

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF MEETING, Thursday, March 9, 2023**

DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by “Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 202_[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, Mr. Larry Fleck (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair & TAC Rep), Debbie Pietraszko (Parliamentarian) and Keren Waters.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of January 12, 2023 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 9, 2023 online by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Five of the seven Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck and Wayde Hunter. Debbie Pietraszko and Keren Waters were absent. A quorum of at least five (there were five) Committee Members was present. Two Committee Member openings were available. Landfill and government representatives present BFI/Republic Services: Kate Downey; Michael Stewart; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Dave Thompson and George Kasikarin; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: none; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: David Nguyen, Gladys Rietze, Anna Gov and Michael Harmon; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Edgar De La Torre; L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath’s Office: none; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Office: none; L.A. City Councilman John Lee’s Office: Sharon Bronson; L.A. City Planning Dept.: none; and LAUSD District 3: Jennifer Yoo and Andrew Modugno; Van Gogh Charter School: Lisa Stevens. Also attended: at least 28 residents and other guests. A Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents were available at www.scl-cac.org and slides were shown.

No corrections or amendments were made to the Minutes, though Mr. Fisk asked which Adobe Acropro version was referenced in the page two Treasurer’s report; Mr. Hunter will include the version if he finds it. *Adobe Acrobat Pro (32-bit).

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its January 12, 2023 Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair). Update status and search for in-person meeting sites.

Mr. Hunter described his work to find a meeting space. Guest Glenn Bailey said that Senate Bill 411 would allow virtual meetings starting as early as June.

- Treasurer’s Report, January 2023 – February 2023 (Treasurer).

Mr. Fleck reviewed finances. The “Business Checking Account (for Expenses)” number ending in “1234” beginning balance was \$6,825.39 less expenses of \$294.25 for Postal Plus for copying the ECORP report. Total deductions were \$294.25; the ending balance was \$6,531.14. The “Business Savings Account (for Consultants) number ending in “1582” beginning balance was \$61,452.12; the amount of interest accrued was “not available”; the ending balance was \$61,452.12. The “Business Checking Account (for Consultants) number ending in “9514” beginning balance was \$10,014.98; a deposit check for the return of our retainer from Attorney for \$682.00 made the ending balance \$10,014.98. There was \$100 in Petty Cash. There was zero in Other Assets. The total beginning balance for all accounts as of Jan. 1, 2023 was \$79,074.49; debits were \$976.25 and deposits were \$682.00; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$78,780.24 as of Feb. 28, 2023 per Mr. Fleck.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the January 2023 – February 2023 Treasurer’s Report.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. New Business. Discussion and possible Committee motions & 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 including NOVs, current and future disposal operations, including continuing efforts to abate odors

BFI/Republic Environmental Manager Ms. Downey introduced Michael Stewart, who started on January 9th as the new General Manager [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>]. Mr. Stewart has worked with Republic Services for approximately 19 years and has worked at Sunshine Canyon Landfill in the engineering and environmental aspect, like where Ms. Downey is working, from 2013 through 2016. Then he worked in the Midwest at some of Republic’s sites for six years before returning to be GM here. He gave an SCL “Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update, as follows.

Operations

- There have been no major changes to our disposal operation or location, and we continue to utilize cell CC-4-P4A B&C and our Wet Weather Deck in CC-4P2 & three as needed.
- With the recent heavy rains experienced all across the region and the State, the site had to utilize the wet weather deck frequently; we have been up there approximately every other week or so.
- Season to date we have received roughly 41 inches of rainfall in October through today. In January we've had 18 inches, and February another 9.7 inches.
- We continue to monitor weather events – the predictions for the area for the next several days show a lot of rain. The current forecast indicates up to five inches of rain starting tonight through the weekend, with the second system heading our way on Tuesday, so this has been described as another one of these atmospheric rivers coming through; so all of the preparations have been made and are ready to go.
- All Saturdays, with the exception of three were completed with full soil cover in the first two months of 2023. Those Saturdays did not have full soil cover due primarily to the heavily saturated material due to the rain events, making that application unsafe. All the trash was covered with either ADC or soil on all days.
- Odor complaints have increased in the January to February timeframe –the damage to our infrastructure was significant from the January 9th and February 24th extreme storm events as well as smaller events that hampered some of the repairs made in-between. The team is dedicated to covering up the erosion rills as quickly and safely as possible as well as repairing other damages to the site, and dewatering the gas system so that it can once again operate at full efficiency.
- Our Odor Patrol Team is fully staffed, and the patrols are rolling smoothly. The Team is in the neighborhood in the early hours of operations and then moves to spot patrols throughout the day. If they notice odors, they relay that information back to the site so we adjust the operations based on their feedback.
- The site has installed and is pilot testing a new vapor delivery system of odor neutralizer to help us combat odors. We have established a partnership with a consultant developing site-specific neutralizer products and delivery systems, and we continue working with the team to improve the on-site systems and tailor the product to our waste stream.

Construction

- We have received our grading permits for Phase one & two of the Toe Berm project. The majority of Phases one & two construction have been completed with the exception of a small section of sub-grade phase which remains to be completed, and which we anticipate that it will be done in the next 3- or 4-weeks, weather permitting. I don't know if the latest forecast may push this back, but we are pretty close. We are still in the review process for Phases 3, four & five with the City and expect approvals in Q1 2023.

- Phase three of the project will begin after issuance of the final City approvals; construction of the entirety of the project is estimated to be complete in mid-2025.
- This is a very important project to enhance our odor controls on site as well as reduce the visual impact of looking into the canyon, and to ensure stability in the continued development of the landfill. So this is the phase that will actually finally close off the canyon view to the outside.
- 2023 Gas Construction activities planning is underway, which will include installation of vertical wells, horizontal collectors, new liquids pumps, and installation of additional headers. Plans will be finalized early this quarter and construction will commence in Q2 and go through Q3.
- No cell construction is planned for 2023; and disposal operations will continue in the existing remaining constructed airspace.
- We continue to move through the permitting process for the installation of Flare 12 with an expected install completion target of 2024, pending approvals.”

Mr. Stewart added that operations continued through rain storms; he described repair and recovery work. Mr. Hunter’s funding request “has been submitted”; soon, BFI/Republic will reply. Resident Erick Fefferman reported that the “frequency and intensity of these odors is all the time”; AQMD indicated to him that the Landfill has many more complaints than other landfills that the AQMD oversees. Ms. Downey said that trash content was not a major factor in the recent odors increase. Resident Meg Volk said “the ADC [Alternative Daily Cover] is not working . . . your vapor system is not working.” Mr. Hunter noted that, in the past, trash has been re-directed; “right now, it’s getting worse.” He asked, given all the odor reports, what damage had been done to the gas collection system? Mr. Stewart said that “fortunately we were able to keep our operations open even with the extensive rainfall. You can imagine the gas system, the waste we are placing at the time and any rainfall that goes into the system... a normal amount the gas system dealt with 30 inches, plus in the January, February timeframe the system tends to become a little overwhelmed, and there is so catch up that needs to be made.. that’s a portion of the damage, and there is other damage to the cover system... that amount of rainfall eroded away, and with the amount of saturation, the 41 inches of rainfall, and in October it has been too quickly get into the area of those rills so, most of the gas system is damaged from being overwhelmed the shear amounts of rain.” Mr. Hunter said that you say rain, or the amount of methane being generated because the water has got into the waste mass, and you are getting more gas than you can handle? Mr. Stewart replied, “Yes, from the rain, it is not that instantaneous.” In response to Mr. Hunter’s next question, he said that “Yes, we were running our flares. The only time our flares went off-line was February 24th when the power was knocked off for 24-hours, and we were able to get if back-started at 12-hours. Mr. Hunter asked how our funding was going for this year as he had sent in a request to Ms. Downey and to Sara Park. Mr. Stewart assured him that he had seen it and it was being processed.

Mr. Fefferman asked “” when we are receiving weather events like this and so much rain, and you are saying the infrastructure is having a hard time containing all the emissions coming from the landfill, how come trash trucks then are not redirected to the other landfills that service LA City and County? How come this landfill keeps receiving all this material and waste if it is having a hard time keeping up with the volume that is being dumped there, meanwhile we are all having to live with all these smells? I mean it has literally been two months straight of disgusting odors as soon as we walk outside of our door. This morning I took my 5-year-old to school... when I opened the door he says “Ugh, smells like garbage.” It’s getting stinker and stinker all the time. What is going on to be a good neighbor where the business is operating?” Mr. Stewart replied that “this is a region-wide effect with the amount of rain. We are in a Federal State-of-Emergency by the President and the Governor, so ideally we would like to perform perfectly in such situations, but these situations don’t happen that frequently, and every landfill in the region experienced the same issues that we are.” Mr. Fefferman said that “he did not mean to cut him off, but he has had conversations with the SCAQMD, and they oversee a couple of dozen landfills in the region, and I have heard from these people that they don’t have nearly the volume of complaints that Sunshine Canyon is getting subject to the same weather conditions?” Mr. Stewart said that “he could not speak to that. I don’t know how the other landfills are set up and what their situations are, but specifically I am giving you detail of what is happening. a very unique situation is happening.. the amount of rainfall than we normally receive on an annual basis.” Mr. Fefferman pointed out that “it has not been just the last two months these odors have been hitting the neighborhood... I moved in here 5-1/2 years ago and I did not notice it at all. It hasn’t been the last year and a half not just the last two months... but the frequency and the intensity of these odors is all the time now. It’s not just with the rain... My question is how come more volume isn’t being redirected to other landfills if Sunshine Canyon is having a hard time containing all the emissions and odors that are coming from the facility?” Mr. Stewart replied that “we only own one landfill in the region, and I can’t redirect to other landfills.. I wish I could help you with that.”

Ms. Downey said that “with regard to the material coming in, the problems that we are experiencing right now, that Michael was explaining regarding the watered-in gas wells; redirecting material in the morning won’t really do much of anything for that. I understand your (Mr. Fefferman’s) concern about the period of time being extended beyond just those two months, however, last year was a relatively decent year in terms of the number of complaints and odor NOVs that were issued, so we’re focusing now on maintaining what we can now control and that’s getting the system de-watered. But the material coming into this landfill is not really the contributing factor here. I just want to make that point. And to what Michael pointed out, we cannot divert material away from the landfill that serves the community so easily.” In response to a further question from Mr. Fefferman as to “how is it that the volume isn’t a factor in the amount of emissions?” she replied that “So the waste in place is generating gas, and that gas is contributing to odors

whether more material is added or not, the waste that is in place will still exist,” to which Mr. Fefferman said “if that horse has already left the barn why are we adding more fuel to the fire? If we already have a problem why are we layering on more?”

Resident Meg Volk said that she “wanted to add to what Erick is saying, that I understand now that the trash that is going in there now is not creating the gases that the infrastructure is self-healing, that all the extra horizontal collectors, all the watered-in wells that were being worked on in past years are not working, and they need more. I would say the ADC [Alternative Daily Cover] is not working; that is very clear this past couple of years.. so many odors ... and with the soil being.. and you not being able to cover it up properly ... we are just seeing ... more so. You say the last year has been going down, but if you look at the chart it went up, and it continues to go up the past several years.....So, what I want to find out from you, what are you doing about adding more collectors, dewatering wells, using some other kind of cover since the ADC that you spray on seem to be working? What are you doing about that because we (community) are not getting any better; the odors are not getting any better; you are responsible for reporting enough that the Inspector comes out, even though you have your people out.. we are responsible for calling it in then to wait three hours for them to verify and get enough for a NOV.. got our backs, and I have seen enough comments from the neighbors; that’s not right; you are supposed to be good neighbors, providing a service for our trash but not doing odors and your vapor system last week is not working at all.”

Mr. Hunter said to Ms. Downey that “anytime you bring trash to the landfill it is a problem, and we know what the prevailing winds are. If you bring trash early in the morning at six a.m. and you bring those long-hauls in, the stuff that is coming from the City that is 70% organics, and you start unloading them or putting them in place, at least to nine or 10:00 in the morning the winds go around... it’s a problem. So, all these people below you are going to be impacted; you can’t just blame what is happening . . . that trash is already on the ground creating a problem; the trash on the ground is also the trash you are bringing and, as Erick pointed out, that you are layering in a problem on top of a problem, so what happens it just gets worse; it doesn’t get better; when you have a problem you stop, you don’t continue on; and can trash be re-directed, it can be re-directed; you have re-directed it in the past; you had an Order for Abatement of Odors that was placed upon you restricting you from bringing trash in until 9:00 in the morning, you were able to accommodate that so was the City of Los Angeles. So, don’t be telling us we (Republic) can’t do anything. You can do something, you have done something in the past; right now, it’s just getting worse. Admittedly, the storm event has made it a lot worse, problem is that you (Republic) continuing business is not doing anything for anybody; it continues to exacerbate the problem and will make it last longer because all that trash you are putting on Friday...big problem.”

Mr. Hunter finding no other participants who wished to speak, welcomed Mr. Stewart (Republic's new General Manager), and thanked Kate Downey for being present.

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

Larry Israel, Compliance Supervisor, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that "for the month of January, there were 226 odor complaints received (reports posted on the SCL-CAC website). That's the most number of complaints that we have received in January since 2015 so it has been about eight years. Of the 226 complaints 94 were verified for mostly trash odors; six Notices of Violations (NOV) were issued for public nuisance, and one NOV was issued for track out of soil onto San Fernando Road. I am going to go through each of the Violations, and a little additional related to the nuisance Violations and what occurred immediately before or after. This was the most number of Violations issued since 2017, so again we've got six years. The first Violation was on Saturday, January 7th, there were a total of 11 complaints received, all of which were verified between approximately noon and 10:30 p.m. This was a weekend event, and it seemed to encompass most of the afternoon and into the evening; trash odors are what the Inspector had verified and just to give you an idea of the locations, there were a number of streets that were impacted where odors were verified, Lissette St., Nanette St., Jimeno Ave., Tennyson Place and also on Van Gogh St. near Bee Canyon (Park). About four days later, on Wednesday, January 11th, 26 odor complaints were received, 12 of which were verified starting from 6:20 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. The Inspector who investigated those complaints and verified noted trash odors, and we had street locations of Golden Valley, Canyon Ridge, Jimeno, El Oro Way, Barto Dr., Darla St. and Constable Ave. The following Friday, January 13th there were 38 odor complaints received, 11 of which were verified; the Inspector who verified those odors described it as trash odors between 6:58 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., and there were a number of streets including the Van Gogh Elementary School that were impacted. Basically, the same street locations with the additional; Dresden Place, Bronte Place, El Oro Way, in addition to Tennyson Place; and the same streets that I mentioned on the previous two Violations were also impacted. The next Violation occurred on Wednesday, January 18th, a total of 22 complaints were received, 11 of which were verified. Trash odors were detected six a.m. up until midnight; in the evening hours; it was landfill gas. The street locations included Van Gogh, Nanette St., Lissette St., Mission Tierra, Canyon Ridge, and Golden Valley Lane. The following Sunday, January 22nd, there were 30 complaints received, 15 verified, all of which were described as landfill gas; the complaints came in from seven a.m. until 8:45 p.m. It looks like it was two phases that we were receiving complaints: between seven a.m. and 11 a.m., and then in the early to mid-evening range up until 8:45 p.m. Again, a number of streets, Sesnon,

Nanette, Jolette, Tennyson, Barto, Rushing Dr., Darla, Constable, Lisette, Darla, Golden Valley, Mission Tierra, and Van Gogh St.. all of those were impacted. The very next day, Monday, January 23rd, another Violation for 16 complaints received, 11 verified landfill gas and these were in early morning where one complaint was verified as trash odors, and from mid-afternoon until about 9:30 p.m. all landfill gas in almost the same identical street locations except Tennyson; you also had Nidra Dr. on the other side of Balboa (Blvd.), Constable Ave., Nanette, Canyon Ridge, and Golden Valley. A week later, January 30th, a track-out Violation; our Inspectors observed a track out from the front of the landfill onto San Fernando Road: not a public nuisance but a fugitive dust Violation was issued, and that was the last Violation for January (2023)."

In February, we received 191 complaints, and that's the most in February since 2017, 97 of which were verified; a total of five Notices of Violation for nuisance were issued, and that's the most since 2017. The first Violations occurred Thursday, February 2nd, a total of 41 complaints was received, approximately 14 were verified: two trash, 12 landfill gas. The two that were verified occurred in the morning between seven a.m. and 9:45 a.m. but the majority were received and verified as landfill gas in the evening hours from approximately 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; that also involved Van Gogh Elementary School, Winthrop St., Lisette, Nanette, Jimeno, Dresden Place, Barto, Courbet St., Sesnon, Constable, Canyon Ridge, Golden Valley and Mission Tierra Way. The very next day, Friday, February 3rd, 19 complaints were received, eight were verified; in the morning hours there were 10 received: of that 10, eight were verified between 6:30 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. and there were some complaints in the evening hours too; again, Courbet St., Goya, Constable, Lisette, Nanette, Van Gogh, Barto, Tennyson Place, Jimeno, Canyon Ridge, and Golden Valley. On Wednesday, February 15th, 17 complaints; 14 verified between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; all of them were landfill gas odors; again on Sesnon, Jimeno, Constable, Golden Valley, Mission Tierra, and Canyon Ridge. The next Violation occurred Saturday, February 18th, 11 complaints received and verified; there was one duplicate, but otherwise it would have been all twelve; that was landfill gas occurring between approximately six p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Street locations were identical; Sesnon, Jimeno, Constable, Courbet St., Canyon Ridge and Golden Valley Lane. Monday, February 20th, 28 complaints were received, 17 verified; landfill gas again; early evening to late evening 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.: Jimeno, Lisette, Sesnon, Constable, Nanette, Golden Valley, Canyon Ridge, and Mission Tierra. These are the ones that were verified and resulted in public nuisance.

Going back to January there were a number of incidences where it was very close to a public nuisance where we only confirmed five instead of six, and that occurred on Thursday, January 19th, there were five trash odors verified in the morning. On Saturday, January 23rd, seven complaints received, five verified between mid-morning to evening. On Tuesday, January 24th, there were 11 received five verified as landfill gas occurring most of the early morning to early afternoon. On February 4th we received five complaints, four of which were

verified as trash odors in the early morning hours. On Monday, February 6th, we received 16 complaints; five of which were verified as a combination of trash and landfill gas between 7:30 a.m. and 8:40 p.m. On Wednesday, February 8th, 10 complaints received five verified. Sunday, February 12th, eight received, five verified. Sunday, February 19th, nine received five verified as landfill gas. For the month of March we have received 23 complaints so far, and only one has been verified on March 3rd, and today (March 9th) we received 12 complaints this morning. none of which were verified.

Resident Meg Volk asked that when the complaints were not verified what was the reason? Mr. Israel explained that sometimes they are only able to meet with five residents and sometimes they cannot get out in time (travel time), but they were having Inspectors stage in the vicinity of Knollwood Country Club for a quicker response in the morning hours.

Mr. Fefferman said that one of his neighbors had called today (May 9th) at 6:40 a.m. but did not see an Inspector until 10:40 a.m. He himself had submitted an online complaint at 7:40 a.m. and did not see an Inspector until 10:30 a.m., and that the burden is being placed up us (community) to pause our lives. Mr. Israel did note that both the Inspector and the backup Inspector were not available today, and that he had to assign an Inspector that did not live in the area. Resident Sev Kocharian echoed Erick's comments for faster Inspector responses, when possible, saying that he had kind of given up on calling in.

The LAUSD's Ms. Yoo said that she knows how all agencies are dealing with personnel issues, and that Mr. Israel had said that there has been an increase of verified (odors). She asked if there is a chart and what happens to that information? Mr. Israel responded that the tools that the AQMD has are for public nuisance Violations which have been issued, and he did not want to speak for the Legal Division. There have been different types of enforcement through NOV's in the past like an Order for Abatement.

Mr. Hunter corrected Mr. Fefferman's earlier statement that there were several dozen landfills in the SCAQMD's 10,250-sq. mile area of control, and that there were only 15 – 17 active ones, and asked if Mr. Israel was aware of any other active landfills that were having this kind of problem with odors, to which Mr. Israel replied that "we get odor complaints from all landfills, but if you are talking about numbers... No, we are not seeing anything nearly like this." Mr. Hunter added that "Chiquita Canyon was having a lot of problems, but I know the County of Los Angeles came down on them, and I believe they have reduced their odors quite substantially... .. This has been a wet season or two and maybe you might have heard of some other landfill... that might have been having similar problems. Just for my part, I think this is horrendous. This is an on-going problem. I hear the landfill making excuses. I know it rained, I understand that, but unless they can operate 24/7, 365 next to a community and not be a public nuisance, they

shouldn't be there or they should be doing something really, really good to fix their problem, which they are not doing.”

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

Dave Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213-252-3932; David.Thompson@lacity.org; www.SCLLEA.org] reported that, since the last CAC meeting, the Landfill was hit extremely hard with large quantities of rain in the area. There were problems with the site; erosion, ponding, drainage controls, and Violations were issued for drainage control and some problems with litter offsite; a Violation also was issued in January for that. The Landfill for the first part of February did a pretty good job of trying to repair the problem but with the last rain we still have some more issues... drainage and erosion, and that will be marked in the February Inspection Report. One other issue that we have had is that Republic Services turned in an application for a JTD (Joint Technical Document) amendment to the LEA program. It had several problems with the application and the operator withdrew it before our consideration. If they decide to reapply the LEA will post it on our website which is scleea.org for everyone's view. The usual procedure is that we have 30 days to review the amendment and determination. As soon as we got it, I notified Mr. Hunter, so he would be aware of it a full 30 days for a review. Our next Board of Directors meeting will be most likely late May, early June, nothing has been scheduled yet, and we will definitely let you know at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Fefferman asked, “what is the LEA's response then to the increase of complaints and NOV's coming from the SCAQMD?” Mr. Thompson responded that “we are there to support the SCAQMD, they have the jurisdiction over odors, so whenever we can, if they need assistance from us, we provide it to them but they have primary jurisdiction over odors.” Mr. Hunter noted that the LEA oversees landfill infrastructure. A discussion followed and Mr. Thompson stated that he believed that the odors are coming from both pre-existing and new trash. Also, that they need to correct the slopes but they have not been able to do that yet. We issue them a Violation and give them a chance to correct. If they fail to correct then we can take enforcement action. Mr. Hunter requested that Mr. Thompson send him a copy of the Violation.

4. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to report on any SCL matters within their purview. Chair to review ECORP Data Review Report & Health Risk Assessment Report distribution status.

Andrew Modugno, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) [213-241-3926; Andrew.Modugno@lausd.net], reported that “the LAUSD was also frustrated with Republic and BFI with all of the odor complaints. We have two recorded records of complaints that Mr. Israel talked about; and we have five complaints from the

School; we actually had one this morning; again, from the School. We are currently working with the contractor from Republic to remove and replace the air monitoring station with a new one (at Van Gogh), and that's going to require an access agreement, and we are working to trying to get that taken care of; obviously the contract has to be sent to the contractor; other than that, the frustration about what is going on with the odors, we are trying to do what we can on our end."

Mr. Hunter said he that he "would like to recognize that Ms. Jennifer Yoo is with us from the LAUSD, and sitting in on this meeting and Ms. Lisa Stevens, Van Gogh Charter School Principal [<https://vangoghcs-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com>] who is also present." Ms. Yoo is the LAUSD's new representative on the SCL-CAC Committee, and she is also the LAUSD's Community School Administrator and oversees the 20 schools in the neighborhood and is here to support to support the residents and students. Ms. Stevens said that she is there for the parents to come into the office with (odor) complaints, and that she will call (AQMD) every time if there are odors or if somebody brings it to her attention or if she smells it early in the morning."

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

Michael Harmon, Associate Engineer, L.A. County Dept. of Public Works [626-458.6986; MHarmon@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], reported that "as presented at previous CAC meetings, Public Works has been monitoring the soil cover requirement as conditioned in its January 15, 2019 letter. As noted by Mr. Stewart on March 6, 2023, Republic notified Public Works that, due to muddy conditions and significant rainfalls, that it was not safe to physical cover the working face with soil as conditioned by that requirement; we continue to monitor this requirement as we move forward. The toe berm project is under review by our Department for conformance with the County's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) under drainage and grading preliminary reviews; we are working with City and County Regional Planning Department regarding the approvals for this project. Regarding the previous report on tonnage exceedances, if you recall, Public Works sent to them that they had exceeded their tonnage capacity and Public Works referred it to County Regional Planning (January 26, 2023) for enforcement of the CUP." Public Works did identify that they had a problem with the soil cover regarding the application for a change to the JTD, and that Mr. Thompson is working closely with Public Works.

Mike Mohajer, a private citizen who does not represent any governmental agency, stated that "the Committee (SCL-CAC) hired a consultant to do a health risk assessment with the School District, and the lead agency for the County of Los Angeles which includes the City of Los Angeles is the Los Angeles Department of Health. The Department of Public Health is the Health Officer for the County and the unincorporated counties, so they have the total jurisdiction of the Sunshine Canyon City/County area. So, as far as what is going to happen, the result of the

study that the consultant (ECORP) did. I suggest that the CAC demand that the County Department of Public Health to review that health risk assessment and get back to the community. That is where the issue of the health coming into existence 10 - 20 years from now, and that's what you want to hear from the local Health Officer. It is not the AQMD, it is not SCL-LEA, it's not the County Public Works, it is the County Public Health under the State law." Mr. Hunter responded that "the study was sent to County Public Health not only by email but a hard copy to the head of that organization. We did copy (Dr.) Cyrus Rangan also. I don't know if he got it since now my emails are bouncing back. We did send a copy to the AQMD and we gave them both cover letters that were made for their particular departments along with a copy of the study. It was not just a generic letter..... asking them to review. .. I don't believe we asked them to come back to the community. Mr. Mohajer said a letter should also be forwarded to the new County Supervisor (Lindsey Horvath). Mr. Hunter said that she did get a copy, and Kathryn Barger, too, along with a generic email cover letter. Mr. Mohajer pointed out that County Public Health was not in attendance. Mr. Hunter said that Mr. Mohajer's comments were well taken and he would attempt to do a bit more with it.

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 got a referral from Public Works in January 2023 and are following up on the tonnage exceedances, and are now with County Counsel and getting this thing done as soon as possible. Planning still is monitoring the activity at the Landfill for violations. Responding to Mr. Fefferman, he clarified that "we're definitely not allowing for expansion." Ms. Downey said "the 'tonnage exceedance,' in our eyes, is not an 'exceedance' . . . that is the matter at hand . . . Public Works did not respond to our latest letter." She said that BFI/Republic is within their Permit limits.

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.

Mr. Hunter reported for Tim Fargo, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-9911; Tim.Fargo@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), that Mr. Fargo emailed that he had "nothing to report at this time."

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.

There were no other reports at this time.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

E. Set next meeting date (May 11, 2023). Adjourn meeting if 5:00 p.m. for City, County and State participants.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting may be in-person at Van Gogh Charter School or El Oro Way Elementary School, and/or online on May 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters. Motion: Approve purchase of audio/visual equipment if necessary for post COVID meeting place, not to exceed \$2,000.

Mr. Hunter explained the Motion. Mr. Fisk suggested renting equipment.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves purchase/rent of audio/visual equipment if necessary for post COVID meeting place, not to exceed \$2,000.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:58 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>.