

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.**  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall  
April 11, 2005

Present: Justo Gonzalez, President  
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner  
Noreen E. McClendon, Commissioner  
Jennifer Taggart, Commissioner

Absent: Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner

Bianca Vite, Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Justo Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of March 17, 2005 were considered and approved as written.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
  - Karen Higgins, Manager of the City Facilities Recycling Program of the General Services Department briefed the Commission about the Program. The City has a trained recycling coordinator in every department. As part of this program, different kinds of paper and beverage containers are recycled. There is also a Special Events Recycling program for large-scale events that offers the public a free city service that sets up and removes recycling bins. Programs that the public can participate in include the greeting card, eyeglasses recycling, and toner cartridge recycling programs. Future projects include battery recycling, fluorescent bulb recycling and cell phone recycling. As part of the Assembly Bill AB 939 the city has increased its' recycling to 58% diversion of rubbish, short of the Mayor's 70% goal.

Sanitation handles the City Facilities Recycling Report, which it submits to the State of California.

- Javier Polanco, Sanitary Wastewater Manager of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) informed the Commission about the solid waste disposal RFP. The Mayor formed the Landfill Oversight Committee in 1993 to find disposal options outside of the City of L.A. In May 2004, the BOS released a Request For Proposals (RFP) for solid waste transfer disposal services. Five proposals were received in July of 2004. The evaluation team evaluated the feasibility and viability of the proposals pending determination of responsiveness to the RFP requirements, as did the Office of Contract Compliance for review of the contract provision requirements. On Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the BOS appeared before the Board of Public Works to resolve and complete the final negotiated terms with the responsive proposals. The determination of responsiveness of proposals is to be completed by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The BOS intends to return to the BOPW in the second week of January 2005, with the best and final offers for transfer and disposal services for consideration by the Mayor and City Council. The new contract will cover the period of 2006 to 2021 with 5-year renewal options.
- George Payba of the Environmental Business and Neighborhood Services Division gave the Commission a summary of the hazardous waste management and mercury switch management workshops held for City staff and auto dismantlers.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** State of the City's Environment Report.

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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