

**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

August 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Kings County Local Assessment Committee was called to order by Chairperson Vern Grewal at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2008, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: One Vacancy

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

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Paul Turek, Robert Henry, Jan Kahn, Helen Luibel

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Zumwalt summarized the agenda and announced that Mr. Hogan was not available for the meeting due to health issues. Mr. Verboon arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded (Starrett/Deming) to approve the July 10, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Technical Assistance Grant – Mr. Zumwalt announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the request for a Technical Assistance Grant. The Planning Staff is drafting the request for proposal and will need the subcommittee to review the RFP. A list of potential consultants was provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

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. **Review of recommendations/requests which have been made by the public for the Local Assessment Committee to consider when entering into dialogue with the applicant.**

Mr. Grewal asked the committee members to consider the requests identified in the letter from CRPE, that all LAC meetings should be held in Kettleman City, the request for a Technical Assistance Grant and the call for resignation of the committee members. The committee agreed to leave the meetings as scheduled, the Technical Assistance Grant has already been requested and the committee didn't feel a need to resign their positions.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Grewal asked if there was any desire to set any special meetings at this time. The committee agreed to wait until a consultant was hired. The next regular meeting of the LAC is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Neema Trivedi, Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment was addressed under New Business, Item 2.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE



William R. Zumwalt, Committee Secretary