

FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of April 15, 2004

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative
Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of L.A. County
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

John Gulledge, County Sanitation Districts of L.A. County
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Virginia Maloles, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles
Ledra Sanchez, City of Gardena

OTHERS PRESENT

Martins Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Leonard Grossberg, City of Vernon
Marsha McLean, Task Force Alternate
John McTaggart, Task Force Alternate, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Heather Merenda, City of Santa Clarita
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2004

The minutes of March 29, 2004, were unanimously approved as presented.

III. AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF VERNON'S NONDISPOSAL FACILITY ELEMENT

Mr. Martins Aiyetiwa presented the City of Vernon's request for review and comment on the proposed amendment to the City's Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE). The City is proposing to incorporate an increase in the daily tonnage of the Innovative Waste Control facility from 500 tons/day to 1,250 tons/day in order to be consistent with the City's NDFE.

A motion was made to recommend the Task Force approve the City of Vernon's amendment to the Nondisposal Facility Element. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNTYWIDE INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CoIWMP) FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

Mr. Paul Alva provided an update on the County's Five-Year Review report. Mr. Alva explained that the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoIWMP) is a compendium of documents from all the jurisdictions throughout the County as well as the Countywide Summary Plan and the Countywide Siting Element. Mr. Alva explained Section 41822 of the PRC requires the CoIWMP to be reviewed and revised, if necessary, every five years. The review must identify any items that would need to be updated in the plan.

Mr. Alva explained a detailed survey was sent to the 88 cities in Los Angeles County to collect information needed for the Five-Year Review report. In addition to the surveys distributed, information was gathered from the Waste Board website and from the Disposal Reporting System. Mr. Alva explained that possibly due to high staff turnover rate in the cities, only 75 cities have turned in their surveys, of which a high quantity of the information is incorrect. The Waste Board recommended the County use Waste Board-supplied data regarding the information for the jurisdictions in order to meet the deadline and incorporate the most accurate information.

Mr. Alva stated the Five-Year Review Report is anticipated to be ready in a few weeks for the Task Force to review. Once the Task Force reviews the draft Five-Year Review report, they will submit comments to the County and the Waste Board as required by State regulations. Once the comments are incorporated into the documents, the Report will be finalized and forwarded it to the Waste Board. If the County finds that a revision is necessary in any of the documents submitted, then a revision schedule needs to accompany the Five-Year Review report. Once the Waste Board is in receipt of the documents, they have three months to respond to the County's findings.

Mr. Alva explained one of the changes that may be incorporated into the Five-Year Review report is the removal of Blind Canyon and Elsmere Canyon Landfills from the Siting Element's list of potentially new landfills. Mr. Alva indicated the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion directing Public Works to make every effort to remove these landfills from the Siting Element.

Mr. Alva expressed thanks to the Waste Board staff for the generosity they have displayed in accommodating our questions and requests in the process of compiling the Five-Year Review report.

Mr. Mike Mohajer recommended a letter be sent to the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles explaining that due to some cities' failure to submit the survey, the County will be using the information made available by the Waste Board.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no open discussion or public comment at the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.