

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

Minutes of April 25, 2006

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
John McTaggart, 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
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
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 10:35 a.m.

II. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye participated in the Emerging Technologies Forum held on April 17 and 18, 2006 in Sacramento, CA. Topics touched on a variety of issues including German landfill disposal policy, energy and materials recovery. It was noted that various municipal entities and state agencies were in attendance, however not one legislator or legislative staffer was in attendance, despite the location of the event being just a few blocks from the State Capitol. In addition, Mr. Skye noted that the Conversion Technology Summit, organized by the City of Los Angeles, will be held in July.

Mr. Wheless visited the World Waste Technology autoclave in Anaheim. The autoclave is currently in testing and will be fully operational in several months. The Subcommittee agreed to wait until the facility was up and running before coordinating a visit.

Mr. Theroux visited the Energy Efficiency Center at UC Davis, which is supported by the Governor and received a \$1 million dollar grant from the California Clean Energy Fund. He also visited Onsite Power System's in-vessel anaerobic digestion unit, which is in the final construction phase.

III. STATUS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2118

AB 2118 was gutted in Committee and is currently an intent bill. There was discussion regarding the Bill and how it might be revised in the Senate.

IV. UPDATE ON STATUS OF RFPS

The RFP for the outreach contract should be ready by Summer 2006. Three proposals for the facilitation contract were received. Evaluation Committee members are continuing to meet in order to make a recommendation for approval.

V. DISCUSSION ON STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY NETWORK

Mr. Skye noted that staff is in the process of preparing a letter addressed to the short list of MRFs identified in the Conversion Technology Evaluation Report. The letter will serve to inform the MRFs on the progress of the project. Also, there have been a number of requests to develop a list serve. A motion was made to create a conversion technology listserv managed by staff, and that the first newsletter for the list serve will be sent to the subcommittee before it is published. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public discussion took place.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2006 at 10 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.