

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, July 12, 2012
Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Becky Bendikson at 3:04 p.m.
Ms. Bendikson introduced Cherie Mann who had agreed to be our notetaker for this meeting.
Roll call was called by Cherie Mann, Notetaker.

PRESENT: SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
members: Becky Bendikson, Wayde Hunter, Maria Armoudian, Absent: Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, and Joe Vitti. Quorum was not established with three (7 seats filled w/2 seats open).

Late: Josh Jordahl

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY, COUNTY, AND REPUBLIC SERVICES:

SCL-LEA: Martin Rosen, Cindy Chen; SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE: Jarrod DeGonia; BFI/REPUBLIC SERVICES: David Cieply, Anthony Bertrand; SCAQMD: David Jones, Larry Israel; CD 12 OFFICE Nicole Bernson; LAUSD District 3: None Present; LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING: Iris Chi; LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING: Nicholas Hendricks; MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ralph Kroy, Mike Mohajer, Wynne Ritch, Allan Taylor, Pat Proano, Andrea Provenzale, Randy Torno, Miriam Koeny, Sara Dolley, Ryker Dolley, Yalena Goldman, Dean Michaels, and Anne Ziliak (GHNNC).

Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2012 initially set aside along with Old business and Treasurers Report due to a lack of quorum (including Treasurer).

B. Old Business:

1. Discussion of any outstanding administrative matters (Chair):

Ms. Bendikson asked that Committee Members contact either herself or Wayde Hunter if they are not going to attend a meeting. She also stated that we (CAC) are required by the County to indicate the reason for your absences. Ms. Bendikson thanked members of the public for attending. She asked all to sign in, but made it clear that the members of the public may remain anonymous if they so wish. She also stated the rules under which testimony would be taken.

With the late arrival of Mr. Jordahl (Treasurer) at 3:07 p.m. a quorum was established. Mr. Hunter moved the approval of the May 3, 2012 Minutes, Mr. Jordahl seconded. Did not pass 2-0-2 abstentions (lack of majority).

2. Treasurer's Report: Mr Jordahl distributed a Report in which he indicated that the Balance Sheet for assests and liabilities was \$99,700.13. He also provided three (3) Reconciliation Detail Sheets and detailed their balances. Mr. Hunter pointed out that the three checks

dated 6/22/12 to Ms. Angnes Lewis, our past Note Taker was really for three (3) previous meetings and not just for one meeting. Ms. Bendikson asked if the print could be made larger. Mr Jordahl responded that due to the amount of information on the sheets he had made it smaller in order to save paper but that he would see what he could do. Mr. Jordahl also noted that one check for the website did not clear. Report was accepted and filed.

C. New Business:

1. BFI/Republic Report: (Mr. Cieply, General Manager):

Good afternoon. I am going to give a brief update from the last meeting we had. But, if we can it's a little different protocol. Usually when we get into some of the brief discussions, and stuff I bring up, there are that there maybe time at the end and if you would hold their questions until the end of his presentation. Before I forget. Anthony... To put it on the record, we have new aerials or fly over maps that we (BFI/Republic) have and that they will provide a copy to the CAC. First things I want to talk about are "gas related matters". The first, and most critical will no doubt be the Flare #9 update, which is the new flare. The contractor of record is basically working vigorously, in assembling all components are onsite, at least the flare itself and ancillary parts are there, and being erected. And, we expect substantially to be complete to meet the Stipulated Order of Abatement and be up and running by August 3, next month. Any more questions on flare #9 we will get at the end. Eight (8) new wells were recently installed, and integrated into our system all in the last few weeks. Horizontal collectors will be installed in the new cell which is being developed as we speak (CC3A), and it will be completed next month sometime about August 3rd, and subsequently approved by the Water Board once they see the plans. Phase 3 Header Upgrades. Both have commenced this past week and we do expect them to be completed by mid August or so. Finally, with the gas related matters, continuous OM (Onsite Maintenance?) is occurring, with the three (3) flares with the biggest impacts to come, and that will be with upgrades to our blower systems. We are going to 200-horsepower blowers from the much smaller blowers design and size that we have today. Next, I would like to go into some of the odor functions, and mitigation. Per the Order (Abatement Order) we are maintaining, and have the Corrective Action Managers doing the 24/7 shifts, they are also doing the odor patrols in the neighborhoods, on different morning and afternoon shifts. The IEM (Independent Environmental Monitor) again a condition of the Order. We have chosen a consultant, Browning-Caudwell. They have gone overboard for over a month, and they are working in conjunction with the Order requirements, and they are onsite as well seven (7) days a week. We are also working on the specifications that we discussed prior - that are outlined in our Odor Plan of Action and we continue to do those and certainly we have increased various phases our odor monitoring, identification, screening, et cetera. Lastly, as a part of the mitigation process, we are still maintaining our misters, the perimeter misting system, the working face misters and so on. We have our Dust Boss units that are near the working face, and other strategically located locations, and running appropriately. And then the Orchard Fans that we spoke of at a few meetings there as well, running from 5 p.m. until 9 a.m. seven (7) days a week. And again, strategically picked pointed out locations. And those do continue to run, and will continue to run. As I had mentioned we can continue to go through all the prior stuff but these are the highlight points we talked about in May, and we've

expanded upon since May, and we continue to provide updates on a weekly basis, so actually for those of you who are aware or not aware on our website we have now put a plug on the very front of it, a big hot button, if you push for weekly updates - that we are providing to the regulatory agencies. So if you go to our website and hit that there will be weekly updates that will populate, and show you all the things we are doing on a weekly basis.

Question (Ms. Bendikson): Could you tell everybody, if they are new here, could you give them the website?

Answer (Mr. Cieply): (laughing) I never go there. Sunshine Canyon Landfill dot com, I believe. Repeats, Sunshine Canyon Landfill dot com.

And, our objective as we have spoke (sic) many times before, is when we talk about transparency, we promote it, we do a lot of things that some may or may not know. But what I do want to encourage if you want to come and see this facility, like we talked about coming to meetings, we've got an abundance of tours recently just to show the process of the landfill but the progress of the landfill. A lot of things have happened but I would certainly encourage that, then the information as well as what is on the website, will continue to outlay that, and then more importantly we have information that we will be disseminating in the neighborhood to continue to update people as well, ah... some channels of communications should they want them. That is all I have as far as the updates. If there are any questions between myself or Anthony (Bertrand) who is here as well. If either one of us could answer questions at this time.

Ms. Bendikson asked the Committee and the audience if there were any questions.

Question (Mr. Michael Hemming): I am Michael Hemming. I live on (inaudible) Street, Granada Hills. I only have one question. Why does it still stink?

Answer (Mr. Cieply): Sir, again I appreciate it. You weren't here the last time Mike, in fact I think you were out of town. The method hasn't changed sir. We have been speaking since last year when we entered into the new Order. Anthony (Bertrand) has given presentations on this same matter. It is... even if you look at last month's odor complaints, ninety-nine (99) percent of them are still landfill gas. Until we get this flare (#9) and the infrastructure, and the gas system in place, which as I said will not be until August and then we tune it. You won't see that impact... positive impact until that time. We do have gas still emanating in different locations on site. We can't collectively, collect at this point because we don't have the infrastructure. We are working on it, so next meeting is September. We better be better prepared to at least show you, tell you, some of the efficiencies that we are monitoring to see improvements. But it won't be on August 3rd you know you hit it, turn the flare on and have an immediate effect because you have four (4) different flares pulling gas everywhere, so it is going to take, and again after you make sure how long we are going to be on it as diligently as possible to make sure it is all pulled into the proper flares and we are collecting everything we can. Acknowledges Scott in audience.

Question (Scott): I would like to know if September comes and we have another meeting, and the smells are still there. What really is the plan? What do you do then? Now I understand you are working. What if it's August and the smells continue, what is your plan?

Answer (Mr. Cieply): Well, the whole time we spoke here, that we keep saying that its gas. We know it to be gas, we know that the flare itself is going to provide certainly more capability in terms of what it is going to pull, and be able to capture it all. The only thing I can say in September is that it may still be in that transition period, but we want to trust that it is going to pull much more than its ever done before. I mean, but that's going (interrupted).. sorry...

Question (Scott): But what I want to know what the plan is just in case it really doesn't help? Five (5) percent whatever it is. I really want to know what the plans are. So I am going to have to say my thoughts for everybody... But what is there to look forward to. What is this plan of action? (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Cieply): Sure.

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): He states that (inaudible) the next big (inaudible) blowers (inaudible) come on right after September (inaudible) right after the blower system. (inaudible) The next phase we jump started the process for the next flare which by the (inaudible) engineers (inaudible). So, what we talked about is our problem this past couple of years (inaudible) what our gas production is (inaudible) our flare (inaudible) we collected all the gas that is coming out and then we are going to be ahead of it and get a benefit during the next twelve (12) months following the installation of (inaudible). So, the idea (inaudible) in the ground, be there, be (inaudible) gas production (inaudible). So our goal is not to (inaudible) contingency next steps. Keep ourselves ahead of the gas problem. (inaudible) that we can resolve it.

Audience (Scott): You keep telling me that you are over your heads and you just cannot resolve it. (inaudible). You keeping asking for more time, but your telling me that it is not absolutely way too big (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): It's not way over our heads (inaudible) engineered properly, the right infrastructure, (inaudible), work with the County and the Air District, the City (inaudible) all the problems, and go a step further. This will get us ahead. What we had (inaudible) and go a step further. (inaudible) putting in a bid two (2) years ago would solve the problem, so we will do that. Just real quick, just an analysis of other things we tried to do, It is hard to judge whether or not the system performed in ways we wanted it to (inaudible). So to try to measure based on how the landfill is doing (inaudible). We have to measure our surface emissions and report to the Air District, and what we did was measurement from (inaudible). September 2011 to June of 2012 (inaudible). Figured out what our problem was (inaudible). June of 2012 our surface emission have decreased eighty (80) percent. (inaudible) that every

structure we incrementally have put in place from October of last year through (inaudible) all kinds of upgrades have been completed are working (inaudible). Our odor complaints have been zero and our (inaudible). We talked about not resting until our complaints are zero (inaudible)

Question (Scott): Eighty (80) percent (inaudible) is worst this time than last year.

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): If you look at the odor complaints (inaudible). If you look at the remainder (inaudible). If I look at February 2012 (inaudible) we are actually down twenty-eight (28) percent. We are down twenty-eight (28) percent, and we are down eighty (80) percent on surface emissions. But our gas production is up fifty (50) percent from over a year ago. All the things coming back to (inaudible), and if you are going down (inaudible) odor complaints. So it is not going to be completely solved until (inaudible).

Question (Scott): (inaudible).

Answer (Mr Bertrand): I guess once we get the temporary flare in the next several weeks (inaudible). I think the (inaudible).

Scott (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): (inaudible).

Scott? (inaudible) We have a company running it. The community has word the County (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): When you look at Puente Hills which had odor problems all over the place, kinda like the growing pains of Sunshine, and they saw that when they had (inaudible). They were fugitive emissions (inaudible). Have a chance to resolve it, and then move forward. (inaudible) and we worked with the County (inaudible) and tell their friends (inaudible) at Sunshine and talk about some of the things they did there, the problems they had and incorporate some of those at Sunshine. I guess its not necessarily a matter of who runs the landfill but that the landfill complies with the infrastructure. (inaudible) and Sunshine has all of those things (inaudible). Mr. Ceiply thanked the audience and acknowledged a question from the audience.

Question Audience (Miriam Koeny): (inaudible) last night a 1:30 in the morning. It's horrible (inaudible) Our experience is not consistent with what you are saying. You say its coming down (inaudible). My second question. It's a simple question I have (inaudible) I would like to know what kind of responsibility if you're sick. (inaudible)... what kind of responsibility you have for our health or the health effects (inaudible)?. You know we can't keep our windows open, we have to turn on the airconditioning at night. We are paying for that not you.

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): As a company we are dedicated, and we have been trying to get our arms around it (inaudible) that the company is dedicated to solving (inaudible). So our focus

is.... We are not going to stop. We are going to be relentless in solving this until the odors go away.... And that's the message I can give you, and tell you that what you're smelling (inaudible) dedicated to do. I can't that what you are seeing, er smelling is different. All I can tell you is (inaudible) and we believe it is a design and infrastructure problem, and we plan that it is going to be completed to resolve the problem.

Question Audience (Miriam Koeny): (inaudible)

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): I can't answer the specifics of that. I can tell you that we have, that we do air monitoring every six (6) days, and also the constituents of , (inaudible) not an expert (inaudible). We monitor the landfill (inaudible). We monitor at the edge of the landfill, and all these things that we are doing are a part of the tested air (inaudible), and when we give this particular report (inaudible). My understanding is historically the tests are done (inaudible) there is no notices filed but I can tell you what we are doing today.

Question Audience (Miriam): Can we get a copy of that report?

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): Certainly. When we prepare a report for the AQMD, it is a public document (inaudible) provided to various agencies (inaudible)

Answer (Mr. Ceiply): I guess we can put that on the website. Then there are other samples that are done as well that maybe (inaudible) I don't know maybe Larry (Israel) can speak to that? What Larry takes in the neighborhoods as well (inaudible).

Comment (Mr. David Jones): Actually one of the monitions is at the berm, at Van Gogh School.. Of course the Van Gogh School is representative of the community that took a while because of the school system and Republic to get that one going. The status of a bunch of data recently (inaudible) I think maybe we could do a presentation of that data at that time, and what that data represents. We have taken some canister samples. Larry gets...the ordors get pretty strong h(inaudible) where the odor in the community get (inaudible) canister out of the landfill so we can compare the two (2) samples. So far those samples which are really limited. They have shown not much in the community above what you would expect, that is normal air (inaudible). We would have a much better idea by analyzing the Van Gogh School data (inaudible) You get a much more....wider variety of constituent that you analyze. But like I say we got a hunk of data from when that monitor started operating. But we haven't had time to (inaudible) by our next meeting.

(Ms. Bendikson): One last question.

(Mr. Jones): Anne

Question (Anne Ziliak): I would like to know where you come to the conclusion that this is only a gas problem? I take exception to the fact that you said "that once you realized that it

was a gas problem". There is not just gas problems. I can smell trash. I can tell the difference between the smell of gas and the trash. So I want to make it clear to you that I... in my mind (inaudible) that for many years (inaudible)

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): Let me qualify it please. When I have talked to you before and talked to the group (inaudible) the major problem is gas, but it is not our only problem. We can't take our eye off the trash (inaudible), we are doing a good job operationally, and our working face odors, our washed odors. That is part and parcel of what (inaudible). I'm not saying there are not trash odors but the biggest problem we have, that we found last year, that we didn't focus on was gas. The gas was the biggest problem that required engineering in curbing the (inaudible) Prior to this (inaudible). So I am not saying that the trash odors aren't but we have to manage, and we have to do a good job of, of taking advantage of (inaudible) so I am sorry that I gave you the impression that trash was not going to be uppermost in...

Ms. Bendikson: We have to stay on schedule and we have to move onto our next item.

2. SCAQMD Report – (Larry Israel):

Let's get down to the detail about odors. What we found. Ms. Ziliak is correct. There were a number of trash odor complaints primarily in May. We haven't seen so much in June or July. Since the last meeting (May), we issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) on July 7th for Public Nuisance. There were a number of odor complaints received from Van Gogh Elementary School which were trash odors, and there were some odors received in the evening hours. So we had a Public Nuisance from the morning and the evening. A total of fourteen (14) that were confirmed on May 7, 2012. The second day in a row, May 8th. We had thirteen (13) complaints that were verified. Again, with Van Gogh Elementary School in the morning, and that was trash odors. And there were some gas odors that were confirmed in the evening hours. When we are talking specifically about time of day, back on the table in the corner by the door, there are two (2) monthly reports of complaints that you can review. Those give you the time and approximate locations, and descriptions of odor complaints, and what... If we look at for example the month of May we received a total of ninety-seven (97) odor complaints, and as a result of that... of our investigation, and what the data that is here approximately thirty-two (32) were daytime and specifically related to trash, and sixty-five (65) were nighttime related to gas. And that's for the month of May. In addition on May 10th my co-worker, John Anderson and I, conducted integrated surface sampling and found emissions on a slope area just below the work face. And as a result of that we issued a Notice of Violation for 1150.1 for Integrated Surface Emissions of Gas, and that is for the landfill itself. And that covers May 2012. June 2012, there was approximately fifty-five (55) odor complaints received, forty-nine (49) of those were nighttime, and six (6) were daytime. The six (6) daytime, primarily trash odors. The nighttime were gas odors. On June 29th we received twelve (12) complaints, nine (9) of which were verified, and a Notice of Violation was served for Public Nuisance. So that's for June 29th. Right now, for July up to today (July 12) we received a total of fifteen (15) odor complaints. Majority have been in the evening.

Of course the last couple of days, the weekend we received a couple in the morning which were trash odors. But primarily we have been seeing, landfill gas odors. I was out last Saturday or Sunday night... Saturday... Saturday late night into Sunday evening as well, and what I detected was primarily landfill gas odors. And we collected... I collected an ambient air sample on that evening, and that is also going to be analyzed. One sample was collected on Canyon Ridge Lane and the other one was collected at the landfill. So right now the two (2) complaints reiterated from the first part of May, generally involved trash odor complaints, verified at Van Gogh Elementary School, and as a result we had two (3) Notices of Violation to the end of June and right now we are fifteen complaints (15) this month. In addition to that, my co-worker and I have done numerous inspections, not every week but almost every week, up at the location just to see how they are progressing with the gas collection system. As Mr. Ceiply explained. And things seem to be on track from what our observations have been. So right now, generally in the first part of summer, we haven't seen too many complaints, er... there has been a decrease in complaints generally in the June to July months. This is from previous history. It's too early to tell how July will turn out but we are hoping obviously with the flares coming in and the upgrades to the blowers which will be able to draw more gas that we will certainly be able to eliminate the majority of the odor complaints during the evening hours. As far as trash odors Van Gogh Elementary School starts school on August 14th or 15th which is considerably sooner than in the past. Usually, it has been the second week in September. So we will have to wait til then to see if we will get any real trash odors during the day. Hopefully, it will not be anything like May. And that's my report. I would be more than happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Bendikson: Does anyone have any questions?

Question (Ms. Maria Armoudian): Inaudible violations?

Answer (Mr. Israel): Thank you. As I said before. Eh, David you can probably answer that better than I can. David Jones. How this is proceeding as far as we are going with these right now.

Answer (Mr. David Jones): There have been a lot of Notices of Violations (inaudible). When the inspector writes the Notices of Violation they are sent down to our legal department, and then they have various options. They can settle the case, they can file a civil case themselves, they can refer it.

Question (Ms. Maria Armoudian): (inaudible).

Mr. Jones continued. Our own attorney's can file a civil case. Also refer it to prosecutors, City or County (inaudible). I think you all ... in this case we are looking to settle these NOVs which would include an action similar to actions which Republic have already taken... including monetary penalties.

Question (Ms. Maria Armoudian): (inaudible). In truth the number of violations we are seeing, how does that compare with other landfills, (inaudible) that take advantage of issues with those kind of violations. The smell, the gases, what kind of comparison do we have? I mean ... really far different.

Answer (Mr. Jones): I would have.. a really bad situation. I am in my thirty-first year with the District. The only other biggest case I have worked on was General Motors in Van Nuys, who is no longer here. I would say this is... you know, the biggest case... I have ever worked on for the District. So.. I have dealt with a lot of

Ms. Becky Bendikson: Any questions from the horseshoe first? OK none.

Question (Audience): How many complaints... verified.

Answer (Mr. Israel): Six (6) in a twenty-four (24) hour period.

Question (Audience): I was just wondering if repeat offenders. Are they on professional lists, under scrutiny, prepared to other landfills (inaudible) show up or didn't show up (inaudible) and neighbors every fifteen minutes (inaudible). Hard to get verified.

Answer (Mr. Jones): Well the District does have an off-hour response complaint response policy. We wait until we have six (6) complaints within the hour, and the (inaudible) has being more impractile (inaudible). The likelihood that we would send an inspector out, paying overtime to respond, and what are the chances that we are going to have enough complaints (inaudible). Our upper management has decided that we are going to stick to that policy. For a nuisance as Larry stated, in a residential situation (inaudible). In terms of resources this landfill is a problem (inaudible). We have Larry and he responds a lot of times, we have another inspector, John Anderson. Then sometimes we have added in other inspectors in responding when these guys are on vacation or unavailable. In terms of supervisors, senior supervisors, the manager, the CEO level, in terms of all the attention, in the meetings we have with other agencies (inaudible) et cetera. Engineering time analyzing, the systems, stuff like that, the gas systems that are being proposed and put into effect. So compared to other landfills, the Odor Abatement, this takes ten (10) times as much staff time as any other landfill, and it may even be more than that. It is kind of a lot of attention, even up to our executive officer, and board members, so its getting a lot of attention. You know I can understand where you are angry and where it comes from. On any particular night, they open their window and they get this really bad odor, and nobody responds, I understand where you are angry. Like I say right now we are sticking to our normal call out.

Question (audience): When has there been any fines?

Answer (Mr. Jones): There hasn't been any fines. They haven' settled.. they haven't settled the cases yet, so I am not sure (inaudible).

Question (Audience): (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Jones): Well, I don't know whether that will I would think that someday that money could be put back into the school or something.

Question (Audience): (inaudible) \$50,000 fine or something.

Answer (Mr. Jones): I hear that message and I will take that back.

Question (Audience): I've called (inaudible). Would it be safe to say that every hour (inaudible). That we can get those three calls in the hour that you rely on in order to come out there. (inaudible) that it smells, and I guess there were six calls in twenty-four hours (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Jones): First of all let me say that something positive. Actually we certainly don't do that, that those complaints more than an hour, the supervisors make the judgement when to send somebody. And it kind of depends on our knowledge of the time of year, the wind patterns.(interrupted) OK, OK. I am getting to as far as when you call in. I would just advocate that you should call in when you get these odors, or you are bothered by these odors. Call in a complaint when you are not smelling the odors (interrupted). Well, I am just addressing the fact if you call every hour. (interrupted). If you are smelling the odor every hour, then call it in every hour. On the other hand, we are going to kind of, if we have the same person calling three times in an hour, we are probably not going to get out... not going to get an inspector.

Question (Audience): Just like when I call someone's house and they were suppose to contact me. I did call them (inaudible). They didn't call me back like I asked (inaudible) to take the time on my part why, and I forget what the name of the person is up at the landfill. If you are putting this on our backs and you are making it (inaudible) on top of it. We are trying our hardest to do something but we feel again like we (inaudible). How can I change (inaudible) and you are making it (inaudible). It seems like you're.(inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Jones): Well I can address. I can take responsibility for how the public feels (inaudible). Under our Rule 402

3. **SCL-LEA Report (Cindy Chen):** I am the Sunshine Canyon Local Enforcement Agency Program Manager. The LEA has conducted nine (9) inspection since the last CAC meeting, and there was no violations or air concerns from those inspections. Recently, you have them in your package, that we received from Republic the trail for the evaluation of the modified fan. And what Republic is trying to do right now is. They are trying to determine the effects of controlling the nighttime odors in the landfill. So we have made a Condition and asked them to notify us before they start a trial, and we also asked them to run the trial for ninety (90) days, and at the end of ninety (90) days Republic shall submit a report and let us know

what the findings... the result of the findings and if they are going to use the Dust Buster to mitigate the odor problem or any plan to modify the equipment. That concludes my report. Are there any questions?

Ms. Bendikson: Questions from the horseshoe? None. OK.

Question (Audience): I'm a resident (inaudible).

Answer (Ms. Chen): We've got the operation of the landfill. Day-to-day operations.

Question (Audience): Do you go onsite and physically look at how they are doing things?

Answer (Ms. Chen): We have day shift and swing shift there on the landfill fourteen (14) hours, and we are there six (6) days a week.

Question (Audience): Is there a certain rule or are the boxes that they check off. There were no citations because all the boxes were check off, right?

Answer (Ms. Chen): Correct.

Question (Audience): Are they going to use some kind of deodorizer? Is there (inaudible), is there a trial program with that?

Answer (Ms. Chen): Yes, there is a trial program with that. I am not sure what kind of.... they have not...

Comment (Mr. Cieply): Interrupts and offers explanation (inaudible). No masking. Its all (inaudible).

Question (Audience): Are you the person that would then monitor (inaudible)?

Ms. Chen. OK David (Cieply) go ahead.

Answer (Mr. Cieply): OK you are right. You are correct. (inaudible). They know that regardless of the time, when they get a call. Member of audience interrupts. Talking about that I call forty-five (45) minutes. The right guy. It was so bad I might as well convince you all that I smell a terrible smell and it takes forty-five (45) minutes. In the old days by the time you got there I told everybody. Called AQMD, called in, and you, your whole thing was "we don't know what's happening". One time this year I just couldn't take the smell. Forty-five (45) minutes from the time I called. I called at 1:15 you got there at 2:00 (p.m.?). Another member of audience speaks out stating that they need to get someone to answer the phone. Please tell them I want to see somebody. I will go outside and meet them on my property (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Cieply): I've just told you I apologized for my... It won't happen again. (inaudible). They know when they respond to you that..... There are three (3) numbers out there that you can call (inaudible).

Comment (Mr. Hunter): I know you had the number out in your flyer. Mr. Cieply: It's in the flyer, and that is where the public (inaudible).

Question (Audience): I would like to point out. The way things are dying (inaudible). I called and they came out. Most of the time the smells are coming extremely late at night but we are going to bed late at night. Are we talking about waiting half an hour or the next day? (inaudible). I've called a few times when it first started and the feedback I was given the flares could be the problem and the odors were not coming out of the landfill. One thing you have a sewer problem, now that's a different problem. So I wasted a bunch of time calling 311 trying to reach somebody in the City. This was a wild goose chase that you put me on because (inaudible) because we are happy about this. It absolutely was the landfill. I feel deliberately misled to the problem. What it was. The other thing is, we have a lot of phone numbers floating around here, and the people who figure out (inaudible). Do you think we are bugging you.(inaudible). Twice I was told by your people that it was not the landfill. That it was the house on the top of the hill that has an orchard and that it was their greenwaste. It's not. It's not.

A number of simultaneous conversations erupted. Ms Bendikson called for order and to move to the next agenda item number 4. Mr. Hunter offered a quick recap of the documents contained in the Committee's package coming from the Planning Department, including the written documents provided by them to cover the Revocation Hearing processes.

4. **City and County Planning Departments Report:** (Nick Hendricks, City Planning): At the last CAC Meeting I was asked to provide some information with regards to abatement or nuisance abatement, and the revocation processes of the City, and today I brought with me the section of the code that applies to our side of the landfill which was approved via zone change, and legislative action. The first thing I wanted to say, that we are not an advisory body at this point on revocation but we are just advising you on the information, and how these things work and apply. So the first thing under Section B of 1227.1 establishes the authority of the Director, and the Director may require the modification, continuance or revocation of any land use or discretionary land use approvals if it is found that the land use or approval as maintained, jeopardizes or adversely affects the health, peace, and safety of persons residing, working or premises in the area, constitutes a public nuisance or has repeated activities et cetera. In addition to that if that process was found to be true there is a whole process that occurs. There is a public notice, a then a hearing, Hearing, different facts are entertained, different agencies, reports to the Directors on the issues that pertain to the ... and at that time the Director may continue the revocation of the land use on the prior government efforts to cause the owner or owners .. problems associated with, and use of discretionary approval... where the owner and operator has failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director the willingness or ability to eliminate the problems associated with

the land use or discretionary zoning approval. So with that said where we are today, in terms of the City's observation of things, that we have an Abatement Order that was issued by the AQMD, which is a government... has issued a legal requirement for them to perform to certain standards in trying to deal with the odor problem. I understand that there is two (2) odors. There is gas and there is the trash odors. It is my understanding based on the data that has been provided in all the documents, that I have reviewed and that I have discussed, and numerous meetings before, is that the primary cause is the gas, and I just want to make sure that we clarify something. In addition to gas odors, gas can deliver other odor with it, so the gas collection system isn't operating at sufficient capacities. What that means is that there is a very good possibility that the additional landfill gas. I'm sorry. That the additional trash odors are also being distributed by the gas that is migrating outside of the landfill. So what I have spoken to you guys about last time, is that we are hoping by August, September, that we see a real remedy to this issue, and if we don't see that remedy we can try to take steps to figure out how we are going to deal with that in the future. So that pretty much concludes my discussion. If you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them for you.

Ms. Bendikson: Any questions from the horseshoe?

Comment (Mr. Hunter): He stated that he would just like to say that it is a lot of information to digest and so that we specifically have to get this information for the homeowners that were requesting it because they have brought it up a number of times. We thought it was a good idea to get it in writing, and can now take it at least.. a good look over it, and maybe at the next one you might have some more questions that you can address based on what you are going to hear both from the City and later on from the County.

Question (Audience): If over a period of time, not fixed then can you take steps to... and that is what I want to know. How long.. By September should the odor abate considerably if everything worked? But if it doesn't.. I mean can the Director actually say that the landfill can no longer operate and they have to move it especially, that they actually have to move it. This is a thing that could actually occur?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): Well, its not a matter of moving them, it's a matter of discontinuing a use on the City side. But the City in addition to... there is also the County. The landfill also operates under a Conditional Use Permit. Now the one thing I want to make clear is that revocation process is similar to an abatement process where you have.... It could take as long as a year for that process to occur, and the whole purpose of that process is to remedy the problem. So, what would happen is you would get through another process where the Director would instruct the applicant or the operator to try to comply with whatever issues that are current. And, that means the operator again would have to come back to the Department, provide all the details, all the data, all the things they are going to do to fulfill to conform to the conditions that requires them to operate in conformance with their original approval. So, it is not a matter of August or October, the end of this year, we suddenly would

revoke a permit. We are talking about other processes that take a long time. So, just want to make sure that is clear.

Question (Audience): inaudible.

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): I am only talking about the City right now.

Question (Audience): But isn't the Director involved all along in this?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): The whole purpose for example, for this Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee, they were established by the City's Conditions of Approval. On the Committee (TAC) sits the Deputy Director of Planning (City), and also their corresponding colleague from the County. It's from all that information, all the data that we take from all those public hearings, and all those discussions, that we used to determine that at a future date, what actions we may take in future.

Question (Audience): Have they ever in the past shut down the landfill, Sunshine Canyon temporarily at least for any period of time?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): Not that I am aware of.

Question (Audience): So, they have been in continuous operation since?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): Since 1958 I believe.

Comment (Mr. Hunter): In 1989, 1990 we had revocation hearings against the landfill. They ended up... basically they were in violation et cetera, et cetera. Their permit ran out in 1991 so they closed. The landfill was closed... everything was closed period. The County came back and granted them a permit to operate on the County side so they reopened in what 1996, but they were closed for a period from 1991 to 1996.

Question (Audience): Do they (inaudible).. Is there revocation (inaudible)?

Answer (Mr. Hunter): No, No. It ran out during the revocation hearings. Now they were found in violation of some very serious things that they had done, but they never had to make a ruling because basically the time ran out, and so the permit wasn't renewed. It just lapsed at the end after that. So I can't actually tell you that it occurred because of the revocation hearing. It's just that the time ran out for them, and that was it.

Question (Audience): I'm quoting you. You said if by September there is still going to be the smells we are going to try to take steps, that's exactly what you said. Now...(interrupted).

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): Right. Try to take steps towards remedying the problem, not initiating a revocation. Just want to make sure I am clear on that.

Question (Audience): Last year, all we are trying to do is again just take steps.. and the steps is (sic) that you tell them do more things, put more flares (inaudible), put more this, and meanwhile we just continue to suffer. So the only way for us really... How long do you think is right that we should continue to suffer until revocation is going to be in?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): All I can speak to is what has been provided to you in terms of what they are trying to do to remedy the problem you are complaining about. And from my understanding, and I think you understand this as well, and everybody else who has been in or at these meetings... that they have a system mitigation plan. That they are taking matters right now to implement that, so that you can be satisfied in your future to remedy the odor problem. You know,... Can I give you a one hundred (100) percent guarantee what is going to happen at the end of the road? I can't. All I can do is "expect". To wait for these things to occur, to see how they are occurring, and what other issues we may need to deal with, in order to find a resolution to the problem. You know I think there has been a tremendous effort made by the applicant, by the operator, to try to do something. Cause I don't think its... I don't think this occasion is the most fun thing they want to entertain every other month. I don't think anybody in this room wants to do this. So, that there is a genuine interest in trying to resolve the problem, and do I understand that you have concerns and that you have to live with this every day, and I am hoping that we can be part of that solution and making you guys.. eh, have a better life in the future in your neighborhood. So, all I ask is for you to be patient, and I know you have been patient for a number of years but...

Comment (Audience): (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): Well, like I said to the last time. Let's wait until August, and September to see where we are at with this.

Question (Audience): (inaudible) what changed, there were no smells for many, many years? What changed? Did you expand how much you were processing?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): No, actually. The landfill is operating under capacity. They have maximum capacity that they are not even close to on a daily basis.

Question (Audience): (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): From what I understand, and from what has been provided in the reports, is that their gas collection system which controls the migration of gas needed upgrades. So they had more gas migrating, and with that carries trash smells, gas smells, and other smells that maybe a nuisance to the neighborhood. And, I understand in 2011 there was quite a spike of complaints, and perhaps the system was just getting old, and they needed to improve it. And, that's why they are improving it now.

Question (Audience): So my question hearing that is, what one of those things that you are trying to do that (inaudible) gas containing.. money?

Answer (Mr. Hendricks): No. From my understanding they are putting in more flares, they are upgrading their system to reach maximum capacity to get the most gas from. In addition to that, they are... you know, the gas-to-energy plant, will also draw more gas, and it will be an added benefit to the gas collection system. I'm not an expert on the system itself so there is maybe a question to ask the consultants from the AQMD (inaudible).

Comment (Mr. Wynne Ritch): Wynne Ritch, President of the Chamber of Commerce here in Granada Hills. I live right over here (gestures to west side of Balboa Blvd). I live in your neighborhood. I am glad I don't smell the gases. I am glad I don't smell the trash. I don't know why I don't smell all that stuff but I do want to visit your house when it does (points to previous audience commentor). OK. I am aware of what these people are putting up there. I don't think you are quite aware of what "we" are putting up there. They're having to spend... I am only going to take a healthy guess a couple of million bucks, if not more. And their lease is up in 2038? ...7?

Answer (Mr. Hunter?): 2034

Comment (Mr. Wynn Rich): Mr. Rich continued. Thirty-four. So they are going to be around for a while. They want to make us happy. OK. We want to be happy. Is that not true? OK. I like living in Granada Hills. I don't know about you folks, but this is a good town to live in, and we like for them to be where they are. How many of you have ever been to the landfill? What do you think? OK. David (Cieply) is going to invite you to the landfill. Audience: (inaudible). Why? Because I just asked him to, and he is going to show you the landfill. You need to see the landfill. I got to see it for the first time, (inaudible) a month ago.. a month ago, because I had never been there in twelve (12) years. Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. I wanted to see what the ruckus was. The place was so (inaudible) I was impressed with the landfill. I couldn't believe it. It was nothing like any landfill I've been to in my life, and I have been to many landfills. Why? Because my dad liked to go to landfills. Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. Landfills back east. They will do what is necessary, and spend the money, and spend the money.. that's it. If they don't I am going to be on them like stink-on-you-know-what. Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. For those of you who lived back east. They will do what's right. This is not, and I don't know how long this has been going on but I know that Rome was not built in one day. It takes a little time for people to get right. Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. I don't know. I've been here twelve Audience: (inaudible). and I don't know. I just know that it needs to be right, and they will do, and make it right. So, I think what you are doing here today.. this is my first time at this meeting. I think everybody has a lot of great input. I just hope that we all get along together. (inaudible) Let's let the AQMD, those legal people, and all those (inaudible) to get on the same page, and make sure that Republic does, and will do the right thing...which is make it a great place to dump trash. Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. Keep the smell down, alright? Because I can tell you one thing, if we had to put

it on a train and take it out to Antelope Valley your fees, your house fees for trash pickup would be (inaudible). Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. (inaudible) Not me, not me.. ..thousand dollars (inaudible). Audience: (inaudible). Mr. Rich continued. We don't have that here. Audience became agitated.

Audience: Member of audience stated: there are smells at my house almost every night (inaudible).

Ms. Bendikson gavelled meeting to order saying we are off subject here. Calls on Mr. Kroy. Audience still agitated and exchanging comments with last speaker. Ms. Bendikson establishes order once again, and calls Mr. Kroy.

Audience (Mr. Kroy): I have been (inaudible) lived here almost forty (40) years. Some of us have been working on this landfill.. Dump we called it, for at least thirty (30) years, which should give us time. There has been time to get involved. You may be a newbie on the block, but some of us have not been. We need to have something done. I don't know. We don't live like this, we want to live like (inaudible) .. fresh air. We have been living like this for thirty (30) years or more. The North Valley Coalition, the Neighborhood Council, et cetera. If you really want to get interested you have to have some meetings to see what has really been done. This is not a new problem.

Ms. Bendikson acknowledges Mike Mohajer.

Question (Mr. Mike Mohajer): I was looking at the independent consultants report (inaudible), and I was just sitting there... on page 9 of this report and I want to know what the conclusion is. The consultant has written on December 5, 2009 (inaudible), the project engineer, the project manager (inaudible) a substantial amount of sediment. There was no significant change in the sediment content of the (inaudible). December 1, 2011, February 8, March 14 (inaudible). And this would not allow for water drainage. There was standing water on all monitoring days. There is some parallel assumption around that this discharge (inaudible) of the water because it cannot reach the outlet tower. So the question to this, to the City and County is... has your consultant determined whether or not this has been done. I am just saying, I just read it. ...(inaudible) four or five pages or has it just been put together, xeroxed and handed out?

Answer: You say the question is did they remedy the problem that was discussed in the report? I understand that they cleared (inaudible).

Comment (Mr. Bertrand): There is no problem. They said they were trying to hold back on it. And, it is designed that way to get the stuff out of the water before it is discharged off of the property. So, you are going to get water. The water is contained within the basin and we treat and let it out after . after somebody has . standard operating procedure (inaudible). There is no issue. We have to clean the basins out in the summer, and we are scheduled to do that in August.

Question (Mr. Mike Mohajer): We had rain a few months ago (inaudible). There are issues in this report that (inaudible) and you can clean it. And, this had been an issue (inaudible). If I understand you correctly (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Bertrand): There is no problem (inaudible). There was a back and forth conversation. Because I say there is not a problem, there is no problem.

Answer (Mr. Hendricks?): They are not in violation if that is where you are going. That is a mitigation measure required to clear their basins by the year, and ...(interrupted by Mr. Mohajer stating that he would request (inaudible)). We have the record there... We have.. it shows what the compliance.... This is a City document, it's a combination City and County document ((interrupted by Mr. Mohajer (inaudible))). There is a whole...I will talk to you afterwards, if you like.. ((interrupted by Mr. Mohajer stating that this is a public document, and you must address the concerns of the citizens and the part where he (consultant) raises concerns)). (inaudible) What problem do you perceive that came from that particular measure. Mr. Mohajer responded, "a written response". Mr. Hendricks continued. That is where you get your written responses, in writing. Mr. Mohajer continued that a written response was needed.

Mr. Hunter made a motion. That the SCL-CAC write a letter and request that as Mr. Mohajer has pointed out, that a written response is requested to the concerns of the consultant on page 9 of the Quarterly Report. Seconded by Ms. Gundersen. Approved unanimously.

Ms Bendikson acknowledged the next speaker from County Planning.

(Ms. Iris Chi). Hi. My name is Iris Chi. I am a Planner with County Planning. The CAC sent a letter to our Director requesting some written guidelines on the revocation process. So, I am just here today, to summarize our process. We have our packet up there (points to side table) showing parts of our Zoning Code, Title 22, and I included the part that talked about the revocation and modification process. So, basically the revocation process must be initiated by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors directs the Planning Commission to look into this matter. The Planning Commission decides on whether it is worthy of a revocation process or they look into whether it meets the certain criteria, if it endangers public health, safety of persons in the surrounding area. Whether the use is a nuisance, and if it is a repeated nuisance, and whether the use violates any County, State or Federal regulations. So, based on whether it meets the criteria, the Planning Commission, recommends their position to the Board of Supervisors whether they recommend approval or deny the revocation. But in order.... They submit their recommendations but it is backed up by findings, and these findings are based on whether they are prior offenses by the County or need to cause the operator problems. And the Planning Commission determines that the the operator to eliminate or the Planning Commission determines that it has failed to demonstrate the willingness or ability to abate the problems. So, at this point the County does not recommend the revocation of the permit. We feel that the problems have no gone

to that point where revocation is the answer. At this time we think that Republic has been working.. you know willing working and has the ability to mitigate the problem. So, we ask that you give us some more time to... you know, have the infrastructure.. you know, set in place. We are waiting for two (2) more flares to come in.. You know they are trying out the modified Dust Boss. And, also they still have more vertical and horizontal wells to install, and you know, we have a third party Compliance Monitor, who looks at both the City and County Conditions to see if they are in compliance or not. And, as of yet we haven't received any Conditions (CUP) that are not compliance.

Question (Ms. Armoudian): Its really not technical, the revocation process (inaudible) do you know what kind of revocations there have beenm and again under what conditons revocations have occurred?

Answer (Ms. Chi): I have heard that revocations are rare. I don't know even of any premise that they have been revoked. My thoughts... my boss, Mark Child here. Mark.

Answer (Mark Child): I'm Mark Child, yes, from the Planning Department. Revocation has a burden on the jurisdiction that is pretty hard to meet. So, it's not something that we would undertake very often.

Question (Ms. Armoudian): I am just curious under what conditions they would occur?

Answer (Mark Child): When it came to one case it....They had one case that...

D. Public Comment:

Ms. Bendikson acknowledged the cards for non-agenda items given to the Vice Chair.

Mr. Hunter acknowledged receiving three (3) speakers cards from Miriam, and I am not sure it has been addressed yet. You wanted to speak regarding the worsening odor problem. You had an opportunity to express that because this is suppose to be non-agenda items. In other words, we had a discussion about the odors, did you had an oppportunity to participate, and we feel you've covered that (acknowledges agreement). Thank you. Andrea, I've got a question. I think it was answered, but you have asked it about the landfill,.. where the money goes when it gets a fine where has the money gone. I believe that we have answered that they (AQMD) are still in the process of discussions, and that there have been no fines levied at this point. So, if you are OK, I think your questions have at least been.....

Question (Andrea): I just want to know if there has money been collected in the past from the landfill for violations, where did the money go.. into what account? Has that money been (inaudible).

Answer (Mr. Hunter): I believe that what they (AQMD) said was that nothing has happened at this point in time. There have been no fines levied. No, there has been no fines levied.

There was one set of them, if you really want to know... there was a million dollar settlement with BFI and the City of Los Angeles over an access road but that's the only money technically that is ever exchanged that has come to the public. Your question was I believe, when we were having the discussion was, if there is these fines, what happens to the money, and he (Mr. Jones) said he would take that back, because typically it never comes back to the community. Given that they (AQMD) levy fines it never comes back. You said you would take that forward David. Would you say that was correct? When she asked about the.....

Question (Mr. Jones): At which point?

Answer (Mr. Hunter): When she was talking about the fines listed on the NOV and whether something could be coming back to the community, and you said "you would pass that on".

Comment (Mr. Jones): I don't know at this point. Personally, I would advocate trying to find some things that I think I suggested in the past. Particulate filters on schools because I know that they have done that down in the Harbor area. But it is not my decision for the District but I would certainly take that comment back, and discuss it with our legal staff.

Mr. Hunter: And if there is any procedure we should follow, we would appreciate hearing back if we need to file a petition or whatever (interrupted)...

Comment (Mr. Jones): I don't have a lot of information on it but some of our settlements have included improvements in the community. So, that has been done. Not always done, but it has been done.

Comment (Audience): OK. I would just like to suggest that some of that money could apply toward paying the inspectors when they smell smells. It would be more than enough money to make up for that, those costs.

Question (Mr. Hunter): There was a third card by Mr. Ralph Kroy. Ralph. Did you want me to read this or do want to make it? This one really is the one that is not on the agenda.

Answer (Mr. Kroy): My comment was to please put that on next month's (sic) agenda.

Mr. Hunter: Right. What Mr. Kroy was asking for was the Sunshine Canyon Amenities Fund which BFI/Republic pays into, and that money goes to the City of Los Angeles, and it goes with the tipping fee. Every time its tipped in there they get a tipping fee. The last time we checked there was \$5 million dollars plus. Not any more. But anyway, Ralph was asking for it to be added to our next agenda, and the questions he asked was what monies were allocated, what monies...how they were distributed, monies that were borrowed. For instance, there was money loaned to the Police Department et cetera, and he wants to know what the status is on that, and the rules for money distribution, and also monies allocated to repay the borrowed... So he asked that series of questions on the status of that

fund, and we that we could add an item.... And we could ask someone to come from the CD and address exactly where we stand with the Ameneties Fund.

Ms. Bendikson: Is there anybody from the City who would take that. (there was no response and an (inaudible) exchange with Mr. Vitti occurred.

Mr. Hunter: So the only one who I think would take that is not here so.. (inaudible). I have no objection to that. We can add it to the agenda. We can have someone from the City report on that and give us a status report on the Sunshine Canyon Amenities Fund.

Question (Ms. Bendikson): Do we have any other persons here representing the City, County or State? Any additional information?

Answer (Mr. Jarrod DeGonia): I am Jarrod DeGonia. I am with Supervisor Mike Antonvich's office. My buisness card is over there (pointing to side table), and the representative from Councilman's Englander is over there as well.

Ms. Bendikson thanked him, and and asked him if he had signed in, to which he responded that he had.

E. Set next meeting date, and adjourn main meeting (followed by 5 minute break at 5 p.m.).

Ms. Bendikson: We are setting the next meeting date for the first Thursday, September 6, 2012. Is that an issue for anybody in here. There were no responses.

Item F. on the agenda was not required.

Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

F. Special Overtime for Discussion of Budget, Banking, and Financial Matters:

None.

Minutes by Wayde Hunter. Approved by Committee November 1, 2012.

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