

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

Minutes of April 19, 2007

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Ed Wheless, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Paul Alva, represented by Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Austin, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Ben Gibson, Cerrell Associates
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Mark Wittenberg, Cerrell Associates

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 22, 2007

Due to the lack of quorum, minutes of March 22 will be approved at the May meeting.

III. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Mr. Skye stated that he had presented information to each of the Board of Supervisor's offices, and has met with the chiefs of staff for Los Angeles County 1st, 2nd, and 4th Supervisory Districts related to the County's conversion technology project. The board offices continue to support the efforts of the County and the Subcommittee.

Mr. Skye and Mr. Berton were speakers at the Biocycle West Coast Conference during the week of April 15; Mr. Clements was in attendance. Mr. Theroux and Mr. Berton were participants at the California Bioenergy Conference the week of April 15. Mr. Theroux noted that sponsors of the event included the Department of Energy, and Universities of California at Davis and Berkley. The focus of the event was on biofuels and the use of conversion technologies to convert MSW into fuels and other forms of renewable energy.

IV. RECAP OF FACILITY REFERENCE TOURS

During the week of April 1, tour participants visited various Japanese gasification CT facilities. Mr. Theroux commented that he met with representatives of Ebara Corporation, which is currently in the process of constructing a conversion technology facility that should be operational by the end of the year. A tour of the Changing World Technology facility in Carthage, Missouri is scheduled to take place the week of April 22nd.

V. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT

Ms. Higgins provided an update on the facilitation contract. Ms. Higgins commented that ARI has focused on coordinating and evaluating the reference tours, and is working with CWT to set up meetings with the mayor of Carthage and the state enforcement agency. Ms. Higgins noted that the additional meetings have been very useful, allowing the team to gain a broader understanding of each technology and its relationship with

local regulators the surrounding community. ARI has coordinated a series of meetings with the financial institutions working closely with three of the five conversion technology vendors, as well as representatives of New York City's Department of Sanitation. These meetings will take place on May 7 and 8; Mr. Skye and representatives of ARI will be in attendance. Ms. Higgins stated ARI is in the process of preparing the outline for the final report, and summary tables of preliminary findings. During the May meeting, ARI will present its preliminary finding for discussion, which will be followed by the draft report.

VI. UPDATE ON PUBLIC OUTREACH CONTRACT

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Wittenberg of Cerrell Associates gave an update on the public outreach plan. Mr. Wittenberg commented that he provided a list of potential stakeholders by email to the Subcommittee, and has received various suggestions and comments that have and will be incorporated. Mr. Clements suggested that Cerrell should contact the outreach team working on the City of Los Angeles' conversion technology project in order to enhance collective stakeholder efforts. Of note, socialconversion.org/com is registered, and for the meantime is directed to the County's conversion technology page. The choices for the CT logos have been narrowed down to seven, and feedback from the Subcommittee is expected before a final selection is made.

VII. PRESENTATION BY UTILITARIAN ENTERPRISES

This item was rescheduled for a later date.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

No open discussion took place.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is scheduled for May 17, 2007.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.