

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

**Minutes of August 18, 2005**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting  
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation  
Chris Mastro, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services  
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shapoor Hamid, URS Corporation  
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Ben Lucha, City of Santa Clarita  
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

## **II. CIWMB'S CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Skye provided an update on the Waste Board's decision concerning conversion technology regulations. The Waste Board voted to hold off on regulations until State statutes are corrected to eliminate any inconsistencies presently found in State law. The Waste Board's decision will hopefully communicate to the Legislature that current statutes governing conversion technologies need correction.

## **III. CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION REPORT**

Additional changes were made to the Report to incorporate an acknowledgment page and minor wording changes. Should the Task Force adopt the Report in the afternoon, the Subcommittee recommends that a letter be forwarded to the Governor, mayors residing within the County, the legislature including committee heads, and stakeholders concerning the Report's release. Staff will also generate a memorandum to the County Regional Planning Commission informing them that this condition of the CUP has been fulfilled.

## **IV. DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN**

Staff has prepared the first draft of the Scope of Work for the Public Outreach Plan and is requesting feedback from the Subcommittee for subsequent changes. The Scope of Work was based on the Public Outreach Plan and recommendations prepared by URS, as incorporated within the Conversion Technology Evaluation Report.

## **V. DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR DEMONSTRATION FACILITY(IES) IMPLEMENTATION**

The current draft of the Scope of Work calls for two different RFQs for the development of a demonstration facility, one based on thermal conversion technologies, the other based on emerging technologies. Dr. Martin suggested that because of the confusing nature of the terminology used for the separate RFQs, it might be best for staff to combine both RFQs into one generic RFQ which lists the suppliers' main products and co-products. Other members echoed this suggestion.

Mr. Alva stated that suggestions sent to staff before September 1, 2005 will be incorporated into the draft Scope of Work in time for the next Subcommittee meeting.

According to an article in the LA Times, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is asking the LADWP to supply Los Angeles with 20% green energy by 2010. Because there was no mention that the green energy would be derived from conversion sources, Mr. Mohajer made a motion that the Subcommittee request the Task Force draft a letter to the Mayor. This letter would propose that his green energy goal should include conversion technologies in addition to other renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. REDISTRIBUTION OF BPA BROCHURE**

According to Mr. Skye, there is approximately \$3,200 left in the Conversion Technology fund that can be used toward reprinting BPA conversion technology brochures. Before this is possible, efforts must be made between the Subcommittee and the BPA to coordinate this partnership.

#### **VII. SUBCOMMITTEE FUNDS UPDATE**

The Subcommittee is prepared to receive \$100,000 from the Sanitation Districts for fiscal year 2006. This amount may be raised by \$200,000 per year over the next decade if the CUP for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is finalized. Funds received will most likely be used toward implementing both Scopes of Work.

#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 15, 2005 at 10 a.m.

#### **IX. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment ensued.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.