provide feedback on this option.

Mr. Skye noted that staff will be providing conversion technology presentations at several upcoming conferences, a list of those upcoming conferences was forwarded to those on the e-notify list.

Mr. Skye provided an update on his participation as a moderator in a panel discussion on conversion technologies at the GreenXchange Global Marketplace Conference on January 26. The conference brought together high level policy officials at the state and federal level, as well as industry representatives. The discussion focused on jump

starting the green economy and breaking down regulatory barriers. The conversion technology meeting room was filled to capacity, and participants expressed interest in the topic during and after the presentation.

IV. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Ben Gibson of Cerrell Associates provided an update on two pending bills to watch that might have an impact on Conversion technology, AB 222 and AB 64. Mr. Gibson also provided an update on outreach activities including recent meetings with the California Chamber of Commerce and the fine tuning of the facility-specific outreach strategy. A suggestion was made to update our conversion technology flyers. Cerrell will be working with staff on updating the flyers.

V. UPDATE ON TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Skye provided an update on technical evaluations and negotiations. The technical evaluations have been completed, and staff is meeting with the proposers in order to develop agreements. The agreements will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval, tentatively in May or June. Mr. Alva stated to the members that once the information can be shared publicly it will be provided to the subcommittee members that are not part of the evaluation committee.

VI. PHASE III/IV RFP

An evaluation committee will be meeting immediately following the subcommittee meeting to review the four (4) proposals received. Once the evaluation process is completed, a recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, to coincide with the recommendation regarding the agreements.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (FORM 700)

Mr. Coscia provided a presentation on Form 700. Public officials, including members of public committees, are required by law to disclose their personal financial interests that may possibly affect their public duties. The County's Executive Office recently noted that, based on the nature of the Subcommittee, it would be appropriate for members to submit the conflict of interest form. Specifically, this is due to the significant nature of activities conducted by the Subcommittee. Staff verified this with County Counsel, who concurred with the Executive Office's determination. The form and its guidelines will be provided following the meeting, and Subcommittee members were directed to address any questions to staff. (Note: Upon further review, on March 4, 2009, it was determined

that before Subcommittee members are required to submit the Form 700, County code would need to be revised to include the Subcommittee as a Brown Act body. As a result it is not necessary for ATAS members to complete and return Form 700 at this time.)

VIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, PARTICIPATION, AND 2009 GOALS

Mr. Alva reminded the members that Mr. Theroux has resigned ATAS and as a result that has left a vacancy for a private sector representative to be appointed to the subcommittee. Staff had requested at last month's meeting any recommendations for candidates to fill this vacancy to be forward to Mr. Alva. No recommendations were received. Therefore staff is moving forward in making a recommendation to our director and will make that public in the next month or so.

Mr. Alva noted that there has not been quorum in the past several meetings. He asked the subcommittee members for suggestions to increase participation. Mr. Alva mentioned that participation is voluntary and therefore staff is looking for ways to increase participation. Discussion ensued regarding possible solutions. Suggestions included reducing the number of members needed to have quorum, encouraging members to select alternates, when feasible, to come in place of member, contact members via telephone and email to remind them to participate either in person or via telephone, and the possibility of having the meeting web cast.

This year the focus will be to establish guiding goals for the ATAS and continue our successful efforts to advance conversion technologies. We are well on our way to breaking ground on the demonstration project and look forward to the implementation of the project. Mr. Alva would like input on other goals that the subcommittee would like to set. Discussion ensued between members with a number of suggestions considered.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

No comments.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2009

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.