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

Minutes of December 18, 2008

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
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Gerry Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
John McTaggart, General Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:
Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
James Benken, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Tom Bruen, Esq., representing Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.
Larry Hafetz, County Counsel representing County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning
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
Michael L. Moore, County Counsel representing Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Lindsay Sagorski, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jim Teter, Allied Waste, Inc.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2008, meeting was unanimously approved.

III. CONSIDERATION OF FINDING OF CONFORMANCE FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (CITY/COUNTY PROJECT)

Mr. Martin Aiyetiwa presented the Updated Staff Report dated December 11, 2008 (**See Attachment**). The report is based on revisions to the Amended Finding of Conformance (FOC) application, dated May 21, 2008, submitted by Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc. (BFI) for the combined operation of the "Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) – City/County Project."

Mr. Aiyetiwa indicated that BFI has fully complied with the following remaining FOC information and conditions required by the Subcommittee at its August 21, 2008 meeting, for approval of the FOC.

- Requirement No. 5 of Table 10-1, regarding description of waste material to be handled, including a clarification on whether liquid waste is allowed.

- Requirement No. 15 of Table 10-1, regarding information and operations plan for meeting applicable permit/regulatory requirement, since the evidence of the City of Los Angeles' approval determination for operation in Phase II has not been provided.

- Requirement No. 16 of Table 10-1, regarding demonstration of compliance with siting criteria requirements as established in Chapter 6 of the CSE, including a more thorough description of all the waste diversion and salvage programs that BFI is currently implementing.

- For BFI to provide evidence that BFI has obtained the City of Los Angeles' approval/determination to proceed to Phase II of the City Landfill.

The Subcommittee and members of the public discussed the Staff Report's recommendations and instructed Staff to make the following corrections to the Staff Report:

- Page 10, Item 1: delete part 2 which requires County TAC approval for the effective date,

- Page 11, Item 4(b): insert "other materials received" after "inert debris and[,]"

- Page 11, Item 7 (line 8): insert ", whichever occurs first", after "February 6, 2037[.]"

A motion was made to recommend to the full Task Force to grant the FOC request for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (City/County Project), and the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT CHAPTER 4 REVISIONS

Mr. Joe Bartolata made a PowerPoint presentation on the third draft revisions to Chapter 4 of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE). The major revisions in the third draft included the following:

- Incorporated the Subcommittee's comments on the second draft revision.

- Updated information in Scenario Nos. 1 through 6.

- Added Scenario No. 7 (Optimistic increase in diversion rate) which assumes City of Los Angeles to increase the diversion rate by 75 percent by 2013 and Countywide to 60 percent by 2012 and up to 75 percent by 2020.

- Added Scenario No. 8 (Optimistic alternative technology) which assumes an increase in development of alternative technology (e.g. conversion technology) capacity to 1,200 tpd by 2010 and up to 15,000 tpd by 2021.

- Added a new Figure 4-6 (Optimistic Increase in Division Rate), Figure 4-7 (Optimistic Alternative Technology Capacity), and Table 4-21 (Summary of Class III Landfill Disposal Need during the planning period).

- Streamlined discussion on disposal trends into three time periods, (i.e. 1990-1995, 1996-2000, and 2001-2005)

- Removed Table 4-8, regarding Solid Waste Processing/Transfer Facility (MRF/TS) Capacity, from Chapter 4.

- Revised the use of pluses "(+)" and minuses "(-)" to indicate the excess in export need or shortfall in the Disposal Capacity Need Analysis in Tables 4-11 through 4-18.

Mr. Bartolata summarized the findings of the Disposal Capacity Need Analysis as follows:

- Export need exists within the planning period in all scenarios except for Scenario No. 7.

- Remaining Daily Disposal Capacity Need (Shortfall) exists within the planning period for Scenarios Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, but not for Scenario Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Bartolata also concluded that based on the Findings of the Disposal Capacity Need Analysis, Los Angeles County disposal need requirements can be met during the 15-year planning period through a multi-faceted approach incorporating: (1) in-County disposal, (2) increase in diversion rate, (3) development of alternative technology facilities, (4) expansion of in-County Class III landfills, and (5) use of out-of-County disposal.

The Subcommittee discussed the draft revisions at length and provided Staff with comments and instructions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Create another scenario, which would combine the two optimistic scenarios (Scenario 7 and Scenario 8) to illustrate the most optimistic scenario.

- Remove the term "Need" and "Shortfall" from the term "Remaining Daily Disposal Capacity Need (Shortfall)", and modify the definition of "Remaining Daily Disposal Capacity Need (Shortfall)" in the Chapter to reflect this change.

- Remove the definition of CDI Waste Disposal Facility (Section 4.3.6) from the definition section, and remove facilities that do not fall under the definition of "disposal facilities" in AB 939 from Chapter 4.

- Staff should address the impact of solid waste generation/disposal rate projection methodologies proposed in SB 1016 (Wiggins), particularly how it would affect the current methodologies and projections used in the Chapter 4 draft revisions.

- Focus on developing the framework and methodologies of the Chapter and later update the waste generation, and other data and information with the most current available information at the time of completion of the CSE draft revisions.

- Address the impact of other recent developments such as the California Integrated Waste Management Board Organics Policy Roadmap, including (1) the policy which would require a 50 percent reduction in the amount of organic waste being sent to Class III landfills by 2020, and (2) proposed limitation on use of green waste as alternative daily cover.

A motion was made for Staff to incorporate the Subcommittee's comments, and in light of the dynamic nature of solid waste management data and information, to bring back the fourth draft of Chapter 4 (along with the rest of the revised CSE) upon completion of the entire CSE revised draft.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mohajer introduced Ms. Carol Ly, as a new Staff member to the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

ATTACHMENT

UPDATED STAFF REPORT ON REVISIONS TO THE AMENDED FINDING OF CONFORMANCE, DATED AUGUST 6, 2008 FOR THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMBINED CITY/COUNTY PROJECT

Cover Memo

Staff Report

Attachment A-I

Attachment A-II

Attachment B

Attachment C

These documents were provided at the December 18, 2008, Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee meeting, and can be accessed at http://ladpw.org/epd/tf/meetings.cfm, or a hard copy can be obtained by contacting Chuk Agu at (626) 458-3556.

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