

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

Minutes of August 21, 2014

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Jacques Franco*, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Rob Sherman, Republic Services
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Jim Stewart for Kay Martin, BioEnergy Producers Association
Miguel Zermeno*, representing Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Energy Commission
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management (WM)
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tracey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc.
Stephen Beitz, Real Energy
Kevin Best, Real Energy

*Designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Skye called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Mohajer made the motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2014. Mr. Franco seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. UPDATE ON SENATE BILL 498, COUNTY-SPONSORED CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY LEGISLATION

Mr. Skye reported that Senate Bill 498 (SB 498) passed the State Assembly with a 73-2 vote and 33-0 concurrence vote in the Senate. The bill is on its way to the Governor's desk for his signature. Mr. Skye added that the County, who sponsored the bill, would appreciate if subcommittee members and/or their respective agencies would send signature request letters to the Governor.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

It was reported that the Southern California Waste Management Forum will be held on November 12, 2014, in Pomona, California. Mr. Mohajer will be moderating a panel discussion on the impact of new legislation on organic waste management.

There was a brief discussion on the ramifications of Assembly Bill 1826 which had just been sent to the Governor's desk. Mr. Mohajer mentioned that the Task Force has been involved in the organics waste management issue for well over a decade and cited a directive from the former Integrated Waste Management Board which established the goal to reduce organic waste disposal by fifty percent by 2020.

V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY/PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Zermeno spoke about the challenges facing the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility's (SERRF) as their power purchase agreement with Southern California Edison ends. SERRF currently sells power to Edison for 9.5 cents/kw; this price is expected to fall to around the 3-4 cent range. The City of Los Angeles is considering a partnership with SERRF and has an agenda item for their next board meeting to discuss this potential partnership with the City of Long Beach and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County who currently own the facility. If the partnership does move forward, the City of Los Angeles may be interested in implementing air pollution control technology developed by Green Conversion Systems at SERRF.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2014.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.