

Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of March 19, 2009 Meeting

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bahman Hajialiakbar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition/Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Carol Ly, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Fred Papp, Waste Management, Incorporated

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2009

A motion to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2009, meeting was unanimously approved.

III. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT CHAPTER 10 REVISIONS

Mr. Chuk Agu made a power point presentation on the second draft revisions to Chapter 10 Finding of Conformance (FOC) of the Countywide Siting Element (CSE).

Mr. Agu noted that this meeting is the fourth meeting and submittal on Chapter 10 revisions. The previous three meetings respectively covered submittals and discussions on FOC regulatory framework, options for strengthening effectiveness and enforcement of the FOC, and a review of the first draft revisions.

Mr. Agu also briefly discussed the background materials submitted with the second draft revisions, namely, Chapter 10 Table of Contents; Flowchart 6-1 (Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Facility Siting Process); Flowchart 6-2 (Land Use Permit/Conditional Use Permit Process); Flowchart 6-5 (Solid Waste Facility Permit (Full Permit) Process); Flowchart 6-6 (California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process); a table outlining and comparing the various definitions of significant change under CCR Title 14 and 27; and the Minutes of the June 19, 2008, Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee Meeting.

Mr. Agu described the major revisions in the second draft, which included (1) incorporating Subcommittee's comments regarding the first draft revisions; (2) focusing the CSE revisions on compliance with CCR Title 14 planning document guidelines rather than the Title 27 planning guideline requirements; (3) expansion of the scope of the write-up on the FOC process and proposal submittal requirements to anticipate and address issues regarding facilities other than landfills, such as biomass processing, conversion technology, and other alternative technologies; (4) expanding and updating Table 10-1 FOC Proposal Submittal Requirements to address issues relating to facilities, e.g., conversion

and other alternative technology facilities, and clarified which terms are applicable to specific facilities; (5) modifying Flowchart 6-1 (Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Facility Siting Process) to make the FOC, CEQA, and other facility permitting processes concurrent, and with the SWFP process as the final stop; (6) enhancing the discussion on the role of public participation in the flow charts; and (7) incorporating new information available since the first draft.

Mr. Agu indicated that staff's next step would be to incorporate any Subcommittee's comments on the second draft, including other new and additional information, and then re-submit the revised Chapter 10 along with the remaining revised CSE Chapter drafts.

During the lengthy discussion and deliberation on the second draft, the Subcommittee discussed each page of Chapter 10 second draft revisions (redline version), and provided general and specific comments, including the following:

- Include code titles, e.g., Title 14 or 27 of the California Code of Regulations, in code citations.
- In Section 10.3 on Page 3, remove reference to Sections 50000(a)(1) and 50000.5(a) of the PRC and focus on Section 50001 of the PRC, since the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan has already been approved by the CIWMB in 1999 which then makes Sections 50000(a)(1) and 50000.5(a) not directly applicable to this CSE revision.
- In Item 6 of Section 10.7.2 on Page 11, delete the phrase "(e.g., within the city or the County), in concert with the CEQA cumulative impact analysis for the project" in order to keep the discussion as general as possible.
- In Items 7 and 8 of Section 10.7.2 on Pages 11 and 12, replace the words "City" and "County" with the word "jurisdiction" in order to simplify the discussion.

- In Section 10.7.3.2 on Page 12, revise the phrase “the basis of denial shall generally be a perceived conflict...” to read as “Denial is generally based on a perceived conflict...,” to improve the Section’s readability.
- In Flowchart 10-1 on Page 15, revise the flowchart to make the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force, instead of the Department of Public Works, the responsible agency with respect to FOC Process related issues.
- In Flowchart 10-1 on Page 15, revise the flowchart to include additional steps to address when documents are deemed incomplete by the Task Force and need to be revised for further consideration.
- In Table 10-1, Section B on Pages 17 and 18, separate Item 5 into two separate subjects: (1) disposal area acreage for landfills, and (2) building and schematic plans for other facilities.
- In Table 10-1, Section C on Page 18, combine items 9 and 11 since they are similar.
- In Table 10-1, Section C, Item 13 on Page 18, replace the word “treatment” with the words “environmental control.”
- In Table 10-1, Section C, Item 14 on Page 18, replace the word “landfill” with the word “facility.”
- In Table 10-1, Section D on Page 19, remove the discussion on the closure process in this section.
- In Table 10-1, Section E on Pages 19 and 20, combine Items 2 and 3 since both items discuss “flow control” measures.
- In Table 10-1, Section F on Page 20, delete the discussion on “Waste-By-Rail Information” since this information is best left for discussions on specific projects during the FOC application process.

- In Table 10-1, Section G, second paragraph on page 20, replace the words “the project proponent shall...” in the second sentence with “all class III landfill owner/operators shall...”
- In Table 10-1, Section G.b. on Page 20, revise the language on seismic activity so it only applies to landfills, since seismicity should be adequately addressed as part of the building permit for non-landfill facilities .
- In Table 10-1, Section G.b.3.c. on Page 22, replace the word “from” with the word “at” on the first line of the sentence.
- In Table 10-1, Section G.b.3.e. on Page 22, revise the discussion so that it applies to alternative technology facilities as well as landfills.
- In Table 10-1, Section H.6 on Page 23, revise the words “Final Environmental Impact documentation” to read as “Final Certified Environmental Impact documentation.”

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.