

**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
Ceil Howe Jr.

Jim Verboon
Mary Lynn Starrett
Kelly Deming

May 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Kings County Local Assessment Committee was called to order by Chairman Vern Grewal at 1:40 p.m. on May 22, 2008, in the Health Annex Building, 330 Campus Drive Hanford, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vern Grewal, Aletha Ware, Kelly Deming, Mary Lynn Starrett, Jim Verboon,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ceil Howe Jr., one vacancy

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Chuck Kinney, Terri Yarbrough, and Kyle Sand (County Counsel)

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Mike Hogan (Hogan Guiney Dick LLP), Robert Mason (CH2M Hill)

VISITORS PRESENT: Helen Luibel, Robert Henry, Ana Martinez, Paul Turek, Jan Kahn, Ingrid Brostrom, Lars Johnson, David Block, Perry Rickard

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Zumwalt summarized the agenda and announced that translation services were available. Nobody came forward.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

Ana Martinez stated she was opposing the composition of the LAC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Starrett) to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Howe absent.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of the Draft Kettleman City Community Plan

Mr. Greg Gatzka gave a PowerPoint presentation on the draft Kettleman City Community Plan. He stated that the plan had been before the Board of Supervisors for a study session. The community expressed a desire to preserve the park and walkability of the community, and would like to address the division of the community by Highway 41. Ms. Deming asked if there were any air quality buffers from vehicles. Mr. Gatzka stated that the only buffer the County was suggesting was the agricultural buffer. A buffer regarding vehicles would be Cal Trans' jurisdiction. Air quality control trees are referenced in the General Plan within the landscape strips. Mr. Verboon asked if there was any consideration to move people over or under

Highway 41. Mr. Gatzka said this would require more walls to force the use of the walkway, which would further divide the community. PowerPoint presentation attached.

2. Review of the Revised Project Description for Conditional Use Permit No. 05-10

Mr. Robert Mason (CH2M Hill) provided a PowerPoint presentation on the revised project. Mr. Mason discussed the change in design on Landfill B18 shifting the addition to the west rather than taking out the road and existing retention basin. He also discussed the refined side-slope liner and provided additional information on air quality and public health. Mr. Verboon asked for clarification on the ambient air quality discussed was the current air quality at the facility. This was confirmed. PowerPoint presentation attached.

3. Review of the cause and effect of Asthma in Kings County of Kings

Christina Pickering and Bill Legere gave an overview of what causes asthma, how the lungs are affected and treatment. Mr. Legere stated that people with lower incomes tend to have worse cases of asthma because they wait to seek medical attention. Ms. Starrett asked if there was any information available specific to Kettleman City. The studies are all done county wide and there are different triggers for different people. It was noted that stateoftheair.org was a good source for determining daily air quality. PowerPoint presentation attached.

4. Review of available health related programs currently available within Kings County

Mr. Perry Rickard, Director of Public Health, gave an overview of the services provided by the Kings County Health Department. Mr. Rickard stated the challenge in Kettleman City is there is only a ½ time nurse and ¼ of her time is spent in Kettleman City. Mr. Rickard suggested the following areas could be assisted in order to help Kettleman City.

1. The California Endowment, CCROP, has provided \$100,000 in funds for three years. Proteus has targeted Kettleman City through this grant.
2. The Health Department provides Health Insurance, Healthy Kid Kings for 6-18 years of age. Five to seven percent of the children are from Kettleman City. There is an opportunity for Waste Management to help Kettleman City in supporting these programs.
3. The funding for the First 5 Family Resource Centers is limited and they will be needing money going forward.

Mr. Rickard stated that a study was being done targeting six counties on how the communities can come together and deal with asthma issues. They would like to concentrate on the areas where the needs are.

5. Review of the air quality within Kings County and what influencers affect Kings County's air quality

No presentation given

MISCELLANEOUS

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Special Meeting of the LAC is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kettleman City Elementary School Cafeteria. The next regular meeting of the LAC is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF COMMENTS:

There is still a vacancy on the committee for a resident of Kings County from the community at large. Three applications have been received to date.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William R. Zumwalt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "W".

William R. Zumwalt, Committee Secretary

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