

**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

**December 20, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Kings County Local Assessment Committee was called to order by Chairperson Vern Grewal at 11:05 am on December 20, 2008, in the Kettleman City Community Center, 75 Fifth Avenue, Kettleman City, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vern Grewal, Aletha Ware, Lynn Starrett, Jim Verboon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kelly Deming, David Block

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandy Roper, Kings County Planning

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** Mike Hogan, Doug Noll, John Boogaert

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Bob Henry, Helen Luibel, Maricela Mares-Alatorre, Gloria Preciado, Alvaro Preciado, Ramon Mares, Josefina Garza, Ana Gutierrez, Porfidio Gutierrez, Chris Speelman, Ignacio Villarreal

**SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Noll announced that interpreters were present and summarized the agenda.

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:**

Maricela Mares-Alatorre stated that the meeting was illegally noticed and that the LAC was illegally constituted. Upon doing so, she left the meeting. Several residents expressed concern that they had not received notice of the meeting. Mr. Noll stated that he believed every resident in Kettleman City had received notice through the mail, but was uncertain. (Upon inquiry, Mr. Noll verified that written notices of the meeting were delivered by Boogaert & Noll to the Kettleman City Post Office on Tuesday, December 14, 2008, for delivery to every post office boxholder in Kettleman City.)

Other residents spoke to concerns that residents had about health and water issues.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Noll presented the Consultant's Report of Activities since the last meeting. Mr. Noll reported that two Round Table Meetings were held in Kettleman City on December 13, 2008 and on December 15, 2008. No residents appeared on December 13, 2008 and approximately 15 residents appeared on December 15, 2008. Mr. Noll reported that he and John Boogaert met with Kit Cole and Bob Morales (Waste Management) on December 17, 2008 in Burbank, California at Ms. Cole's request. The meeting updated Ms. Cole and Mr. Morales on the LAC activities and included a general discussion of the future work of the LAC.

Mr. Noll presented four recommendations to be added to the agenda of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting of the LAC for consideration and decision by the Committee.

By motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the following items were placed on the agenda for the January 8, 2008 meeting of the LAC:

Recommendation re outreach to Avenal and Stratford by Boogaert & Noll

Recommendation re extension of time for LAC to complete its work

Recommendation re contract extension for Boogaert & Noll

Recommendation re Proposed Dialogue/Negotiation Process

Mr. Noll presented the LAC with a Community Benefits List organized by systemic need as a worksheet for the use of the LAC in its dialogue process.

The meeting was recessed at 12:30 pm during a medical emergency involving LAC member Aletha Ware.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

None.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 8, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Kettleman City Community Center, 75 Fifth Avenue, Kettleman City, California. In addition to legal notices published by the county staff, the LAC directed Boogaert & Noll to provide the following forms of notice of the meeting:

All notices will be provided in Spanish and English

Notices will be placed in Kettleman City post office boxes at least a week before the meeting.

Notices will be posted in the Kettleman City Community Center, the Kettleman City Library, and the Kettleman City Community Services District office.

Display ads will be placed in the Avenal Times and Hanford Sentinel.

Boogaert & Noll staff will hand out fliers in Kettleman City, Avenal, and Stratford.

Agendas and materials will be provided at the meeting for members of the public in Spanish and English.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Due to the medical emergency, Ms. Ware was unable to participate in further proceedings. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**KINGS COUNTY LOCAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

**Vern Grewal, Chairman**