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**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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January 22, 2015

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue,
Alhambra, CA 91803
Attn: Ms. Gail Farber, Director County Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: County of Los Angeles, FEIR Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal Plan, and
County Department of Public Work's proposed disposal in Sunshine Canyon Landfill**

Dear Ms. Farber:

At our regularly scheduled SCL-CAC meeting of January 8, 2015, County Public Works representatives made a presentation under Item C. 6 of our agenda on the above subject matter indicating that they are now planning to include Sunshine Canyon Landfill in the disposal plan but only after it was excluded from the FEIR which was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on November 12, 2014. We wish to thank your department for their outreach which stimulated a lively debate and exchange.

However, by way of this letter we also wish to inform your Department that, at this meeting, the Committee also made a motion which passed unanimously to "oppose" this plan.

Some of the reasons and comments for their opposition, including some of those of the attending public were:

- lack of inclusion in the original EIR which denied the community the opportunity to express their concerns regarding the tremendous environmental impacts that would be incurred by our community (in a timely manner, and in context with all the other impacted communities, thus denying them multiple opportunities to comment i.e. scoping meetings, hearings, draft environmental documents as guaranteed by CEQA).
- traffic impacts.
- detrimental cumulative impacts on our existing air quality caused not only by the deposition of MSW adjacent to our community, but from a poorly run landfill which include but are not necessarily limited to:
 - i) the organics in the sediment producing odors.
 - ii) the moisture content which may promote odors in other MSW at the landfill.
 - iii) the need to keep stockpiled soil away from the community, shielded from the wind, and wetted down in order to prevent dust.
 - iv) windblown fines which are a part of the sediment contain PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, VOCs, and heavy metals, which will be stockpiled and used as daily cover, which would needlessly expose them not just over the anticipated 2 -3 years of deliveries, but for many more years to come, until the stockpiled material had been depleted.

- we live in a wind tunnel, and what happens at the landfill, happens at our homes.
- it already stinks here (6665 odor complaints to SCAQMD since 2008, and 1479 odor complains this year alone), we have had enough.
- inaccurate and contradictory information provided by your representatives that said that there was no cost to the County, and that the landfill was taking the material for free; that one of the reasons for considering Sunshine Canyon Landfill was the negative traffic impacts on other disposal sites.
- failure by your representatives to state until pressed by the Committee, that additional environmental documents would be needed to include Sunshine Canyon Landfill in any disposal plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayde Hunter". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Wayde Hunter, Vice Chair for
Becky Bendikson, Chair SCL-CAC

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