

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF HYBRID* MEETING, Thursday, March 12, 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]_”]

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

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of January 8, 2026 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 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026 in Granada Hills, California and online by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Two of the five Committee Members were present in person: Richard Fisk and Wayde Hunter (both in person). Jeanette Capaldi arrived later (online). Absent: John Ciccarelli and Larry Fleck. Julie Newman and Jennifer Yoo were no longer Committee Members. A quorum of at least three (there were two) Committee Members was not yet present. Four 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.: Alberto Rivadeneyra; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Michael Harmon; L.A. City Sanitation & Environment Dept.: James Roska; CLARTS (Central Los Angeles Recycling & Transfer Station): Miguel Zermeno; 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: Erich King; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Renata Ooms; and LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety: Andrew Modugno. Also attended in person and online: approximately 42 residents and other guests. Mr. Hunter asked everyone to sign in, though members of the public may remain anonymous.

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>.)

[This Item was returned to after Item #C. 9.] No corrections or amendments were made to the Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its January 8, 2026 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the three eligible voters present with all three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Capaldi, Fisk 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 indicated that Officer elections would be held when there were sufficient Members in attendance.

- Treasurer’s Report, January – February 2026 (Treasurer).
[*This Agenda Item was addressed after the above Item #A Minutes approval.*] Mr. Hunter reviewed the “SCL-CAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 01/01/2026 - 02/28/2026.” [See <https://scl-cac.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/FINANCIAL-STATEMENT-SCL-CAC-January-to-February-2026.pdf>.]

The “Business Checking Account (for Expenses) 1234” beginning balance was \$2,749.33. Three checks were written on that account: \$191.63 for “Postal Plus copying for January 2026 CAC meeting”; \$655 for “Ctr Spiritual Living January 2026 SCL-CAC Meeting”; and \$261.66 for “W. Hunter out of pocket expenses food and drink and copies January 2026 SCL-CAC Meeting.” There was a “Service Fee – Checks” of \$117.32. Total deductions were \$1,225.61; the ending balance was \$1,523.72. The “Business Savings Account (for Consultants) 1582” beginning balance was \$67,471.56; the interest amount was “not available”; the ending balance was \$67,471.56. 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 January 1, 2026 was \$119,203.94; debits were \$1,225.61 and deposits were \$0; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$117,978.33 as of February 28, 2026 per Mr. Hunter.

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the January – February 2026 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of the three eligible voters present with all three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Capaldi, Fisk and Hunter); 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, 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>] showed slides and noted operations equipment used. He noted that, around December 24, 2026, 6.5" of rain severely impacted operations. He described "Applications of odor neutralizer and Microbial at transfer stations"; monthly rain totals; the March 9th hyperseeding event as part of Abatement Order compliance; a smoke test to identify gaps in vapor systems; and horizontal collectors installation. He explained "button-up collection system" installation. He updated regarding cell construction, expecting mid-April completion. He explained flare operations; they're operated according to AQMD standards and are designed to knock out 98.99% of unwanted chemical compounds. The AQMD notification process regarding flaring was followed.

Resident Meg Volk noted that BFI has been able to mitigate odors during other heavy rains, saying it's gotten much worse since 2022. She added that BFI just spent a lot of money to buy a Midwest landfill operation.

- 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 January, approximately 672 complaints were filed, the most ever for any month; 16 NOVs [Notices of Violation] were issued, the most for a January. Seven NOVs involved Van Gogh Charter School and/or El Oro Way Elementary School. Thirty percent of complaints were between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. In February, there were 568 complaints, the second highest ever. Twelve NOVs were issued, Again, thirty percent of complaints were between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Some complaints were at the Schools. So far in March, around 65% of complaints are in the evening. So far in 2026, there've been 1,400 complaints and 31 NOVs issued. Last year, 1,400 complaints wasn't reached until September.

The next Order for Abatement Hearing would be April 30th; public testimony is allowed. The AQMD would consider amending the Abatement Order. Resident Boris Klivansky reported that there're almost daily odors. Terrance Mann, AQMD Deputy Executive Officer for Compliance and Enforcement, said that multiple agencies would work together on contingency plans for when unwanted compounds increase. Penalty payments generally go into the general fund. Payments don't cover the costs of oversight. The County is expanding what it measures.

- 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 an NOV was issued; they're working with CalRecycle to fix problems, and with the AWMD to implement the mitigation Abatement Order.

- 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.

Dr. Eugene Tseng, an environmental engineer and attorney working for the LEA [818-889-8628; ETseng@aol.com; www.SCLLEA.org], showed slides. He reported that there's been a huge increase in odors since June 2025. He explained physical site constraints impacting LFG (Landfill Gas) collection wells. He noted that there's significant long-term legacy damage affecting Landfill operations. Four times as many wells as usual for a landfill are installed at Sunshine Canyon because of the extensive legacy damage. He explained why legacy damage hasn't been mitigated. Rain has no place to go and keeps flooding the Landfill; more wells are being installed as fast as possible. Rain is overwhelming the 300 existing pumps; they're looking at installing much more efficient pumps. A computerized landfill gas monitoring system is being implemented. Many other improvements are being considered. They're working to make the Landfill cover more impermeable, including by re-grading it and applying microbiology oxidizing. Smoke tests will be repeated as the Landfill topography changes. This many organics shouldn't be coming to the Landfill.

- 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 seven NOVs were issued since the last SCL-CAC meeting.

- 5. County Public Works to report on RENEW LA (Recovering Energy, Natural Resources and Economic Benefit from Waste for L.A.), and any SCL matters within their purview.**

Michael Harmon, Sr. Civil Engineering Asst., L.A. County Dept. of Public Works [626-458-5934; MHarmon@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], showed slides and reported on their "Organic Waste Prevention and Diversion" programs, and their "Sustainability and Zero Waste Goals." He noted State laws driving waste diversion. James Roska, an L.A. City Sanitation & Environment

Dept. Environmental Engineer [213-485-2988; <https://sanitation.lacity.gov>], reported that the City's waste collection is 28% organic, including food and green waste, and 15% plastic. He confirmed that the only recyclable plastics are those with the numbers "1," "2" or "5." Food-soiled paper, such as food wrappers and pizza boxes, can be put in green recycling bins. Mr. Harmon reported that the illegal dumping procedure has been updated.

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 continue to monitor the Landfill. The last inspection was February 12th; the next would be March 19th.

Committee Member Jeanette Capaldi had arrived online by this time (4:46), making three Committee Members present. The SCL-CAC quorum was three; now the Committee could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Mr. Hunter indicated that the CAC had sent a letter regarding the use of odorizers at CLARTS and that, while there was no scheduled report from City Sanitation, he recognized Mr. Zermeno was present and asked him to give an update. Mr. Zermeno (Miguel.Zermeno@LACity.org), a Civil Engineer at CLARTS, reported that odor control neutralizer always is applied to trash they transfer. He said they were working with Republic to look at the formulations. He reported that CLARTS only forwards 16% of the 4,000 tons per day that was referenced in the letter.

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.

Alberto Rivadeneyra, Public Health Nurse of the Department's Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health [ARivadeneyraJr@ph.LACounty.gov; <http://publichealth.LACounty.gov>], indicated that there was no report.

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 that there's an ongoing effort to get a third monitoring station online; power lines are ready to be electrified.

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.

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 sent an advocacy letter to the AQMD. 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 San Fernando Road improvement work is expected to start in early Spring. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Amenities Trust Fund was used to allocate \$75,000 for tree trimming.

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 (May 14, 2026). **Adjourn meeting** if 5:00 p.m. for City, County and State participants.

Mr. Hunter noted the above.

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

Mr. Hunter said that no overtime was needed.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:03 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 video recording of this meeting is at <https://youtu.be/it9chJrtx6w>. The SCL-CAC Meeting Minutes page is <http://scl-cac.org/agendas-minutes>.