

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF MEETING, Thursday, January 13, 2022**

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by “Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 201_ [year]_”]

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, this meeting was conducted online and telephonically.

Members: Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), Laine Caspi (Secretary), Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair & TAC Rep), Debbie Pietraszko (Parliamentarian), Keren Waters and Dr. Donna Zero.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of November 10, 2021, Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on January 13, 2022 online by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Seven of the eight Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck, Wayde Hunter, Keren Waters and Dr. Donna Zero. Absent: Debbie Pietraszko. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present. One Committee Member opening was available. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Chris Coyle; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): none; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: none; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Martins Aiyetiwa; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Edgar De La Torre; L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s [no longer Kathryn Barger’s] Office: none; L.A. City Councilman John Lee’s Office: Sharon Bronson; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Kristine Jegalian; and LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: at least 20 residents and other guests. A Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents were available at <https://scl-cac.org>.

MOTION (by Ms. Caspi, seconded by Ms. Waters): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its November 10, 2021 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Old Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair).

There were none at this time.

- Treasurer’s Report, November 2021 – December 2021 (Treasurer).
Mr. Fleck reviewed finances. The “Business Checking Account (for Expenses)” beginning balance was \$8,023.59. Two checks totaling \$335.90 were written on that account. The ending balance was \$7,687.69. The “Business Savings Account (for Consultants)” beginning balance was \$107,513.45; \$1.88 in interest was accrued; the ending balance was \$107,515.33. The “Business Checking Account

(for Consultants)” beginning and ending balances both were \$8,096.63. Petty Cash had \$100. Other Assets were \$682. The total beginning balance for all accounts as of Nov. 1, 2021 was \$124,415.67; debits were \$335.90 and deposits were \$1.88; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$124,081.65 as of Dec. 31, 2021 per Treasurer Larry Fleck and Mr. Hunter. It was noted that the outstanding ECORP Consultant contract for \$46,070 is due in 2022. Mr. Fisk requested and Mr. Fleck agreed to provide a year-end report.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the November 2021 – December 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. New Business. Discussion and possible Committee motions and action to address the following:

- 1. Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic)** to report on any and all Sunshine Canyon Landfill daily activities, state of infrastructure/gas collection system, notable events, current and future disposal operations, including continuing efforts to abate odors.

Chris Coyle, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; 24-7 cell phone (480) 369-0024; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], gave an SCL “Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update.” “Operations: There have been no changes to our disposal operation or location, and we continue to utilize cell CC-4. We operated on the Wet Weather Deck on top of CC4-P2&1 throughout the month of December. We are now back to filling in P3 with most of the garbage going into P4A. This allows us to keep the larger of the two working faces low and back in the canyon. We continue to use the Enviro-Cover for ADC and monitor its performance daily.

“Construction: With all the recent rain, the site held up without any failures. No doubt we have plenty of maintenance items to address and we have already made a dent in dressing up the site. We completed our first half of the season stormwater sampling and the discharge water was nice and clear. We have received our grading permits for Phase 1 & 2 of the Toe Berm project. We are still in the review process for Phases 3, 4 & 5 with the City and expect approvals in early Q2. This is an important project to enhance our odor controls on site as well as reduce the visual impact of looking up the canyon. The contractor is currently installing the permanent drainage structures including the new sedimentation basin above our terminal basin. We began construction for the new cell with the first step being relocation of the maintenance facilities. Maintenance is currently in a temporary location while we wait on permits from the County for earthwork within the already approved grading limits. Our Odor Patrol Team is fully staffed, and the patrols are rolling smoothly. The Team is in the neighborhood during the early hours of operations and then moves to spot patrols throughout the day. The winds have largely been unfavorable to start each day turning favorable usually by mid-

morning. In 2021, 57 vertical landfill gas wells have been installed throughout the site, including some larger (10" wells) to increase our flow. Horizontal collectors, as well as an upgraded header, have been installed in the active area, CC4 Part 3. Approximately 40 new pumps have been installed in wells to increase gas flow. Construction of an extension to the header along the west perimeter has been completed to increase vacuum supply. Four-inch wellheads have been installed to allow additional collection on high producing wells; an additional two 6-inch wells will be installed in CC4-P4A this month. Our Landfill Gas contractor will begin 2022 construction activities in the next week or so. We continue to move through the permitting process for the installation of Flare 12 with an expected install completion target of 2022, pending approvals."

Residents Bill, Meg Volk and Andrea Provenzale all complained about there being many odors, some stronger than usual, in the last two months. Ms. Provenzale said recent odors were "really bad, very intense" and reported that she did not receive any replies to her emails to the Landfill. Mr. Coyle apologized and offered to residents to call his 24-7 cell phone number (480) 369-0024. He said "we cover the trash every single day" with dirt and ADC (Alternative Daily Cover) of Enviro-Cover. He noted COVID-19 Coronavirus-related transportation problems, including that trash loads are sitting for longer than usual. A different manager than him manages the transfer stations. He stated that "the trash decomposes as it remains in place (in the landfill) over approximately 30 years. Thus the landfill settles . . . it decomposes/settles as a result of the energy in the waste"; it is turned "into gas (methane) which we collect."

- 2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** to report on odor complaints received and NOVs issued including any year-to-date charts, frequency of Inspector response to reports, and any other matters within their purview.

Larry Israel, Compliance Lead Inspector, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that, in November, 13 odor complaints were verified; in December, 83 complaints were received; 31 were verified, especially December 20th and 21st, and December 30th and 31st. So far in January, there've been 43 odor complaints, including some "pretty strong" trash odors on January 3rd, for which Mr. Coyle acknowledged and apologized. He took responsibility for the problems, saying he followed orders from his upper management to take in more trash in a short period of time. Resident Bill Cotter reported that recent odors have been the worst in many years. Ms. Provenzale reported strong odors at this moment during this meeting. Mr. Hunter commented that there appeared to be an error in the AQMD reporting: the November report showed only 26 complaints (of which 13 were verified, as previously referred to by Mr. Israel), but the Odor Reports and NOVs spreadsheet indicated that there were 59 complaints, which potentially would make the Odor Chart by Year and the Odor Reports and NOVs spreadsheet incorrect.

- 3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA)** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Neither Dave Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213.252.3932; David.Thompson@lacity.org; www.SCLLEA.org] nor Dee Hanson-Lugo, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213.252.3932; DLugo@ph.LACounty.gov; www.SCLLEA.org], were present and there was no report.

- 4. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)** to discuss the CAC's progress with ECORP to Review/Evaluate Air Quality Data for the 11th Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Reports for SCL & Van Gogh School and associated Quarterly Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Reports.

Bill Piazza, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], asked and Mr. Coyle replied that he (Mr. Coyle) will reply within the 30-day deadline to the SCL-CAC ECORP letter. Mr. Hunter believed that the Landfill being in a different County Supervisory District [Sheila Kuehl's, no longer Kathryn Barger's, due to recent redistricting] will not affect the SCL-CAC for at least around a year.

- 5. County Public Works** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Martins Aiyetiwa, Civil Engineer, L.A. County Department of Public Works (CPW) [626-458-3553; MAiyet@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], urged residents to call the AQMD to properly document complaints, so that CPW can follow up on Landfill compliance regarding the proper amount of Landfill cover. Several residents were strongly critical of Mr. Coyle's characterization of recent Landfill operations, especially about strong odors and no responses to 24-hour Hotline calls

[*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #C. 8.*]

- 6. County Regional Planning Department** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Edgar De La Torre, Zoning Enforcement Planner, L.A. County Regional Planning Dept. [213-974-6453; EDeLaTorre@planning.LACounty.gov; <http://planning.LACounty.gov>], reported that they are aware of the SCL-CAC ECORP letter and considering how to provide assistance.

- 7. County Public Health Department** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

No representative was present; there was no report.

- 8. City Planning Department** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Committee Member Laine Caspi left at this time (4:37), making six Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

Kristine Jegalian, representing the City Planning Department, indicated that she was taking notes for the Department.

[The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #C. 6.]

- 9. Other persons representing the City, County or State** who wish to report any additional information or subject matter relating to SCL that is within their purview that has not been agendized for this meeting. If necessary, discussion and action will be agendized for another meeting.

There were no other reports at this time.

D. Committee Member and Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda.

Guest Glenn Bailey believed that redistricted L.A. County Supervisory District maps were not detailed enough; Mr. Coyle confirmed that the Landfill is in Sheila Kuehl's Supervisory District Three.

- E. Set next meeting date** (March 10, 2022). Motion: Whereas meeting in person would continue to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and that State and/or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing we approve the continued use of Zoom for our meetings. Adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be online March 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee Motions that, Whereas meeting in person would continue to present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and that State and/or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, we approve the continued use of Zoom for our meetings.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking and Financial Matters.

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion. He declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Levin, Note Taker (Minutes Writer). Edited by SCL-CAC. *The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been directly copied from the Agenda.* The SCL-CAC Meeting Minutes page is <http://scl-cac.org/agendas-minutes>.