

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF HYBRID* MEETING, Thursday, January 8, 2026**

Center for Spiritual Living, 17622 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills, CA 91344 and online
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 also was conducted online and telephonically.

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

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of November 13, 2025 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 3:03 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026 in Granada Hills, California and online by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Four of the seven Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck and Wayde Hunter (all in person). Absent: John Ciccarelli, Julie Newman and Jennifer Yoo. A quorum of at least four (there were four) Committee Members was present. Two Committee Member openings were available. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Michael Stewart; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Dave Thompson and Eugene Tseng; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Eugene Loi (online); L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Michael Harmon; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Christina Nguyen; L.A. County Supervisor District Three Lindsey Horvath’s Office: Paulina Torres; L.A. County District Five Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Office: none; L.A. City Councilmember John Lee’s Office: Sharon Bronson and Erich King; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Renata Ooms (online); and LAUSD District 3: Andrew Modugno. Also attended in person and online: approximately 21 residents and other guests. A Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents were available in person and at www.scl-cac.org, and slides were shown.

No corrections or amendments were made to the Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its November 13, 2025 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, Fleck and Hunter); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair). Officer elections if sufficient members in attendance.

Mr. Hunter and Ms. Capaldi indicated that they had no report.

- Treasurer's Report, September – October & November – December 2025 (Treasurer).

Mr. Fleck reviewed the "SCL-CAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 09/01/2025-10/31/2025." The September – October 2025 "Business Checking Account (for Expenses) 1234" beginning balance was \$6,027.01. Seven checks were written on that account, totaling \$2,011.47. There was an out-of-pocket expense of \$59.51 for reimbursement to Mr. Hunter for the September meeting. The ending balance was \$4,015.54. The "Business Savings Account (for Consultants) 1582" beginning balance was \$67,469.33; \$1.14 in interest was accrued; the ending balance was \$67,470.47. The "Business Checking Account (for Consultants) 9514" beginning and ending balances both were \$48,883.05. There was \$100 in Petty Cash. There was \$0 in Other Assets. The total beginning balance for all accounts as of September, 2025 was \$122,479.39; debits were \$2,011.47 and deposits were \$1.14; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$120,469.06 as of Oct. 31, 2025 per Mr. Fleck and Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Fleck reviewed the "SCL-CAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 07/01/2025-08/31/2025 REVISED." The July - August 2025 REVISED "Business Checking Account (for Expenses) 1234" beginning balance was \$7,006.15. Two checks were written on that account, totaling \$979.14. There was an out-of-pocket expense of \$324.14 for reimbursement to Mr. Hunter for the July meeting. The ending balance was \$6,027.01. The "Business Savings Account (for Consultants) 1582" beginning balance was \$67,467.08; \$2.25 in interest was accrued; the ending balance was \$67,469.33. The "Business Checking Account (for Consultants) 9514" beginning balance was \$40,000; the ending balance was \$48,883.05. There was \$100 in Petty Cash. There was \$0 in Other Assets. The total beginning balance for all accounts as of August 31, 2025 was \$114,573.23; debits were \$979.14 and deposits were \$8,885.30; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$122,479.39 as of Oct. 31, 2025 per Mr. Fleck and Mr. Hunter.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the September – October 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the November – December 2025 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

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

Mr. Hunter said that the elections will be put off until sufficient Committee Members are present.

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, NOVs, current and future disposal operations, wet weather impacts, and Abatement Order compliance.

Michael Stewart, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>] reported that approximately 14” of rain had fallen since Christmas. He described wet weather operations, and impacts of recent heavy rains. He described Abatement Order remediation measures, including about malfunctioning probes. He said “we’ll continue to monitor . . . wells” and that “the waste system is backed up.” Two to three people pick up trash bags in the Landfill area. The Landfill currently is accepting asphalt, not concrete. Metal is recycled, not reused. Horizontal collectors are in place. Mr. Stewart described odor mitigation measures.

- 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, Supervising Air Quality Inspector, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that, in November, 298 complaints were made, the most in a November; nine NOVs [Notices of Violation] were issued, also the most in a November. Complaints were verified at El Oro Way Elementary School. Sixty-six percent of the complaints were received after-hours. In December, 530 complaints were made, the most in any month; 19 NOVs were issued, the most in any month in at least 20 years. Complaints were confirmed at El Oro and at Van Gogh Charter School. Twenty-eight percent of the complaints were after-hours. In January so far, 139 complaints were made and four NOVs were issued, including at Van Gogh. Twenty of the complaints were after-hours. The next status meeting is scheduled for May 12th.

3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) to:

- a. Report on any areas of concern, NOVs issued, and any other SCL matters within their purview.

Dave Thompson, this year's SCL-LEA Program Manager, [213-252-3932; David.Thompson@LACity.org; www.SCLLEA.org], reported that he will stay another year as Program Manager. NOVs were issued for drainage erosion. Dr. Eugene Tseng, an environmental engineer and attorney working for the LEA [818-889-8628; ETseng@aol.com; www.SCLLEA.org], reported that the LEA is collaborating with the AQMD.

- b. Provide update on the progress of implementation of the AQMD Stipulated Order of Abatement of Odors 3448-18 which was approved on March 19, 2025

The current Abatement Order confirms elements of the previous Abatement Order. He said that improving landfill gas collection is the most important thing. Sixty to 70% of material brought to the Landfill is organics; 20% – 25% is food waste; during holidays, 25% is food waste. He described mitigation work, including at transfer stations. Two odor-dispersion tests will be done. Legal guidelines are being created for the Landfill to follow. Mr. Hunter didn't believe that enough wells have been installed to keep up with increased trash collection.

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, from October to this day, 10 NOVs have been issued; seven at Van Gogh and three at El Oro.

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

Michael Harmon, Sr. Civil Engineering Asst., L.A. County Dept. of Public Works [626-458.6986; MHarmon@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], reported that the Enviro-Cover has been extended through May 30th.

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

Christina Nguyen, Planner, L.A. County Regional Planning Dept. [213-974-6483; CNgyuen@planning.LACounty.gov; <http://planning.LACounty.gov>], reported that they're continuing to monitor the Landfill with monthly inspections, and participate in multi-agency working group meetings.

- 7. County Public Health Department** to report on any matters within their purview including any additional health impacts resulting from taking fire-related debris at SCL.

Eugene Loi, Nurse, L.A. County Public Health [213-738-3220; EuLoi@ph.LACounty.gov; <http://publichealth.LACounty.gov>], reported from online on activity involved in the multi-agency working group. Health complaints can be made by phoning 626-430-9821. Mr. Fisk indicated that he awaits health risk assessment study results. Mr. Loi said that they don't do health studies. Mr. Hunter indicated that he'll re-send a letter asking for a health study to be made.

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

Renata Ooms, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-9911; Renata.Ooms@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), reported from online that air quality monitoring stations installation awaits power installation. Later this year, VOCs [Volatile Organic Compounds] will be monitored.

- 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 agendaized for this meeting. If necessary, discussion and action will be agendaized for another meeting.

Paulina Torres, Field Deputy for Los Angeles County District 3 Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (Ofc. 310-231-1170; Mobile 213-359-3515; PTorres@bos.LACounty.gov; <https://lacounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/lindsey-p-horvath>), reported that the Supervisor understands that the community has been dealing with this for years. They will continue to work with agencies. Erich King, Deputy Chief of Staff for L.A. City Councilmember John Lee [(818) 882-1212; Erich.King@LACity.org; <https://cd12.LACity.gov>], reported that CD12 "will be part of the odor neutralizer effort." A contractor had "been given notice to proceed" on San Fernando Road widening. Resident Andrea Provenzale requested and Mr. King agreed to provide the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Amenities Trust Fund balance. Community improvements made using the funds were described. The city Clerk's Office tracks the expenses.

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

There were no Committee Member or public comments at this time.

- E. Set next meeting date** (March 12, 2026). Adjourn meeting if 5:00 p.m. for City, County and State participants.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be March 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Hunter declared the meeting **ADJOURNED** at 5:03 p.m.

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

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 video recording of this meeting is at <https://youtu.be/veAnS28MvwY>. The SCL-CAC Meeting Minutes page is <http://scl-cac.org/agendas-minutes>.

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