

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

Minutes of December 15, 2015, Meeting

CR&R Waste and Recycling Services
1706 Goetz Road
Perris, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Beckner, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
John Kaddis, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Mark McDannel, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Mike Mohajer, Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Coby Skye, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Eugene Sun, Mayor, City of San Marino

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Jim Stewart for Kay Martin, BioEnergy Producers Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
Alex Helou, City of Los Angeles
Ron Kent, Southern California Gas Company
Larry Levin, Juniper Hills
Rob Sherman, Republic Services, Inc.
Eugene Tseng, UCLA Solid Waste Program

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clark Ajwani, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Holland, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jason W. Jones, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jonathan Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Kawsar Vazifdar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Traecey Anthony, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Chip Clements, Clements Environmental, Inc.
Dave Czerniak, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Matt Eaton, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Robert Morton, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Timothy Hall, CalRecycle
Mike Silva, CR&R, Inc., Waste and Recycling Services
Joe Vitti, Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015, MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2015, meeting was made by Mr. Mike Mohajer and seconded by Mr. Wayne Hunter, and it passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

Mr. Coby Skye informed the Subcommittee that staff has finalized a proposal for outreach related to the County's Conversion Technology (CT) Draft White Paper and conference where the White Paper would be a main discussion topic. The proposal is awaiting final approval from Public Works Administration and once approved, staff will reach out to potential keynote speakers to determine their availability.

IV. UPDATE ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY EVENTS/MEETINGS/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Mr. Skye reported to the Subcommittee that Public Works will be hosting a booth and coordinating three panels at the January 2016 VerdeXchange Conference and Expo in Los Angeles that will be discussing the emergent El Niño-Southern Oscillation cycle and storm season; the County's Extended Producer Responsibility ordinance; and opportunities to advance conversion technologies in the County. Public Works is also planning to promote other CT efforts in the County, along with the White Paper, at additional upcoming conferences in 2016.

Mr. Skye informed the Subcommittee of Public Works' plans to sponsor new legislation amending the Public Resources Code to add non-recyclable byproduct, or residue, derived from digestion to the existing list of biomass conversion feedstocks eligible for diversion credit, per Assembly Bill 939 (Sher, 1989). Discussions are currently underway to determine potential authors to introduce the legislation during the second year of the 2015 – 2016 legislative session.

V. RECAP ON CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Skye informed the Subcommittee that the most promising project development will be seen today on the tour of the CR&R anaerobic digestion facility.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mohajer informed the Subcommittee that Scott Smithline, Director of CalRecycle, will be attending the January 21, 2016, Task Force Meeting, urging those with availability in their schedules to attend.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.