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REFER TO FILE: **EP-5**

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**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 00-194-(5)
PERMITTED TONNAGE EXCEEDANCES AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF CLEAN
SOIL IMPORTATION**

Dear Ms. Downey:

Condition 21 of the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill's (Landfill) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requires that the permitted daily tonnage capacity of all materials received by the Landfill collectively in both jurisdictions shall not exceed 12,100 tons on any given day, six working days a week for the combined City/County Project. In accordance with this Condition 21, Public Works' June 15, 2021, letter authorizes importation of 2,500 tons per day or 15,000 tons per week of soil, to be included as part of the total permitted daily and weekly tonnage capacity of all materials. Both Condition 21 of the CUP and Public Works' June 15, 2021, letter required that the daily tonnage of all materials received by the Landfill shall not exceed 12,100 tons on any given day.

Public Works has reviewed the Monthly Tonnage Reports for Sunshine Canyon Landfill for the months of July, August, and September 2022, respectively, and find that the Landfill has exceeded the daily tonnage capacity of 12,100 tons for all materials on the dates identified in Enclosure 1. The Landfill has also exceeded the daily tonnage limit of 2,500 tons of imported soil as authorized by Public Works' June 15, 2021, letter on numerous dates identified in Enclosure 2.

As a reminder, per Condition 9 of the Public Works' June 15, 2021, letter (Enclosure 3) the "Director of Public Works, at his/her sole discretion, may rescind or terminate this approval if Public Works determines that any of the conditions of approval have been

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violated". To monitor compliance, the Landfill is required to continue the submittal of the Monthly Tonnage Reports required to be submitted to the Local Enforcement Agency (including a breakdown of all imported materials) and the Monthly Soil Importation Summary and Weekend Soil Compliance Report as required by the June 15, 2021, Public Works' letter, both due to Public Works on the 15th day of the subsequent month, for the duration of the importation project.

Furthermore, during the routine site visit conducted on July 25, 2022, County staff and the Independent Site Monitor observed trucks importing soil that were not weighed at the Landfill's scale house. This activity appears to be out of compliance with Part II of the Landfill's Implementation and Monitoring Program (IMP) which was put in place to ensure that the Landfill verifies the weight of Solid Waste received, disposed of, used for Beneficial Use Materials at the Facility, and/or otherwise diverted and sent off-site for further handling and/or processing.

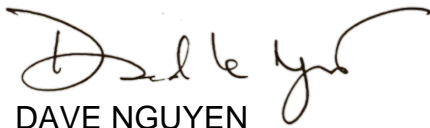
As these activities are not permitted under the Landfill's CUP and IMP, Republic must immediately cease the violation of the 12,100 tons per day permitted daily tonnage capacity and come into compliance with Condition 21 of the CUP, Part II of the IMP, and Public Works' June 15, 2021, requirements. In the event of another violation, Public Works will proceed to refer the matter to the Department of Regional Planning for possible enforcement actions, including issuance of a Notice of Violation. The Landfill cannot exceed 12,100 tons per day without the approval of a modified CUP.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Anna Gov at (626) 458-3553 or agov@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

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