

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

**Minutes of March 20, 2014**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Jacques Franco\*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association  
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company  
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Miguel Zermeno, representing Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dave Houser, Republic Services  
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills  
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management (WM)  
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program  
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Mark McDannel, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Kay Martin, BioEnergy Producers Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rolf Ljunggren, Cortus Energy  
Bjorn Millang, Cortus Energy  
Magnus Folkelid, Cortus Energy  
Traacey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)  
Jacque McMillen, Clements Environmental  
Chris Sheppard, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

\*Designates participants over the telephone

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Coby Skye called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2014 MEETING**

The February 20, 2014 minutes were approved.

**III. PRESENTATION BY CORTUS ENERGY ON WOODROLL PROCESS, BIOMASS GASIFICATION**

Mr. Bjorn Millang from Cortus Energy provided a PowerPoint presentation on their WoodRoll Process, which is a thermal gasification of biomass using three integrated and continuous process steps: drying, pyrolysis, and gasification. The presentation can be found [here](#).

**IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

Mr. Jacques Franco mentioned that CalRecycle will be holding a workshop on April 29 related to waste to energy and conversion technologies. The workshop will be held in Sacramento and additional information can be found at CalRecycle's [website](#).

**V. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Coby Skye mentioned Public Works is working on an outreach plan for the remainder of the year relating to legislative efforts as well as upcoming events and other activities that are planned relating to the promotion of recycling and waste reduction and a new waste free future policy. More information will be provided at future meetings.

**VI. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Traacey Anthony provided the following update:

ARI is compiling an updated list of stakeholders who expressed interest in developing conversion technologies. Chip Clements is leading efforts to reach out to private stakeholders to determine the status of their project activities and interests. The work is intended to provide an updated stakeholder listing which will be used to facilitate the interaction between technology providers and sites. The results will be included in the next update report to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mike Mohajer requested that staff compile a listing of conversion technology facilities, based on this research, that are operating on a commercial scale, and post the listing on the conversion technology website.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public comment.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2014.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.