

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

**Minutes for January 18, 2018 Meeting**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Blank, Waste Management (WM)  
Tim Hall, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, (CalRecycle)\*  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition  
Patrick Holland, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Benjamin Lucha, City of Palmdale Department of Public Works  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Chris Coyle for Rob Sherman, Republic Services

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association  
Mark McDannel, Los Angeles County Sanitation District  
Jacques Franco, UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and the Economy  
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles  
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company  
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clark Ajwani, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Tracey Anthony, Alternative Resources Inc. (ARI)\*  
Daniel Dela Cruz, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Joe Vitti, Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee  
Troy Weber, CalRecycle\*

\*Designates participants over the telephone

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Patrick Holland called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2017 MEETING**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the November 16, 2017 Subcommittee Meeting was made by Mr. Mike Mohajer and seconded by Mr. John Kaddis. The motion passed with one abstention from Mr. Chris Coyle.

**III. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

Mr. Clark Ajwani informed the Subcommittee that the second year of the 2-year legislative session just began. One notable proposed bill for the Subcommittee to be aware of is Senate Bill 100, which may impact waste conversion facilities by establishing a zero-carbon goal for electricity utilities. Also, the Governor recently released his Fiscal Year 2018-19 proposed budget. The proposed budget did not include any allocation to CalRecycle and very little discussion of solid waste management; however, it has been said that would be addressed during a separate proposed budget of the cap and trade proceeds.

Additionally, Mr. Ajwani reminded the Subcommittee that CalRecycle is developing draft regulations to meet the organic waste disposal reduction targets established in Senate Bill 1383 (2016). Those regulations are expected to require every generator of organic waste to have organics collection and recycling service.

**IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/ OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Ajwani mentioned that the following events may be of interest to the Subcommittee:

- Rethink Methane, Sacramento – February 6
- Global Waste Management Symposium, Palm Springs – February 12-13
- SWANApalooza, Denver – March 6-7
- SoCal Waste Management Forum, Downey – March 7
- SB 1383 Organics workshops, Sacramento & Carlsbad – March 21 & March 22, respectively
- BioCycle West Coast, San Diego – March 26-28
- Waste Expo, Las Vegas – April 23-25
- SWANA Western Region Symposium, Palm Springs – May 21-24

**V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Tracey Anthony of Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI) reported that ARI:

- developed a survey to solicit stakeholder input regarding DPW's e-newsletter, website, and other resources
- completed a review and compilation of wasteshed data for the Calabasas Landfill highlighting waste generated and disposal location

- Prepared a preliminary work plan identifying tasks that could be conducted to promote and facilitate increased opportunities for County use of compost and digestate.
- conducted a preliminary review of the Bokashi anaerobic fermentation process as a follow-up to the compilation of small-scale technology information for on-site food waste management

Mr. Ajwani mentioned that he will circulate the draft survey to the Subcommittee members for their review and comment.

Mr. Mohajer suggested that the analysis of the Calabasas Landfill wasteshed include the recent changes due to the nearby mudslides.

Mr. Chris Coyle mentioned that Republic began composting food waste with Agromin in Chino and expects to be processing up to 75 tons per day.

Mr. Tim Hall mentioned that SB 1383 required CalRecycle to conduct an analysis of the organics infrastructure in California, including research on markets and barriers, by July 1, 2020. CalRecycle awarded a contract to Integrated Waste Management Consulting, LLC to collect data and information that will be incorporated into the report. CalRecycle and the consultant are currently finalizing the work plan, schedule, and deliverables. The contract requires the contractor to deliver a draft report by November for CalRecycle's review, and a final report by next January. The consultant proposed to include an advisory panel of stakeholders, including industry experts. Mr. Mohajer requested that the review panel include representatives from local government.

Mr. Mohajer also asked what the process was for evaluating and awarding the contract and if it included any language for conflict of interest. Mr. Hall mentioned it was a standard request for proposals process that included a set of criteria and an evaluation committee to score the proposals received. Mr. Mohajer then made a motion to request from CalRecycle to provide in writing whether there is any conflict of interest language included in any of the documents, and if so, to provide it to the Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wayde Hunter and passed with one abstention from Mr. Hall.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Mohajer asked what was the status or next steps regarding Mr. Wayde Hunter's question at the last meeting about the Brown Act requirements for calling into the Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Wayde Hunter clarified that after the last meeting he read that section of the Brown Act and let staff know that he no longer has any questions and it does not need to be a discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Chris Coyle asked what is the requirement on whether a Subcommittee member could join another member from their call-in location. Mr. Patrick Holland mentioned that staff would check with County Counsel on the response to that question.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2018.