

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

Minutes of July 20, 2006

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Conference Room C
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
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Jerry Giena, Facility Builders and Erectors
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Betsy Landis, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Carl Pederson III, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Michael Rogozin, Ultra Systems
Subodh Sinha, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wu Tan, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Teno West, H&K

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 16, AND APRIL 25, 2006

The minutes of February 23, March 16, and April 25, 2006 were approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES, INC. AND PROJECT TEAM

Following evaluation of the proposals received, Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) was selected as the contractor for the Phase II contract. ARI, a Boston, Massachusetts based company, has worked on various conversion technology projects, including the one commissioned by New York City. Members who will be a part of ARI's facilitation team include James Binder, Susan Higgins, Chip Clements, Michael Robensen, Teno West and Jerry Giena. Mr. Mohajer stated that he had worked previously with Mr. Clements of Clements Environmental as well as Betsy Lindsey of Ultra Systems, and therefore didn't participate in the evaluation for the facilitation project to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

IV. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Helou commented that the City of Los Angeles hosted a workshop on alternative technologies on June 29, 2006; the event was used to kickoff the second phase of their conversion technology study. On July 19, Mr. Skye gave a presentation on conversion technologies to participants via an e-session in conjunction with SWANA. The City of Los Angeles will be hosting the Southern California Emerging Waste Technologies Forum happening July 27, 2006; participants for this event include governmental representatives and members of the environmental community.

V. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' PHASE II PROJECT

Mr. Helou provided an update on the City of Los Angeles' Phase II project, which includes a public outreach component. In addition, Phase II allows the City of Los Angeles to reach out to technology vendors who didn't respond to requests for information during Phase I. An RFP will be sent out in the next few months for additional proposals for Conversion Technology facilities, with a goal of selecting a

technology vendor by early 2007. The City of Los Angeles has not ruled out waste to energy (combustion) as a potential component. It was clarified that the Subcommittee is not considering any combustion technologies for the County's Conversion Technology facility.

VI. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Skye stated that the Scope of Work for the Public Outreach Contract was finalized, and estimated that a contractor could be on board in as little as three months, depending on the release date. The contract itself is estimated to be valued between \$400,000-500,000. Funds from this project will be used to inform the public on conversion technologies, as well as work with specific site locations and key stakeholders on this issue.

VII. DECISION AND CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGY VENDORS

The Subcommittee held a discussion on the topic of choosing technology vendors for Phase II. Specifically, the committee members addressed the various issues related to selecting vendors outside the original short list developed from Phase I. Consideration of other technology vendors would increase the County's options for finding the most suitable technology, however the Subcommittee agreed that measures must be taken to avoid any significant delays in the Phase II process, and that the process to consider new technologies must be fair and employ the same criteria used to rank and screen vendors from Phase I. Mr. Mohajer recommended that the County work with ARI to develop criteria for technology vendor consideration. This topic will be up for discussion and adoption at the next Subcommittee meeting.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBA

The next date is scheduled to take place on August 17th at 10 a.m.

X. DISCUSSION OF PHASE II PROJECT TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

An open discussion between ARI and the Subcommittee took place.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.