

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
November 17, 2005

Present: Vacant, President
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner
Maria Armoudian
Noreen E. McClendon, Commissioner
Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner
Misty Sanford, Commissioner

Keylaundra McClelland, Acting Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Wayde Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of October 20, 2005 will be considered at the December 2005 meeting.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Peter Baxter, addressed the Commission regarding his interest in fighting fires with turbo jet engines.
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
 - Nicole Bernson, Senior Policy Advisory to Councilmember Greig Smith gave the Commission a briefing on the Renew LA Plan. RENEW LA is an acronym for Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for Los Angeles. The Renew LA strategy takes traditional recyclables, compost and the residuals and converts it into green energy, green fuel, compost, bio-chemicals and other products. It aims to achieve an overall recovery goal of 90% or more by 2025. Key components of the RENEW LA Plan are sustainability, resource conservation, maximum material recovery, environmental protection, renewable energy, economic benefit to the City, and true environmental justice. The RENEW LA Plan is a legislative package with 14 motions, some of which have already passed. What EAC can do to assist the Renew LA Plan is to get the legislative

package through Council, and to spread the word. Would love for EAC to take an official stand on this plan.

- Ralph Appy, Director of Environmental Management of the Port of Los Angeles gave the Commission a summary overview of their environmental programs. Their programs include Clean Air, Water Quality, Habitat Management, Site Restoration, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance, and Environmental Initiatives Program & Environmental Management System.

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

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:**

Commissioners requested that a representative of the Mayor's office describe the role of the Mayor's Green plan and how it will affect the Commission and the Environmental Affairs Department at a future meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

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The City of Los Angeles produces 9.3 million tons of trash per year, 5.8 million is recycled, 3.5 million tons is disposed of in landfills. This is equivalent to 1 ton for every man woman and child in the City of Los Angeles. Conversion technology main technologies are gasification pyrolysis, anaerobic digestion, MSW composting, autoclave, and fermentation. A Mayor's directive mandates the first conversion plant be in place by 2010. Looking for 93% overall diversion. Want to build and improve on existing programs such as Curbside Recycling, C & D processing, mixed material "MRFing", food waste recycling, and green waste composting. Create new recycling programs for multi-family recycling, business recycling, and industry recycling. The Mayor has mandated multi-family recycling, and currently there is a pilot project for multi-family recycling with 600 homes participating. It is proposed that each region will be responsible for its own waste within the City's seven waste sheds. The RENEW LA Plan proposes that every sector of the City handle its own waste, creating true environmental justice. Currently to landfill it costs 25.00 per ton. To transfer and haul transfer is \$36.00 per ton. To process first, transfer and then haul to landfill is \$45.00 per ton. The Los Angeles County anticipates their trash rail haul will be online by 2011 and they estimate their costs to be \$70.00 per ton. Benefits of the Renew LA Plan are cleaner air, less truck traffic, best and highest uses of resources, creation of green and renewable energy, and reduce dependency on foreign oil and fossil fuels. Economic benefits of the RENEW LA Plan are no diesel particulates by keeping the trash in the neighborhood where it was generated. Conversion technology is less expensive than rail hauling.