

LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 9, 2008

Call to Order/ Roll Call: approximately 7:05 pm, Chairman Garfinkel calls meeting to order. Absent: Bob Semonsen, Daniel Berman, Karen Venditti and Lee Ferrero. Opening comments by Chairman Garfinkel (**see attached**). Discusses meeting format, water conservation and describes the difference between solids and septage. John Waddell provides update on upcoming photo survey, future community advisory survey, release of final technical memos with comments and responses and process for revised final draft technical memos on Out-of-Town Conveyance and Decentralized Treatment. Mark Hutchinson provides an update on EIR work progress, interagency meeting and revised final draft technical memo on Out-of-Town Conveyance with regards to the environmental review process. TAC members ask follow up questions of County staff on Out-of-Town Conveyance technical memo and Tonini site. Chairman Garfinkel will seek input from TAC subcommittees of whether the revised Out-of-Town Conveyance technical memo will be reviewed at an upcoming TAC meeting.

- 1) Agenda Item 1, Accept minutes from June 9, 2008 meeting. **Rob Shipe motions to accept minutes and Maria Kelly second. Motion carries.** No request for public comment.
- 2) Agenda Item 2, Discussion of the Project Technical Memo titled "Solids Handling Options"; John Waddell provides an introduction to the technical memo.

Engineering committee discusses impacts of collection and treatment processes biosolids handling; options beyond handling sub-class B, aerobic digestion, and cost estimates. Environmental committee discusses analysis of biosolids quantities resulting from gravity and STEP collection system, septage receiving, and project engineering costs. Finance committee discusses O&M cost and estimated truck traffic.

Public Comment

Keith Wimer: Discusses land applications of biosolids and cost recovery from composting and methane collection.

Don Bearden: Discusses pond treatment and danger of heavy metals and pharmaceutical in biosolids.

Frank Ausilio: Discusses cost for pond sludge removal after 20 years.

Gail McPherson: Discusses metals from septage, land injection, commercial feasibility of selling compost, and footprint of composting facility.

Chris Allebe: Discusses definitions of solid handling terms.

Advisory committee responds to public comment: discusses assumption of local septage receiving included in biosolids quantity estimates, land application of biosolids, pond sludge removal, and heavy metals in biosolids.

3) Agenda Item 3, Discussion of the Project Technical Memo titled “Septage Receiving Station Option”; John Waddell provides an introduction to the technical memo

Engineering committee discusses maintaining focus on community wastewater project, changes in regulations, and uncertainty of investment on regional septage receiving facility. Environmental committee concurs with engineering committee. Finance committee discusses AB 885 regulations and potential funding source for a regional septage receiving facility.

Public Comment

Keith Wimer: Discusses project sustainability related to regional septage facility, AB 885 regulations, and volume pumped from septic tanks.

Gail McPherson: Discusses project sustainability, size of STEP tanks, and applicability of AB 885 regulations. **(see attachments)**

Don Bearden: Discusses high costs of regional septage facility.

Chris Allebe: Discusses landfill use reduction.

Richard Margetson: Discusses number of septic tanks at build out.

Lawson Schaller: Discusses Water Board septic pumping requirements.

Rachel Rosenthal: Discusses regional septage versus meeting the need in community for local septage.

Advisory committee respond to public comment: discusses volume of liquids pumped from STEP tanks, potential requirements for accepting regional septage, and potential impacts to treatment plant neighbors.

4) Agenda Item 5, General Public Comment

Public Comment

Tom Ruehr: Discusses the Fugro 2004 report, Broderson disposal site, EPA guidelines, liquefaction risks, and nitrogen reuse. **(see attachments)**

Keith Wimer: Discusses responses to comments on low pressure collection system technical memo, cluster STEP system and grinder pumps.

Frank Ausilio: Discusses flooding on Highland Drive and describes pictures. **(see attachments)**

Don Bearden: Discusses fuel prices and biosolids hauling, reduction through gravity collection system, and pond treatment.

Gail McPherson: Discusses Broderson disposal site, review of past project reports, Low Pressure technical memo comments, and grinder pumps.

Lisa Schicker: Discusses independent technical reports for EIR, Broderson disposal site, energy use, and biosolids. **(see attachments)**

Rachel Rosenthal: Discusses Fine Screening Report, nitrogen calculations, and TAC recommendations.

Lawson Schaller: Discusses independent evaluation of Broderson disposal site, EIR consultants, and value of TAC discussions.

- 5) Date of next advisory committee meeting: Monday, June 30, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Los Osos at the South Bay Community Center.
- 6) Meeting adjourns at approximately 9:10 pm.