

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

Minutes of October 6, 2005

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
EPD Large Conference Room, 3rd Floor Annex
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Chris Mastro, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anoush Hovsepian, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Work
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 1:33 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN

No discussion took place related to item II.

III. DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR DEMONSTRATION FACILITY(IES) IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. McDannell raised concern related to the issuance of an RFQ, stating that a formal process would be time consuming, and may not be necessary for vendor assessment. Mr. Theroux commented that the RFQ process needs a finer level of detail, including specifics related to economics and the level of integration with a selected MRF.

Mr. Alva stated that forgoing an RFQ might compromise the process. Mr. Theroux said the credibility for this process would be achieved by assisting the technology suppliers by gathering data and obtaining third party external validation on the data and information supplied. Mr. Skye stated that the RFQ will help validate the capability of each company's claims, however financing of the project should also be kept in mind in regards to funding from the sanitation districts, other partners, and obtaining grants. Mr. Theroux mentioned that the RFQ should require a line or statement recognizing gap financing to help fund the project. Issues were also raised about the flexibility of the RFQ, including what is necessary for contractor evaluation and the extent of the public/private partnership.

It was decided that general language would be added to the RFQ to include a reference for the consultant to utilize professional laboratories and research universities to assist in the validation process. Mr. Theroux added that the responsibilities of the Subcommittee should be outlined and a timeline prepared prior to drafting a contract, so that the exact course of action will be defined for the consultant in accordance to their given responsibilities.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 20, 2005 at 10 a.m.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

No open discussion/public comment took place

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 20, 2005

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.