

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

Minutes of August 2, 2007

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Annex Building, 3rd Floor
Large Conference Room
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Fernando Berton, California Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Michael Theroux, Theroux Environmental Consulting
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles, Department of Sanitation
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kay Martin, Bioenergy Producers Association
John McTaggart, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Eugene Tseng, Eugene Tseng and Associates
P. Christine Urbach, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Ed Wheless, represented by Mark McDannel, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Austin, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Jim Binder, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental
Kevin Chen, Southern California Edison
Sue Higgins, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Dave Hauser, Browning Ferris Industries
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Virginia Jauregui, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
David MacKenzie, Holland and Knight
Carl Pederson III, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

II. UPDATE ON FACILITATION CONTRACT AND DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Sue Higgins provided an update regarding the facilitation contract and the final draft report. ARI has received various comments regarding the report, and would like additional feedback on the key issues which the Subcommittee believes have not been addressed. At present, a consensus has been reached to move forward with the competition process and to provide a menu of potential incentives within the report. Mr. Alva noted that the purpose of the incentives was to allow maximum flexibility and opportunities for decision makers. Mr. Mohajer stressed that the ultimate role of the Subcommittee is to help the project move forward and to facilitate the development of a demonstration project, which will ultimately be decided by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued related to the Report on a section by section basis. Several comments focused Section 5.7, which summarizes technical findings of the various technologies. Based on comments received, ARI will incorporate some additional summary tables into the report, and develop a new draft tracking changes based on comments submitted. Staff will provide Subcommittee members with a redlined-strikeout version and clean version next week. ARI also reported that they have reinitiated efforts to identify a university contact to conduct a peer review of the report. The work on this subject is ongoing, and is currently at the information receiving stage. ARI will report on this subject at an upcoming meeting.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Skye commented that the Subcommittee has received various requests for letters of support for proposed conversion technology projects in California. Mr. Skye added that any letter drafted on behalf of the Subcommittee will be provided to members for review and feedback, and once a consensus is reached, be signed by Mr. Alva.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 a.m.