

**KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (LAC) FOR THE PROPOSED
CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. (CWMI) KETTLEMAN HILLS FACILITY
HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 05-10

MINUTES

Vern Grewal, Chairperson
Aletha Ware, Vice-Chairperson
David Block
Jim Verboon

Mary Lynn Sterrett
Kelly Deming
Alvaro Preciado

April 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Kings County Local Assessment Committee was called to order by Chairperson Vern Grewal at 6:05 p.m. on April 9, 2009, in the Kings County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vern Grewal, David Block, Kelly Deming, Alvaro Preciado, Jim Verboon, Aletha Ware, Mari Lynn Starrett.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Chuck Kinney.

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: John Boogaert, Michael Hogan.

VISITORS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet for partial list of visitors present.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hogan announced that translation services were available and the translator announced her services in English and Spanish. There were requests for translation services which were provided. Mr. Hogan then summarized the agenda.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

Chairperson Grewal invited any person to address the Committee on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Committee. No person spoke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Block) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Receive draft report from staff regarding the Local Assessment Committee's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors concerning the terms and conditions under which the project would be acceptable to the community.

A draft report prepared by the Committee's consultants was presented to the Committee and copies were made available to the public. (A copy of the draft report is attached to these minutes.) Mr. Hogan stated that, pursuant to the Tanner Act, the report is intended to contain the terms and conditions for project approval which have been agreed upon by the Committee and the project proponent, and any other information which the Committee deems appropriate. The final report will constitute the Committee's written recommendation to the Board of Supervisors of the terms and conditions under which the project may be acceptable to the community.

The Committee identified several corrections which should be made to the report. With respect to the community health survey referred to as Item No. 1 on pages 8 and 11 of the draft report, the Committee expressed its intention that the consultant hired to perform the survey be selected by the Kings County Department of Health rather than the Committee, and that the Department of Health consult with the Central Valley Health Policy Institute (CSU Fresno) in preparing the request for proposals. Mr. Jan Kahn, the attorney for Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (CWMI) offered to provide the names of consultants with expertise in performing community health surveys. With respect to Item No. 7 on page 11 of the draft report, which required CWMI to complete the annual summary of air quality and water quality monitoring information by January 31st of each year, Mr. Bob Henry of CWMI stated it may not be possible for the consultants to have the information available by that date. The Committee requested that Mr. Henry notify staff of an appropriate deadline for completing the summary each year, taking into account the monitoring and compliance reporting schedule in which such information is prepared in the ordinary course of business.

The members of the Committee agreed to review the draft report further and either to communicate any proposed revisions to Mr. Hogan by telephone or e-mail or to submit any proposed changes at the next meeting. Mr. Hogan will incorporate all requested revisions into the final form of the report, which will be presented to the Committee for its review and approval at the next meeting. The final form of the report will include copies of all the appendices referenced in the report.

The Committee also discussed the manner in which it will submit the final report to the Board of Supervisors. Chairperson Grewal expressed a strong preference for the Committee to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors in person, along with any oral comments the Committee members wished to make. The Committee agreed to consider the matter further and to defer any decision concerning the manner in which the final report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors until the next meeting of the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS:

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next special meeting of the Committee will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kings County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Vern Grewal, Chairman