

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

**Minutes of August 21, 2008**

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Traffic Management Center Conference Room (1st Floor-Annex Building)  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative  
Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles  
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative  
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

John McTaggart, General Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Martin Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Paul Alva, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Joe Mike Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Owen Blakely, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Tom Bruen, Esq., representing Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Rafael Garcia, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Dave Hauser, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Larry Hafetz, County Counsel representing County of Los Angeles  
Department of Regional Planning  
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition/Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council  
Linda Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Greg Loughnane, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Carol Ly, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Ali Mehraznin, A-Mehr, Inc., representing Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc.  
Michael L. Moore, County Counsel representing Los Angeles County Solid Waste  
Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Carl Pederson III, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Jim Teter, Allied Waste, Inc.  
Paul Willman, Bryan A. Stirrat & Associates, representing Browning-Ferris Industries of  
California, Inc.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JULY 16, 2008**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2008, meeting was unanimously approved.

## **III. DISCUSSION OF FINDING OF CONFORMANCE FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL)**

Mr. Martin Aiyetiwa presented the Staff Report ([See Attachment](#)) on the Amended Finding of Conformance (FOC) application, dated August 6, 2008, submitted by Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc. (BFI) for the combined operation of the "Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) – City/County Project."

The Subcommittee examined whether the Amended FOC (1) addressed the issues raised by the Subcommittee at the July 16, 2008, meeting, (2) provided the information requested by the Subcommittee at the July 16, 2008 meeting, and (3) fully addressed and complied with CSE Chapter 10 (Finding of Conformance) and Table 10-1 (FOC Submittal Requirements).

After a lengthy discussion between the Subcommittee, BFI representatives and consultants, and County Counsels (Mr. Larry Hafetz and Michael L. Moore), the Subcommittee concluded that the submittals did not satisfy the following FOC requirements: (1) Requirement No. 5 of Table 10-1, regarding description of waste material to be handled, including a clarification on whether liquid waste is allowed, (2) Requirement No. 15 of Table 10-1, regarding information and operations plan for meeting applicable permit/regulatory requirement, since the evidence of the City of Los Angeles' approval determination for operation in Phase II has not been provided, and (3) Requirement No. 16 of Table 10-1, regarding demonstration of compliance with siting criteria requirements as established in Chapter 6 of the CSE, including a more thorough description of all the waste diversion and salvage programs that BFI is currently implementing.

It was resolved that since the Task Force does not issue a conditional FOC, an FOC will not be issued at this time. A motion was made stipulating that, (1) Subcommittee will proceed with the review of the proposal, (2) staff will continue to work with BFI to verify and obtain the remaining information, (3) staff will then prepare an updated Staff Report to the Subcommittee for review and consideration, and (4) once the above steps have been met, the FOC would be essentially finalized, but (5) the Task Force would withhold granting the FOC until after BFI provides evidence that BFI has obtained the City of Los Angeles' approval/determination to proceed to Phase II of the City Landfill.

A motion was passed stipulating the above, with Mr. Chris Salomon dissenting.

#### **IV. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Wayde Hunter of the North Valley Coalition/Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council commented that BFI's FOC Application for the Combined Sunshine Canyon Landfill is premature, and there should be no further consideration on the FOC Application until all prerequisite regulatory requirements have been met.

#### **V. NEXT MEETING DATE**

To be announced at a later date.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.