

MEMORANDUM

Date: 11/21/22
To: Tim Fargo, City of Los Angeles Planning
From: Kate Downey, Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Subject: Toe Berm and Ultimate Entrance Plan Review

Dear Mr. Fargo,

As shown in the attached Exhibits for the proposed Landfill Termination Berm (LTB) at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL), the current final design grades for the LTB requires slight modifications to maintain the stability of the toe berm and to promote site drainage, specifically the additional quantity of fill materials and related slope stability and drainage measures, compared to the conceptual grades that were presented in the 1997 EIR. However, these modifications fall within impacts evaluated in the EIR, namely, they are well below the vertical maximum elevation (2,000 MSL) for the landfill, and well within the horizontal footprint of the project evaluated in the EIR.

SCL's geotechnical evaluation with the current proposed toe berm configuration received approval from City Department Building and Safety on April 7, 2020 (see attached letter), and as outlined in the attached approval letter, this approval mandated several conditions that will ensure the safe construction of the berm, the stability of the toe berm and its suitability for the landfill build out. The toe berm configuration as approved by Building and Safety is necessary to enable the landfill to be built out to the final grades approved in the EIR. The EIR requires as a mitigation measure that all site grading activities be conducted in accordance with the rules and requirements of the Department of Building and Safety, and notes that additional grading may be necessary for slope stability and drainage purposes. (See attached excerpt from EIR mitigation table.)

Consequently, it is anticipated the resources that were previously evaluated as part of the EIR will not be subject to a substantial increase in impacts. This is in compliance with CEQA Guidelines 15064, and thus, should not trigger additional environmental review.

Sincerely,
Kate Downey