

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

Minutes of January 18, 2007

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Albert Avoian, Business/Commerce Representative
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Michael Miller, League of California Cities-Los Angeles Division
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Ken Murray, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services
Rafael Prieto, City of Los Angeles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Glenn Acosta, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Chuk Agu, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Armando Aguilar, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Paul Alva, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Erayna Chang, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Christine Frias, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Nichole Horton, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
Carl Pederson, 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 11:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2006 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2006 was made. Motion passed with Mr. Mohajer and Mr. Avoian abstaining.

III. FACILITY AND PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON STATUS

Mr. Chuk Agu informed the Subcommittee that Mr. Al Avoian (Subcommittee's Chairman) will be resigning from the Subcommittee and the Task Force effective February 1, 2007. Mr. Agu also indicated that nomination and election of a new Subcommittee Chairperson is conducted by the full Task Force, and that the matter is on the January 18, 2007 Task Force Agenda. The Subcommittee deferred the matter to the full Task Force for consideration.

IV. STATUS UPDATE ON FINDING OF CONFORMANCE SUBMITTAL FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (COUNTY EXTENSION)

Mr. Martins Aiyetiwa informed the Subcommittee of the review timeline for the Finding of Conformance (FOC), Conditional Use Permit, and Solid Waste Facility Permit documents submitted by BFI, Inc. for Sunshine Canyon Landfill (County Extension). Mr. Aiyetiwa indicated that the FOC process is being undertaken to comply with the Countywide Siting Element's requirement regarding landfill expansions.

Mr. Aiyetiwa announced that a Special Subcommittee meeting to review the FOC materials is scheduled for February 8, 2007 in Conference Room A at Public Works Headquarters. Mr. Aiyetiwa further noted that issues not resolved at the February 8, 2007 meeting will be address at the February 22, 2007 Subcommittee meeting.

V. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT REVISIONS UPDATE

Mr. Chuk Agu updated the Subcommittee on the status of the Siting Element revisions. Mr. Agu also provided the Subcommittee members with a table summarizing the status of the revisions to each Chapter, the table of contents, list of acronyms, glossary of terms and the executive summary. In addition, Mr. Agu provided each member with a binder containing all the latest draft revisions for their use as a reference or resource material.

Mr. Agu indicated that the Siting Element consists of 10 Chapters, the table of contents, list of acronyms, glossary of terms, and executive summary. The Chapters are revised by subject matter rather than in a chronological order. Six Chapters have been revised and the full Task Force has reviewed and approved draft revisions of four Chapters. Chapter 5 is currently under review by the Subcommittee and staff is preparing draft revisions to Chapter 9. The table of contents, list of acronyms, and glossary of terms are revised concurrently with the Chapters but are submitted to the Subcommittee for information only. Chapters 1, 4 and 10 are yet to be revised.

Furthermore, Mr. Agu suggested that Staff will mail draft revisions to Subcommittee members in the first week of the month to ensure members receive the documents ten days before the Subcommittee meeting -- as requested by Subcommittee. However, the Subcommittee requested that staff mail the draft revisions along with the regular Task Force meeting mail-out but use expedited mail service (i.e. overnight mail, priority mail), or hand delivery in extreme circumstances.

VI. COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT CHAPTER 5 REVISIONS

Mr. Coby Skye and Chuk Agu presented Chapter 5 (Alternative Technologies) preliminary draft revisions (see [Attachment A](#)) to seek Subcommittee's guidance for future revisions. Mr. Agu addressed the procedural issues and Mr. Skye made a power-point presentation (see [Attachment B](#)) on the substantive issues and contents of the Chapter. Mr. Skye's presentation covered an overview of the draft text, previous Subcommittee comments, and the time frame for completing Chapter 5 draft revisions.

The Subcommittee provided Staff with the following comments, and the members will provide additional comments in writing or electronically.

- To use more assertive and optimistic language in discussing conversion technologies.
- To use consistent technology terminology. Subcommittee concurred with Staff's recommendation to use terminology as proved in Chapter 5 throughout the CSE, and replace definition of same terms in previously revised Chapters (e.g., Chapter 7).
- To make references to Table 5-1 (Conversion Technology Comparison) for additional data regarding specific processes.
- To use consistent temperature units/designations (e.g., Celsius or Fahrenheit) throughout the Chapter.
- To remove redundancies in the Chapter text.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments or open discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.