

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

Minutes of October 19, 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
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeanette Arismendez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Virginia Jauregui, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Soo Kim, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Teno West, H&K

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 20, JULY 31, AND AUGUST 17, 2006

The minutes of July 20, July 31 and August 17, 2006 were approved.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

The Southern California Waste Management Forum will be holding its annual Waste Management Conference and Exhibit taking place November 9, 2006 in Ontario. A number of speakers will be in attendance including members of the Waste Board and Chip Clements of Clements Environmental.

IV. MRF UPDATE

Mr. Clements discussed the second round of visits he and ARI made to the various shortlisted MRF locations in Southern California. Information garnered from these visits will be put into a summary table. It was reported that the Santa Clarita MRF is still conceptual and has met some resistance from the community at their new proposed location, therefore both Burrtec and the City agree that the timing would not work out for Phase II, although they continue to be interested in developing a conversion technology facility at this MRF. In addition, the City of Los Angeles is currently identifying potential sites for their own CT project, and requested that we not list their site at this time since they do not want any sites "pre-selected" before their process is complete. Mr. Alva therefore made a motion that only the remaining four MRF/Transfer Stations would be listed in the RFI. The motion passed unanimously.

V. REVIEW OF RFI

A draft copy of the RFI for the facilitation project was reviewed and discussed. The draft RFI includes general information on each MRF transfer station, evaluation criteria based on technical and financial resources, and economic criteria. The deadline for the Subcommittee's comments on the RFI is October 24, 2006.

VI. TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Jeanette Arismendez from the County's Administrative Services Division of Public Works discussed the tentative award dates regarding the Public Outreach Contract. Ms. Arismendez noted that a proposers meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. that afternoon. Responses are expected by November 2nd and an evaluation committee meeting is scheduled on November 9th. A contractor is expected to be on board by January 2007.

VII. INITIAL EMAIL FOR CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY E-NEWSLETTER

Mr. Skye noted that over 60 people have already signed up to receive a monthly Conversion Technology E-Newsletter, even though the link to the newsletter is not publicized or announced anywhere, demonstrating the interest from a variety of stakeholders in this project as well as the need to inform stakeholders in a meaningful way. Mr. Skye requested the Subcommittee's approval of the draft initial newsletter's format. Following approval, staff would prepare and broadcast a Conversion Technology E-newsletter approximately once or twice per month.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Teno West briefly discussed possible funding sources that will be available for the Conversion Technology Demonstration Project. At present he is working in conjunction with ARI to compile a report that will be presented to the Subcommittee in the coming months.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2006 at 10 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.