

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

**Minutes of February 19, 2015, Meeting**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Beckner, Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)\*  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition  
John Kaddis, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Mark McDannel, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Coby Skye, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
Rob Sherman, Republic Services  
Eugene Sun, Mayor, City of San Marino  
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Jim Stewart for Kay Martin, BioEnergy Producers Association  
Miguel Zermeno for Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Larry Levin, Juniper Hills  
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company  
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tracey Anthony, Alternative Resources, Inc.  
Gabriel Arenas, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Jason W. Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Jacque McMillen, Clements Environmental, Inc.  
Chris Sheppard, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

\*Designates participants over the telephone

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2015, MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2015, Meeting was made by Mr. Yann and seconded by Mr. Sherman. Mr. Mohajer commented the motion should be approved, subject to revision of the minutes to include mention of discussion from the previous meeting regarding the County's 2014 Conversion Technology White Paper (White Paper), which he also requested be included as an attachment. Mr. Skye amended the motion to delay approval of the minutes upon determination of whether previous discussion of the White Paper qualified it for inclusion as an attachment to the minutes, adding that if the document does not qualify, the minutes will still be revised to include discussion from the previous Meeting regarding it. Mr. Sherman seconded the motion, as amended, and it passed with Mr. Beckner abstaining.

Mr. Sun requested the minutes be revised to identify him as the Mayor of San Marino, as he is no longer a member of the City Council, having assumed the Mayorship of the City as of July 2014.

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

Mr. Mohajer commented on the motion made by the County Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Ridley-Thomas) for Public Works to report biannually on the development of new conversion technology (CT) facilities, as part of the renewed contract agreement between the County and Alternative Resources, Inc. (ARI), who will be providing environmental consulting services for Phase III and Phase IV of the Southern California Conversion Technology Project. Mr. Skye commented on the value of the Subcommittee to the advancement of CT, as well the important role the Subcommittee's participation is to that cause.

Mr. Clark Ajwani informed the Subcommittee of the

- Waste to Biogas and Clean Fuels Finance and Investment Summit, March 3, 2015, and March 4, 2015, Santa Clara, California
- BioCycle West Coast Conference 2015, April 13, 2015, through April 16, 2015, Portland, Oregon

- Waste Conversion Technology Conference & Trade Show, August 17, 2015 through August 19, 2015, San Diego, California

Mr. Ajwani noted for the Subcommittee he would be discussing the County's formally adopted Sustainable Waste Management Future initiative, also known as the Roadmap, at the BioCycle West Coast Conference.

Mr. Mark McDannel informed the Subcommittee of the SWANAPalooza conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, from March 16, 2015, through March 19, 2015. Among the features presented at the conference will be SWANA training, the Road to Zero Waste, a landfill gas and biogas symposium, and a landfill symposium.

#### **IV. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY/CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Skye commented that with the renewal of the ARI contract, facilitating the development of CT facilities is now at the forefront of the County's next phase of efforts. He also informed the Subcommittee of plans for presentations of new facilities, possible tours of the facilities, and discussions on possibly holding a future Subcommittee meeting at the CR&R owned anaerobic digestion facility, currently in development in Perris, California.

Mr. Skye commented on the motion approved by the Task Force for Public Works and ARI to move forward with the planning of a County sponsored CT conference, adding that development of a formal CT conference had been included in the terms of ARI's contract with the County but not yet approved by Public Works management.

#### **V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

No public comment.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.