

**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 Starrett
Kelly Deming

November 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Kings County Local Assessment Committee was called to order by Chairman Grewal at 6:02 p.m. on November 13, 2008, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vern Grewal, David Block, Jim Verboon, Kelly Deming

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aletha Ware, Mari Lynn Starrett, One Vacancy

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Mike Hogan, John Boogaert, Douglas Noll, Allison Boogaert, Tim Sudiagal

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Yarbrough

VISITORS PRESENT: Jan Kahn, Carol Carollo, Sam Cerveny, Chris Speelman, Shannon Speelman, Bill Zumwalt, Sandy Roper, Chuck Kinney,

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Hogan announced that translation services were available and the translator announced her services in English and Spanish. There was no request for translation services. Mr. Hogan then summarized the agenda.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

No speakers came forward for the unscheduled appearances portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Deming) to approve the October 20, 2008 minutes. Motion carried unanimously with Ware and Starrett absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Open forum for citizen participation concerning (1) the measures that should be taken by the Kettleman Hills Facility to protect the public health, safety, welfare and environment of the County, and the (2) the special benefits the Kettleman Hills Facility will provide the County as compensation for the local costs associated with operation of the proposed project.**

No speakers came forward for the open forum portion of the meeting.

2. **Report from Independent Consultant.**

Mr. Noll introduced his team and noted that Ms. Boogaert and Mr. Sudiagal were bilingual. Mr. Noll provided a copy of their work plan and gave an overview of the plan. He stated that they intend for meetings to be accessible and accommodating to the community and they will also reach out to Avenal if there is a need. Mr. Boogaert reported that they had toured the Chemical Waste Management facility and also met with Committee member Ware and will be meeting with other members of the Committee on an individual basis.

They have also had dialog with Bradley Angel and Luke Cole. Mr. Noll reported that on December 3, 2008 there will be an editorial board meeting at the Hanford Sentinel. Mr. Noll stated they would notify the public of the meetings through posters in English and Spanish, Mr. Sudiagal would be going out into the community door to door with flyers, and any other effective ways they determine appropriate. Mr. Hogan reminded everyone that the committee role is to make recommendations for any special benefits/conditions they feel need to be made by the applicant, Chemical Waste Management, Inc., and have dialog with the applicant concerning those special benefits/conditions.

Mr. Hogan also asked Boogaert & Noll to keep in mind that input is needed as early as possible.

Chairman Grewal asked Boogaert & Noll to use the current list of recommendations and build upon that. He also recommended that they speak with Kings County Fire Department since they are impacted by the Chemical Waste Management facility. The committee directed Boogaert & Noll to go ahead with their plan.

3. Public Input and Discussion of Process.

No speakers came forward for the public input portion of the meeting.

4. Schedule and Locations for Special Meetings.

Chairman Grewal suggested scheduling a special meeting to discuss the current list of recommendations. It was the general consensus to wait until December after meetings have been held in Kettleman City.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the LAC is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation was received from the Hanford Sentinel to participate in an editorial meeting and Boogaert & Noll would like to have Chairman Grewal attend.

Mr. Hogan reported that a number of email communications have been received from Bradley Angel, representing Green Action, objecting to this meeting. Mr. Angel is claiming that the meeting notification violates the Brown Act. Mr. Hogan stated that the County did notice the meeting according to the law, but plans to give more notice than is required by law for future meetings. Mr. Hogan also read an email from Mr. Angel into the record as requested by Mr. Angel.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Hogan announced that there is still an opening on the committee. Mr. Noll reported that they had also received numerous emails from Mr. Angel and if the committee wanted to review those, he would provide them. Mr. Hogan asked him to bring copies of any emails to future meetings under correspondence for a brief update.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

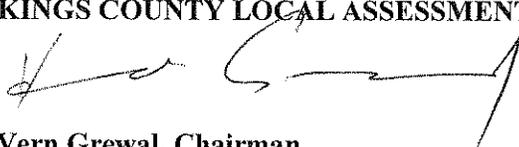
None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE


Vern Grewal, Chairman