

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

Minutes of October 17, 2013

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Schwartz, Waste Management (WM)
Jacques Franco,* Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Dave Hauser, Republic Services

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Kay Martin, BioEnergy Producers Association
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program
Eugene Sun, Council Member, City of San Marino
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
Miguel Zermeno, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Traacey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)
Tobie Mitchell, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Chris Sheppard, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Bereket Tadele, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

*Designates participants over the telephone

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coby Skye called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2013, MEETING

Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum at beginning of meeting and lack of time when a quorum was eventually established near the conclusion of the meeting.

III. UPDATE ON PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE 84 TPD OF WASTE MANAGEMENT'S FOOD SLURRY TO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS' CARSON DIGESTERS—DAVID CZERNIAK, COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS AND MIKE SCHWARTZ, WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Dave Czerniak of Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and Mr. Mike Schwartz of Waste Management continued their presentation on the Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion Demonstration Program at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. Mr. Czerniak and Mr. Schwartz began their presentation at the August ATAS meeting, but due to time constraints were not able to complete it. The PowerPoint presentation in its entirety is available [here](#).

IV. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Ms. Traacey Anthony of ARI informed the subcommittee that the Southern California Waste Management Forum is hosting their annual conference November 6th, 2013, at the Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona. This year's conference is entitled "Looking Into the Future Without a Crystal Ball."
- Mr. Mike Mohajer informed the subcommittee that the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is producing a technical paper (T-11) on Conversion Technologies in order for their international board to adopt. Mr. Mohajer reviewed a draft of the paper and felt it was not supportive of Conversion Technologies. The subcommittee members agreed that the subcommittee should recommend the full Task Force send a comment letter to SWANA expressing their concern with the paper.

V. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Ms. Anthony informed the subcommittee that ARI is currently tabulating the responses they received at the end of August for the Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) which the County released in August. The information will be placed in the Conversion Technology Database and expect the information to be available at the end of October.
- Ms. Anthony informed the subcommittee that the California Energy Commission issued a grant solicitation at the end of August to fund Centers for Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicle Technology. Based on ARI's review of the solicitation, it appears that the County's concept for a web based center would be eligible for this grant but most likely would not be well-positioned to receive the funding.

VI. DISCUSSION OF CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY LEGISLATION (AB 1126 AND SB 804)

Mr. Chris Sheppard of County Los Angeles Department of Public Works made a PowerPoint presentation on legislation related to Conversion Technology from the recently concluded legislative session. The presentation included an overview of Assembly Bill 1126 (Gordon) which was signed into law and Senate Bill 804 (SB 804) which was vetoed by Governor Brown. The presentation is available [here](#).

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2013.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.