

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF HYBRID* MEETING, Thursday, July 11, 2024**

Center for Spiritual Living, 17622 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, CA 91344 and online
DRAFT Minutes [to be replaced by “Approved _[Month]_ _[date]_, 202_[year]_”]

Committee Members: Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), John Ciccarelli, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair & TAC Rep), Natalie Khooda, Julie Newman and Jennifer Yoo.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of May 9, 2024 Minutes (Chair).

This *hybrid (both in-person and online) meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) was called to order at 3:08 p.m. on July 11, 2024 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Four of the eight Committee Members were present in person: Jeanette Capaldi, Richard Fisk, Wayde Hunter and new Member Julie Newman. Larry Fleck arrived later. Absent: John Ciccarelli, new Member Natlie Khooda and Jennifer Yoo. Debbie Pietraszko had resigned. A quorum of at least five (there were four) Committee Members was not yet present. One Committee Member opening was available. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Michael Stewart and Kate Downey; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel (online); SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Lilit Baghumyan; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Seira Kurian; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Amiko Thompson; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Edgar De La Torre; L.A. County Supervisor District Three Lindsey Horvath’s Office: Savannah Portillo; L.A. County District Five Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Office: none; L.A. City Councilmember John Lee’s Office: Sharon Bronson; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Claudia Rodriguez and Renata Ooms; and LAUSD District 3: Andrew Modugno. Also attended in person and online: approximately 44 residents and other guests. Mr. Hunter had distributed to Committee Members an information packet that included a Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents, and copies were available to the public. (See <http://scl-cac.org>.) Meeting documents were at <http://scl-cac.org>. New Member and long-time resident Julie Newman introduced herself.

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its May 9, 2024 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the four eligible voters present with all four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Capaldi, Fisk, Hunter and Newman); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair). Reschedule officer elections to September meeting.

Ms. Capaldi had no report. Mr. Hunter hoped that the SCL-CAC election will be in September.

- Treasurer's Report, May 2024 - June 2024 (Treasurer).

The report was not read into the record, but copies were provided to Members and guests which indicated the total beginning balance for all accounts as of May 1, 2024, was \$122,015.14; debits were \$894.15 and deposits were \$1.11; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$121,122.10 as of June 30, 2024.

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee accepts the financial statement of May 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the four eligible voters present with all four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Capaldi, Fisk, Hunter and Newman); 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 all Sunshine Canyon Landfill daily activities, state of infrastructure/gas collection system, notable events including NOVs, current and future disposal operations, wet weather impacts, and efforts to abate odors. Presentation on the use of ADC without the benefit of 6-inches of cover soil on the weekend (30). Motion: Support or oppose Public Works approval of the use of ADC without 6-inches of cover soil on the weekends. Motion: Support or oppose Public Works approval of the use of ADC without 6-inches of cover soil on the weekends.

Michael Stewart, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>] gave an SCL “Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update” audio/visual presentation as follows:

Screen #1 - You're Invited. “Before we get too far into the update, I would like to cordially invite everyone in here and on this call to our first post COVID Open House. It'll be starting at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, August 3rd, and we'll go until noon; from 9:00 a.m. until 10 a.m. we will have breakfast and some drinks, some coffee and all that, and we'll have a series of stations and essentially it's going to be where our observation deck is, and we'll be able to see our operations in real time, and be able to go through a lot of the technical pieces that we speak about up here, you'll just be able to see it live in action. So, we're going to have yellow iron out there, bulldozers, equipment, it's a family friendly event, we're going to have our falcon out there, so there'll be plenty of picture opportunities with that. If

anyone's interested, we'll have a raffle, and like I said, we'll have some refreshments. So, we look forward to everyone coming out so we can show you in person what we do. So, if you don't mind, if you could RSVP by July 31st, that would help us out a lot. You can do it by emailing Sunshine Canyon at republicserviceservices.com or you can go to our website which is sunshinecanyonlandfill.com."

Mr. Hunter said to Mr. Stewart that "if somebody would like to sign, I have a sign in sheet there for the for the public. If you'd like to be sent the information or anything like that, we can. If you put a check mark beside your name and we can turn around, and make sure that we get you on an e-mail."

Mr. Stewart continued "All right, Operational Updates.

SCREEN 2 - Enhanced Daily Cover: "We have been filling in CC4 P4 since about mid-May, will continue to fill there until the rain starts again probably in October. But what you're seeing here is the operations of a normal morning operation on the dry weather deck on Part 4, and you'll see up at the top we have the walking-floor transfer trailers, and the tipper trailers, and down towards the bottom are the LA City trucks, the ones that pick up Granada Hills and around various places in Los Angeles; you'll see our truck that we load up with odor neutralizing foaming spray to spray down the tipper trailers specifically, but as much as the waste mass as possible to make sure that we're able to neutralize the odors before they get airborne, you'll see two of our cover systems are our EnviroCover system. Is that tan looking plastic material toward the bottom of the screen, and the soil is covering that up. This picture was taken on a Friday when we're starting to shrink down the working face for our full and final cover with soil. But what we're going to be asking for later on in, in our presentation is the use of the EnviroCover on Saturdays. As well, you can see it kind of towards the top of the screen. To the right there's our misting fans, and not highlighted there or some other vapor fans that that are with that are located around that misting fan that essentially put out our odor neutralizing agent 24/7 as we're filling. So, this is the view that you will have if you're able to make it to our open house from our observation deck."

SCREEN 3 – Internal Access Road (not labeled): "As I mentioned in our last meeting, we have completed the transition of our internal access Rd. to the West side of the canyon. This is on the city South portion of the landfill and that's this photo was taken from our administrative offices on the city North side of the landfill. So those are the scales, and the relocation of that has greatly improved our efficiency and getting the trucks in and out of the site; it's giving us dust control improvements, as 90% of the road, that the haul trucks are traveling on, is paved with asphalt. So, we're able to run sweepers during our entire operation and water trucks, and effectively hold down the dust. This bypass area is going to allow us to finish up the toe berm at the front of the entrance, so that will close off the canyon. That project is currently underway, and it's basically will bridge the area between where that scale house is and where this photo is. We're going to continue to import soil to build that toe berm and we're looking at a late 2025

completion date; It may push into 2026 depending on how wet of a winter that we have.”

SCREEN 4 – Winterization Activities (not labeled): “We’ve also started our winterization program. These are two of our five sediment basins. Those are cleaned out each year following the rainy season and is done before the start of the next year’s rainy season. So, all this will be completed by the 1st of October (2024); We’re on track, we started our winterization in mid-May this year, which is even earlier than last year, so four of our five basins are cleaned out. We’re in the process of installing stormwater diversion berms and cleaning out drains and building our wet weather decks. So we’re in preparation and hope to be fully built out and ready for the wet weather in early September.”

SCREEN 5 – Cell Construction (not labeled): “Cell construction of CC-5 Part A is underway. We have completed the subgrade of this essentially 15 acre cell that’s going to be built, the clay material for the liner system will start being laid next week. This cell is going to have bottom up gas collection so there’s going to be improvements in how quickly we’re able to capture the gas from the waste that is placed in this cell. We’ll have floor collectors, and we’ll have horizontal collectors that are layered into this. So, as we continue, as we start to fill this, the infrastructure will be in place and ready to collect the gas.”

SCREEN 6 - Diagram New Cell Construction; “This is a diagram of essentially what we’re building... of cell construction. On your left is a diagram that I’ve shown you before. It essentially shows the linear system at the bottom, and then it shows the gas collection and the liquid collection systems in there. But I want you to pay close attention to the profile on your right, that is what the liner system is made of. So, it starts with a sub-grade and then you have two feet of clay. Then you have 60-mil (HDPE High Density Polyethylene liner) that’s placed on top of it, and then you have a leak detection system. These systems are generally found in hazardous waste landfills. It’s not normally found in MSW landfills, but Sunshine Canyon has it so we’re able to observe that leak detection layer and know if we have a leak right away. So that’s one of the improvements that...or one of the benefits of having a double liner system that Sunshine Canyon has. So, on top of that leak detection is another two feet of clay, and then another 60 mil HDPE (liner) and then the next level is the leachate collection system. So as the liquids flow to the bottom of the landfill, the leachate collection system serves as a conduit to our extraction points for the leachate. And that’s how the leachate is taken out. And then finally, on top of the leachate collection system, there’s two feet of protective cover. So, if you saw a diagram of this and you will if you see it at the open house, as to size, it’s going to be a 8-foot liner before you before we place any waste, which is pretty impressive for this this type of a land MSW landfill. Our gas collection system this year we have scheduled to put in 85 new vertical extraction wells. We’re currently at fifty of them year to date.

So over half will be done completed with this, with those wells sometime in September, we have placed approximately 1,800 linear feet of header system. We have 30 new pumps that are ready to go in. If we see any wells that start to get watered-in once they're put in, We have the pumps on hand to place in there immediately and then we have approximately 10,000 feet of horizontal collectors that we've installed. And with that, Kate, you want to talk to us a little bit about our ADC project?"

Committee Member Larry Fleck arrived in person at this time (3:19), making five Committee Members present in person (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

Ms. Downey, BFI/Republic Environmental Manager. "I'll be providing an update on the recently conditionally approved pilot project to utilize Alternative Daily Cover on Saturdays. For those of you who were in attendance at the last CAC meeting in May, this will be a repeat of the previous presentation. So, in recent months, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, LEA, in consultation with a third party engineering expert and in collaboration with the Interagency Working Group came up with a recommended set of odor mitigation strategies for the landfill to employ, and one of those strategies is the implementation of using EnviroCover as an alternative daily cover to six inches of compacted soil on Saturdays. The objectives of using EnviroCover on Saturdays is to eliminate the need to peel back the soil that's placed on Saturdays, so it's thought that by using the ADC on Saturdays it will eliminate the peel back activity that could potentially contribute to odors on Monday mornings. The objectives of the pilot study are to determine if it meets the performance requirements of Title 27 and if it has a positive impact on gas collection and overall reduction in odor complaints. The project requires specific procedures for its application as well as daily monitoring and then monthly reporting to the Department of Public Works. The project will last for one year and at its conclusion the use of the ADC will be evaluated to determine if its objectives were met, and it will either be continued, approved, or denied at that time. It is important to note that we are currently approved to use this particular product for use Mondays through Fridays, so this pilot project would only be in effect for the addition of Saturdays. And with that, I think we'll take any questions on either the operational update or the ADC pilot project."

Mr. Hunter stated that "before I take questions from the horseshoe and for everybody, in the packet at the very back, there is a copy dated March 26, 2024, County of Los Angeles giving the approval to use ADC without the use of soil on the weekend . . . There is a series of conditions that they have to comply with, and you can see that's what Kate was referring to, that they have to comply with."

Mr. Fisk asked Mr. Stewart the winterization basins that he showed "are those for collecting water?" Mr. Stewart replied that "Yes, it is. So, our stormwater is directed into those basins, and they serve as holding ponds for the sediment to be able to drop out. So, it slows down the water that leaves the site; then at the end of the end of the rainy season, you have basins that have sediment in it, and so in

order to ensure the capacity for the next season, you clean them out. So, it's basically a..." (interrupted). Mr. Fisk stated that "I was just wondering because your report says this season we had 35 inches of rain, 20 (inches) just in February, and I was just kind of wondering if you could collect that water for your, you know dust dispersion activities." Mr. Stewart agreed saying that "Yeah, I think we're permitted in some cases to do that, and in I think we actually actively extract that out of some of our upper basins, but most of the time, it flows out before it's...it doesn't stay long enough to be utilized for the summertime when that's when we use most of our dust control,also in the month of May."

Mr. Fisk stated that "the LAPD has dumped 1.1 tons of marijuana. Is that common every month?" Mr. Stewart replied that "I think you have big months, and you have slow months, but it's they're definitely on the prowl."

Ms. Jeanette Capaldi asked "how do you clean out the basins?" Mr. Stewart replied that "we have a machine called a front end loader; they're (sediment basins) built with a ramp that you kind of drive in there, so they have a bucket on the front, and then we load up what we call a rock truck, which is a large dump truck and just scoop it out and take it. We minimize the dust by utilizing our water trucks, but most of the time that sediment is still pretty wet. So, a lot of times we have to mix it up with some dryer stuff to get it dry enough to haul it out. So sometimes we have to add to it to be able to take it out."

Mr. Fisk asked, "on the 3rd of May you had a truck incident where a truck blew out a tire and tumbled six times. Does that happen very often?" Mr. Stewart replied that "It does not. No, and it's unfortunate, but it was one of our employees trucks that that was exiting the Canyon; he was actually leaving work and was off the clock. I don't know why his tire blew, but it did. He walked out with just bumps and bruises." Mr. Fisk continued asking "was just one person because it says they and them?" Mr. Stewart replied that "There was just one person in the truck."

Mr. Hunter stated that "you were supposed to be using the dirt as well on the weekend. You were only using the ADC at that time, and you weren't putting the dirt on. In 2022 it was brought to the attention (of County Public Works) that you weren't doing it, and you've been doing ADC and dirt now, since 2022. I don't see anything in the record from the AQMD reports that indicate changes that anything is going on here. We're talking about a series of quote "pilot projects" approved by county Public Works. When these pilot projects were done, basically, it had nothing to do with odors. Now you guys are claiming it's got to do with odors, or now we've got to turn around, so we don't use the dirt, and we don't do so and so, and we don't do peel back and everything like that. I have really serious issues because the ADC has done nothing for us. What are we approaching now, 16,193 complaints and 352 NOV's [Notices of Violations]. What you're doing? You know, again, this ADC has been running for quite a while, and all of it was, is it good against vectors, and is it good against this and that and the other thing but they had nothing to do with odors, nothing. And even your Republic claimed that.

Now suddenly it's got to do with odors. So suddenly we've got to do away with the dirt, and I'm going, no, I don't think so, because we're in a world of hurt. I watched the presentation made to the by the LEA to the LEA, and on it, it had you (Republic) putting down the ADC on the weekend with dirt, and when I spoke to the person who was co-author, which was Eugene, Eugene said yeah, you should be putting dirt on the weekend, period. And I raised that issue. Now I had sent a letter as the North Valley Coalition to County Public Works asking them to rescind the approval of the ADC without the use of soil. Now they have been using ADC on the weekend. We know because they weren't supposed to, but they did in violation. By the way, they didn't get into any trouble for doing that. So, they've been doing that, ADC on the weekend, and they've also been doing ADC with the soil. So, now what we're saying is OK, if you got the ADC and you're going to continue it and you're going to say, OK, (then) legalize what they were doing illegally, fine, but the soil stays. And I asked them (County Public Works) to rescind it, and I got a notice telling me, no, they're not going to do that. And to be honest with you, I think that you guys(CPW) are embarrassed; you've done something that you shouldn't have done because I talked to you, the co-author of the LA that made these proposals, and he said yes, they should be putting dirt on the weekends. OK. It should be going on. So, when your turn comes up (CPW), be prepared to answer. I want to see Eugene, if he's over here too. Anyway, I've got serious issues with that ADC problem. I guess if I at least heard from the horseshoe here. By the way, we call it a horseshoe, because it's sort of like half-round. Does anybody in the public wish to speak to this issue?"

Resident Meg Volk said, "I have questions about the soil cover on it too. You talked about not having to peel back. I live less than 1/2 mile down wind and when I notice the most odors happens to be Saturday night, Sunday morning. So, if you're just putting the ADC on it's not working. I've called six or seven times this month and I haven't called in quite a while. You seem to have it under control. So, my question is, you know, why wouldn't you put the dirt cover on it to make it more complete, you know, a more complete way of containing those odors?" Mr. Stewart replied, "we haven't started doing the ADC on Saturdays yet. It's just soil on Saturdays." Ms. Volk said "OK. Well, that by itself isn't working then." Mr. Stewart replied, "we're going to put down, we're requesting to put down ADC, which is I think twice or maybe in three times less permeable than soil for to gases. So, we're willing to give that a shot because we think there's a there's a benefit in that for the long term gas collection at the site; you want to get as much waste to waste contact as possible so that the landfill can properly drain down to the leachate collection system that I was showing you. About what can happen with soil is. Although you are peeling it back, you know. you can't get it all. And so, you're leaving in layers of soil that can cause a honeycomb effect and cause the water and the liquids and the leachate to not be able to flow properly to the bottom. So, it makes undue stresses onto your gas collection system." Ms. Volk said "Second question really quick is that it seems to be in the last couple of weeks, the cell you're working on is the closest to our neighborhood and I've been noticing a lot more odors. The wind is going in that direction now, and the other

thing is, I know that that old section which was the City-side was not lined in the beginning, so if you're unearthing that you know you're exposing the neighborhood to all these odors, and I know I've smelled PineSol or whatever, but whatever you're using isn't working, is what I'm trying to say. So, what can you do about that particular cell to make sure that those odors are being contained before they waft into our community?" Mr. Stewart responded that "the only parts of that cell that are going to overlay the City South portion of it, the city South Landfill is going to stay intact. There's going to be an over-liner that goes over the top of that. So, we won't be digging into that. The only excavation that's happening for this cell is in areas where no waste has been place. and it's further down in the Canyon. The PineSol that you're smelling, I'm not sure what that is because our vapor system has is essentially odorless. We've taken that tracer out of there.

Resident Cherie Mann stated that "I haven't been here in a long time. But what I'm concerned about is what happens to dumps once they've reached their peak. And if you're putting a none-soil in (EnviroCover), that will never be a place where something can grow. I don't know what trash is composed of, and I don't know how it breaks down or if it breaks down, but what happens ultimately to this dump that that gets piled way beyond what was expected to begin with. And also a side thing, the combination of doing City and County dump together, I thought would save us money. It hasn't saved us money. What has it done for you? I mean, what was the purpose of that, because 30,000 oak trees or whatever trees you cut down to merge the two. Where do you think they went? They're all in my neighborhood. I've had to cut out 10 oak trees because they were too close to the house, and I'm trimming them, and people can't walk on sidewalks. Is that part of your uh, bailiwick?" Mr. Stewart responded that " with regard to the Alternate Daily Cover as use, that's not going to stop our soil usage. So, as we're filling, we'll do as we're doing Monday through Friday currently, and cover with the ADC. But as we're doing that, we have to continually use soil to build the unloading deck. So, the trucks that are dumping have to have a soil deck to offload. And as we're filling too we create an outer slope that is covered with soil too. So, it is getting covered with soil as we fill. When we hit our final grades of the landfill, then there's going to be a final cap that's placed upon it. I think our cap is probably 4-feet and thick (correction by Ms. Downey).. it's six feet that will be put in place and that's where the vegetation will grow once the landfill is officially closed." Ms. Mann asked "And what vegetation is growing now anything? Mr. Stewart responded "Yes, we have chaparrals, wild grasses, and California coastal sage."

Resident Erick Pfefferman stated that "I'm just wondering that last year we knew that El Nino was coming in the winter. This year, we haven't heard anything about that, but what's the dumps winter plan this year coming up to deal with any sort of unexpected rains?" Mr. Stewart responded that " bigger, better wet-weather deck. So, last year was an improvement on the previous year. This year is going to be an improvement on last year. We know where all the water patterns are going, so we're going to make sure that our berms are built and reinforced. I think last year I told you we're going to build it this big (gesture approx. 6-foot). We're going to

build it to the ceiling (gesture approx. 8-foot) in certain areas like that, so we are comfortable that we can control the rain. If we have another year, two years ago it was La Nina, but we still had the record-breaking. So, we're never going to go into it thinking that we're safe just because they're not talking about it. So, we are (pause) we've learned our lessons and we're starting earlier and earlier and earlier last year, I think we got started in July. Previously I think we get started later in August. We started in May last year. Next year, we're probably going to start in April. The problem, the only reason we didn't start in April is because the rainy season lasted until May, and that may be the new normal. Mr. Pfefferman, "alright, so it's just going to be more robust version of previous years."

Resident Roxie Deukmedjian stated that "I live a few houses from Meg's house, and you commented on the dust on the main street (landfill entrance road/San Fernando Road) going in and out of the landfill. I traveled there about three times a week going to Santa Clarita. I have never seen "no dust" ever. There is always, always dust coming in with the trucks, and dust going out with the trucks, and this has caused my car an issue with the intake compartment to the car. I don't know about anybody else, but I realized that only after the fact that it got so dusty under the car... there's always dust, and I have called in (AQMD) for dust. Nothing gets done. So, my question is, there's always dust going in and out. The whole section is not paved because there is a section of dirt on the side, on the right side of the road, and every time the trucks go out onto that street, they kick up more dirt because they're actually going onto that dirt as well. And now the trucks are driving more on the right hand side instead of the left hand side which surprised me (as) last year they didn't do that." Mr. Stewart responded saying, "Yeah, I'm not. I'm not sure of the dirt pile that you're speaking of. I think you're talking about the acceleration lane. And I think there used to be a dirt pile there. But along that where that rock wall starts, we just recently cleaned that off. There was several feet of dirt and I think they're utilizing that right lane now because they have the space. It took us about a year and a half to get a permit to get our contractors out to clear that out. So, we've cleared, we've cleaned that out. We have a street sweeper that runs and we're doing everything that we can to ensure that we're not tracking out soil."

Mr. Modugno asked "is C5 (cell) on the southern side of the landfill or is it more towards the north or center?" Mr. Stewart replied that "I would think the way I described, it is right in the middle, so there's City North (landfill) that was built out and capped, City South that was built out and capped, the County side that's essentially to grade, and it's basically up the middle of the valley." Mr. Modugno opined "more towards the West maybe?" Mr. Stewart "I would say South."

Mr. Hunter stated that "OK, I didn't want to hog the mic, but I still wanted to get it back to this ADC thing. You say it's going to help you with the gas collection. Any amount of gas that you generate, you're never going to get more than 85%. So, if you increase gas generation in the short period,, and you can't collect or you can only collect 85% of it, the rest is out-gassing, and we're going to end up with

odors. So, (that is) some of the logic that you used to say why we should do that. I mean, I think you got what, 770 million standard cubic feet per month of gas that you're already collecting? You've had ADC any number of years going way back because they've approved all of these projects for you to use the ADC. So, you've got the ADC, you don't have the dirt, you're generating gas, and now you're telling me that it's going to work out better for you to be able to get more gas because you're not putting a lousy 6-inches of soil on the weekend. I just can't believe it. I really can't believe it. I know you guys are short of dirt. You don't want to import the dirt because you have to pay for it, or, if you're lucky enough, you can get it for free. I admit you sometimes do, but other than that, if you need it and you want it, you're going to have to pay for it. And you're short of dirt, and you do try to avoid anything to put it (dirt) on ... Show me where the ADC had anything to do with reducing the odors. All of your approvals that you made were not based on odor reduction because this committee (SCL-CAC) opposed it the last time when you guys brought in the ADC. This committee opposed it, and said no, but you approved it anyway. And that when we raised the issue, and the people came (to the CAC meetings), they said all the orders, whatever, and they said it has nothing to do with orders because according to Title, whatever it was 14 or 27 (actual Title 27), I don't know. Whatever it was, we're meeting those requirements that you know for vectors for this and that. And the other thing it meets that criteria, there was nothing about odors. And now you're telling me, hey, we're going to use ADC on the weekend, and we're telling you, it doesn't work. Why are we looking at all these complaints (pointing to the AQMD report)? You're using ADC during the week. We're getting all kinds of complaints during the week and now you want to put it on the weekend, and you've got people who live near the landfill telling you, hey, we smell it as it is, and that's what I'm telling you in County Public Works. It's one thing to approve the ADC that they were already using illegally in violation of their agreement with you, that they were going to do pilots and (that) they weren't going to do that (ADC) on the weekend, but they did it anyway, and now they're trying to say, yeah, we're going to use the ADC and it's great, and it's going to stop the odors. It's not. The proof is here. So, I've got some serious, serious issues, and again, this committee opposed the use of ADC when it was first proposed. I've got the letters OK. And some of those people that are in here complaining, or were there also (at the CAC meetings), and they know we did? So, I don't want to see a year test to find out what I already know is going to happen. It's not going to stop the odors. It's not going to get any better. Put the dirt on. I don't care if you put the ADC on what you're doing now. ADC and dirt works great, and that was my conversation with the co-author of the LEA's recommendations. OK, that went through the Board of Supervisors who said we will use one of our consultants. OK, who will make recommendations? I talked to him. He goes, oh yeah, you need dirt on the weekend. OK, I brought it. I don't know whether you guys want to entertain a motion, but personally I'd like to make a motion the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee opposes Public Works approval of the use of ADC without six inches of cover soil on the weekends.”

Ms. Newman stated “But I think he (Mr. Stewart) was explaining that. I mean, perhaps you're saying it should be dirt and there's an ADC, I don't even know what ADC is. You're saying that there's the plastic layer in there. He was just explaining that there's a honeycomb effect where if you put the soil in it, it pulls the bad stuff up, so like, is there a material that's something in between that because if the soil is pulling the gases and that's leaking the stuff we don't want to the surface, then it's kind of counter, like you were saying honeycombing. Can you explain that?” Mr.. Stewart, Again, yeah. So honeycombing is when the layers of soil (interrupted). Yeah, the honeycomb effect happens when liquids cannot freely drain to the bottom. So, it's hitting different layers of soil. So, before the approval for the ADC, which happened in 2014 or 15, I was here during that time, and understood it was all about the odors, because previously we were required to put soil down and leave it, and we figured out real quick, that that was a bad idea because the landfill couldn't drain. So, you, you put in a gas well, if you think of it with a straw with holes in it, if you put it in a liquid pocket, it fills up your gas well and you have to pump it down. So, part of the reason why you don't see efficiencies of over 85% is because of liquids in the landfill due to these soil layers. And you can't get over 85%. It's just an equation that is used when you're designing the landfill, just kind of as a flat line piece. But the implementation of the ADC, which is Alternate Daily Cover, which is a thin plastic that holds back way more gas than six inches of soil was to remedy that effect. So, we're building a brand new cell that has not been impacted by these layers of soil. So, the idea that if we can start fresh and have a system that drains properly by not putting as much soil into the landfill would be the goal.”

Ms. Newman said, “I mean, we took a tour. I don't even know, a couple months ago. It was really fascinating. Like they're doing the open house. I mean, I don't know if I should. We took a tour up there and it was really fascinating. It was really eye opening and educational and there I think you guys are. I mean I don't know if it's the best moving mechanism, but I mean it was very efficient, very clean. It was, it all made sense that you had the cells that enter and do the recycling. I mean every bit of resourcefulness and editing that you're trying to make it better. I think they're trying to do it. I mean you're constantly perfecting it, perfecting it, affecting it.”

Mr. Hunter said, “Well, I got to speak to that because the issue is, and I just read it to you. 16,193 odor complaints. OK. This is since 2009 and 352 NOV's just on public nuisance. So, it may look wonderful if you're over there and it looks very efficient. We'll go up there next visit, and you'll see it. It looks great. The problem is all these people are sitting down here. The place stinks. All of these odors are coming, and I could tell you how to get rid of a lot of odors, and nobody wants to do it. It's very simple. Don't open till 9:00 in the morning. OK, that's a big one. And also reduce the tonnage OK. Two things that they could do, that Public works could do or whoever or get us a hearing with the AQMD, OK. The Hearing Board, and get that, and I guarantee you the odors will go down. But you look, it looks great, but not when you live below these the landfill, the people to the South,

suffer. And so that was the reason. And again, I don't want to see the dirt go away. They they're talking about one lot of dirt 6-inches per week before. Yes, they were required to put it on, I believe it was like 9-inches at one point, OK on a daily basis because that was the standard, and they said that cause problems. Well, apparently it did OK, but the problem was they didn't remediate the problem. They didn't put any pumps in their wells that they should have, to get rid of the water. They let it water-in. It just got worse and worse. They didn't put any money into it. The only time that it got decent was around what 2017-2018, when they were ordered to by the AQMD, and they got in there, and they fixed it up. And our odors actually went down. I think what we ended up with what 200, no 208 complaints down from over 1000, 1700, 1200 (a year). You know, we were getting huge number of complaints, and it came down because they were ordered to do that thing. And one of the things was that late type of opening. Why? If you look at the record for the AQMD you can see what happened. What happened? Ooh, if I look at May and June, you've got a copy of those things in there, OK? The odors went down immediately. Why? Because that's the weather. It changes, it starts to go up with the heat. You'd think it would get worse. It doesn't. It starts to go up. But during the rest of the year, we've got prevailing winds that carry whatever they bury to these poor people down here, and what I'm saying to you is that they never should have allowed them to stop with the 6-inches of soil on the weekend. That's the thing on top of the ADC. ADC and the soil, OK. And that's why I am asking, OK. All we're asking to do is send a letter to County Public Works saying that we oppose their decision to permit the ADC without the six inches of soil . . .”

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee opposes Public Works approval of the use of ADC without six inches of cover soil on the weekends.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter noted years-long complaints about and NOVs [Notices of Violation] issued to the Landfill. He believed that not opening the Landfill until 9:00 a.m. and reducing trash tonnage accepted into the Landfill would greatly reduce odors.

CALL for the QUESTION (by Mr. Hunter): PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote of the five eligible voters present with two in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Capaldi and Hunter); zero opposed; three abstained (Fisk, Fleck and Newman).

- 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, any enforcement actions to abate odors, and any other matters within their purview.

Larry Israel, Compliance Supervisor, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], from online, reported that, in May, there 18 complaints and one track-out dirt NOV. In June, there were 32 complaints; so far in July, 12 complaints, none confirmed. Ms. Deukmedjian said “50% of the people who would normally call don’t call anymore . . . Inspectors are showing up one hour and a half to two hours after we call.” Mr. Israel said that “we’re out in the area every day.” Ms. Volk noted that having air conditioning on, and not wanting to call late at night and very early in mornings, are reasons that people don’t call to complain.

- 3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA)** to report on any areas of concern, NOVs issued, and any other SCL matters within their purview.

Lilit Baghumyan [213-252-3932; Lilit.Baghumyan@LACity.org; www.SCLLEA.org], “one of the lead Inspectors” reporting “on behalf of Dee Lugo,” described the LEA’s role. They didn’t issue any NOVs since the last Committee meeting. The Joint Technical Document is on the LEA website. The LEA Board met May 28th and next meets in December.

- 4. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)** to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Andrew Modugno, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) [213-241-3926; Andrew.Modugno@lausd.net], reported that no NOVs were issued since the last Committee meeting and there’ve been “no complaints since April”; he acknowledged that, due to the Summer school break, there’re less people at Van Gogh Charter School. Long-time resident Eric Pfefferman said that LAUSD is using an air monitoring system that excludes monitoring of PM1 and PM10 air particles, which can get deep into lungs. Mr. Modugno said that PM10 is being monitored by the air quality monitor trailer at Van Gogh.

- 5. County Public Works** to report on any SCL matters within their purview to include update of any actions to enforce compliance with the CUP.

Amiko Thompson, Assistant Deputy Director, L.A. County Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division, [626-458-5163; AThompson@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], described CPW’s role. Implementation of the ADC pilot project was based on a recommendation that it could improve odors. She will ask “counterparts” about rebuilding San Fernando Road. She described “additional attention” on Landfill maintenance and a stronger connection with the City. She stated that “there should not be odors, if managed properly, in the community.

- 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 Ultra Systems still is helping assess issues and considering other implementations. He said “they’ve got all the data; they’re starting to review it . . . We’re still monitoring it.”

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

Seira Kurian, Regional Health Officer, L.A. County Public Health Dept. [626-430-9821; <http://publichealth.LACounty.gov>], reported that there’ve been no complaints. She said “my unit does do a lot of outreach.”

- 8. City Planning Department** to report on any SCL matters within their purview including an update of the status of Central Los Angeles Recycling & Transfer Station (CLARTS).

Claudia Rodriguez, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-9911; Claudia.Rodriguez@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), and Renata Ooms, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-9911; Renata.Ooms@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org) were present. Mr. Hunter noted that CLARTS reported at the last meeting. Ms. Owens said they had no new report and that “Q’ conditions were placed on the site many years ago.” She described collaborating with other agencies.

- 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.

Savannah Portillo, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath [office 213-974-3333; SPortillo@bos.LACounty.gov; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; <https://lacounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/lindsey-p-horvath>], reported that the Supervisor has been convening multi-agency meetings.

- D. Committee Member and Public comments** on items NOT on the Agenda. *Note: Under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that has not been agendized; however, it may become the subject of a future meeting.

Mr. Fisk asked and Mr. Stewart replied that he (Mr. Stewart) “constantly” consults with colleagues and other professionals about ideas to improve gas collection, and odor control.

E. Set next meeting date (September 12, 2024). Adjourn meeting if 5:00 p.m. for City, County and State participants.

Mr. Hunter noted the above. He declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:03 p.m.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters (if needed).

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion.

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>. The Meeting audio/video recording can be viewed at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/EAdEYJel46HgqMy0wjgP87uAPMtbFz_44I-M6LErHzMUBqkJJBMuYolvwOLgpAHH.iMRYHBEdMJCNinc3. The passcode is ub586ES\$.