

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

Minutes of October 18, 2007

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Board*
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health*
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dave Hauser, Browning Ferris Industries
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
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Alex Helou, represented by Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation*
Paul Alva, represented by Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates*
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.*
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Carl Pederson III, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

* designates a call-in attendee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2 AND SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

The minutes of August 2 and September 20, 2007 were approved with revisions.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye mentioned that he and Mr. Zermeno will be providing a presentation at the Air and Waste Management Association Conference on October 18, 2007, regarding the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles' efforts and activities regarding conversion technologies. Mr. Theroux discussed his meeting with state college officials at CSULA on October 18 and 19 regarding potential CT integration onto Cal State campuses.

IV. UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Gibson provided an update on the Public Outreach Contract. At present, Cerrell Associates is preparing to transition the County's conversion technology website over to the server, and the website is expected to be up and live by Monday October 22, 2007. The Phase II Report will also be posted online, pending Task Force approval.

V. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

Sue Higgins provided an update on the facilitation contract. At present, ARI is preparing for the next steps in the County's conversion technology project, and is actively soliciting feedback and requesting guidance and direction from the Subcommittee for the next phase of the project. ARI provided a preliminary draft outline of the Request for Offers (RFO). The intent of the RFO is to get formal site specific offers from the approved technology providers and site owners/operators. This next stage of the process will be critical to developing a successful demonstration project, and a lot hinges on the incentives potentially provided to the most promising proposals submitted. Following discussion, Mr. Yann made a motion to request that the Task Force send a letter in support of the Report to the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, requesting that they consider funding a pilot conversion technology facility as required in the Puente Hills CUP. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Skye mentioned that the County and City of Los Angeles' efforts regarding conversion technologies were highlighted in an article that appeared in the Chico News and Review titled "*Driving Under the Influence*," regarding the emerging ethanol industry, on October 18, 2007.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TBD

Subcommittee members discussed meeting either November 16 or 20, based on availability of the other members. An email will be sent out to all members confirming their availability for these two dates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43