

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

Minutes of June 21, 2007

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John McTaggart, General Public Representative
Mike Miller, League of California Cities
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Ken Murray, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY OTHERS:

Charles Boehmke, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, represented by
Glenn Acosta

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Dave Edwards, Browning-Ferris Industries, Incorporated
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition
Richard Ledesma, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Jason Verner, City of Monrovia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:26 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2007, meeting was made. The motion was approved.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE FINDING OF CONFORMANCE FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (COUNTY EXTENSION)

Mr. Martin Aiyetiwa updated the Subcommittee on the additional information (see [Attachment 1](#)) requested by the Subcommittee and submitted by Browning-Ferris, Inc. (BFI), for the Finding of Conformance (FOC) for Sunshine Canyon Landfill (County Extension).

Mr. Aiyetiwa indicated that BFI has accepted the replacement CUP and is currently working with the County to finalize an indemnification agreement, including a \$10 million letter of credit. The indemnification agreement will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Aiyetiwa also indicated that Staff recommends the Subcommittee delay issuing the FOC until BFI submits the re-vegetation program. Mr. Aiyetiwa also stated that the portion of the simplified site and phasing plans labeled as “proposed” are not yet active fill areas, and are subject to certain approvals.

Mr. Wayde Hunter, expressed concern over the re-vegetation efforts outlined in the replacement CUP and whether BFI will follow through with the stated requirements. The Subcommittee instructed Staff to work with BFI and Department of Parks and Recreation to provide assistance in implementing the re-vegetation plan. Mr. Hunter also expressed concern over development activities in the bridge area of the City-side of the Landfill. Mr. Aiyetiwa stated that Public Works only has jurisdiction over the County-side of the Landfill. The Subcommittee requested staff to verify if development on the City-side of the bridge area is allowed at this time.

As part of the FOC approval process, the Subcommittee, among other things, requested the following from BFI:

- Submit quarterly reports regarding the progress of the re-vegetation cover program, and for Staff to clarify which agencies have jurisdiction over the grading plan approvals.

- Update the final phasing plan to state that development of the bridge area will be consistent with the conditions of the replacement CUP; use appropriate phase numbering which would chronologically describe the development of each phase; and explain the “sliver-shaped” delineations shown on the final phasing plan.
- Include footnotes in the final phasing plan to clarify that grading in the bridge area of the County-side of the Landfill will be developed only with County Department of Public Works’ approval. The footnote should also indicate areas previously filled, areas previously filled that will continue to have fill activity, and proposed areas to be filled.
- A timeline for re-vegetation of cut and fill slopes and determine if re-vegetation of cut slopes can occur earlier than 180 days.

In addition, the Subcommittee requested staff to determine which agency is responsible for overseeing re-vegetation outside the disposal footprint area of the Landfill.

The Subcommittee made a motion to recommend granting the FOC, subject to review of revised conditions of the FOC, and staff recommendations as indicated in the February 1, 2007, staff report. These will be the final items to be considered for granting the FOC and would be resolved at the next Subcommittee meeting. The motion passed.

IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.