

**SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Thursday, March 7, 2013, 3:00 p.m.**

Knollwood Country Club, 12024 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee Members: Maria Armoudian, Ken Ashford, Becky Bendikson (Chair), Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter (Vice Chair and TAC Alt.), Josh Jordahl (Treasurer and TAC Representative) and Joe Vitti.

**A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of January 10, 2013 Minutes.**

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Becky Bendikson at 3:06 p.m. She explained that Speaker Cards and literature are available, and to see Cherie Mann for assistance. Mr. Hunter distributed to Committee Members an information packet that included the Agenda, the last Meeting's Minutes, the Treasurer's Report including a Balance Sheet and Reconciliation Detail, and other related landfill documents; copies were made available to the public.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Hunter): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its January 10, 2013 Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no objections.

Mr. Vitti explained that he is recovering from a health challenge, and will attend as much as possible.

Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. SCL-CAC Members present: Becky Bendikson, Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Josh Jordahl, Wayde Hunter and Joe Vitti. Late: Maria Armoudian and Ken Ashford. Absent: none. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present.

Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Anthony Bertrand, Fred Jones, Michael Stewart, Tim Johnson; SCAQMD: Ed Pupka, David Jones, Larry Israel; SCL-LEA: Wayne Tsuda, David Thompson, Eugene Tseng; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Iris Chi; L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office: Jarrod DeGonia; L.A. City Council District 12 Office: Nicole Bernson; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Nicholas Hendricks, Ly Lam; LAUSD District 3: none. Also attending: 25 residents and guests.

**B. Old Business.**

• **Outstanding administrative matters (Chair).**

Ms. Bendikson listed Meeting Agenda posting locations.

*Committee Member Ken Ashford arrived at this time.*

Ms. Bendikson asked Mr. Ashford to introduce himself. He stated that he works for the MWD, and described his community work and interests.

• **Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).**

Mr. Jordahl reviewed SCL-CAC bank balances. He reported that the Committee received checks from Mr. Bertrand for BFI's annual \$20,000 for consulting and \$6,000 for expenses. Balances of February 28, 2013 were: "checking consultants" \$3,511.27; checking account \$9,414.30; savings account \$109,388.60; and petty cash \$100. "Total Assets" were \$123,096.17.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the March 7, 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with no objections.

*Committee Member Maria Armoudian arrived around this time.*

**C. New Business.**

**1. Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic) report on Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) activities and operations.**

Anthony Bertrand, BFI/Republic Area Environmental Manager, introduced Michael Stewart, BFI's new Area Environmental Manager. Mr. Bertrand said that information is available about the "Nasal Ranger . . . it is an instrument they carry with them . . . it's not sitting in the neighborhood." The "cell construction program . . . [will] begin in April and be completed by September." The sewer line to be installed on San Fernando Rd. is "still in plan check"; they hope to install it by Summer. Flare #10 is "scheduled to be installed by August"; they "will still have five total flares running." Thirty-seven "walls will be completed by April . . . another 30 by June, and another 30 by September . . . 50 pumps will be working . . . [and] another 20 by April." They are "continuing to install collectors every forty feet." Odors seem to be "very faint" and "much less frequent . . . than 18 months ago." Two residents objected to the characterization and believed that BFI is not accurately measuring odor occurrences. Mr. Bertrand will report at the next Meeting about Nasal Ranger calibration information. Only L.A. County trash is taken; they're "not allowed to take any out-of-County trash."

**2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to report on SCL odors including a status report on their Stipulated Order of Abatement and other matters.**

Ed Pupka, SCAQMD Senior Enforcement Manager, reported complaint and abatement effort statistics. He agreed to revise their report's phrase "alleged complaints" to "reported complaints." He observed that "the nature of complaints has changed," prompting "an inter-agency effort" and "a more comprehensive approach" to mitigating the odors. Ms. Armoudian encouraged "expediting" odor solutions and providing "a timeline" for recommendations; Mr. Pupka agreed to discuss that with his colleagues. Ms. Mann reminded that 3,000 oak trees and a

wetland habitat were removed to create the landfill. Mr. Pupka noted that olfactometers are used by BFI, not the SCAQMD, to measure odor intensity; he “wouldn’t use it to determine a public nuisance.”

David Jones, SCAQMD Senior Compliance Supervisor, said “a lot of the problem we perceive is excess gas coming off the surface of the landfill”; last October they started measuring 50,000-square-foot grids for the gas. He described possible detection methods. Landfills “must do self-monitoring on a quarterly basis” and “submit that information to the District . . . within 45 days . . . It’s up to the Legal Division to decide what penalties to seek” regarding NOV’s [Notices of Violations]. Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Inspector, indicated “inspections . . . [are made] three to four times a month.” Mr. Pupka added that “seven to eight Inspectors” are used each time.

### **3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) to report on SCL inspections carried out, and other matters.**

David Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Supervisor, said they “issued eight inspection reports” since the last SCL-CAC Meeting; there were no solid waste violations. He noted there is “an Inspector at the site during all hours of operation six days a week.” There’s an Inspection reports link at [www.scillea.org](http://www.scillea.org) . There will be an LEA Board Meeting March 14, 2013.

Wayne Tsuda, SCL-LEA Program Manager, distributed copies of and reviewed a March 7, 2013 letter he wrote to the SCL-CAC regarding “Regulatory Review of BFI/Republic Entrance Road.” He reported that “the City would like to review the plans” for the proposed entrance road along San Fernando Road to the front entrance of the landfill, “but they don’t have a Permit or approval.” The entrance road was approved under CEQA [the California Environmental Quality Act]. The “L.A. [City] Building and Safety [Dept.] will not be issuing a Permit because . . . it does not have to conform to the City standards for streets.” L.A. County would like to review the plans in regard to drainage.

Eugene Tseng, SCL-LEA consultant, displayed slides of “Proposed Entrance Road Construction and Potential View from Cascade Townhome Development” showing views of the landfill, and diagrams of the proposed entrance road. Mr. Hunter was concerned that previously expressed issues have not been addressed, and contended that agencies have not followed up on previous agreements. Mr. Tsuda said the proposed road “will be inspected.”

### **4. City and County Planning Departments to report on SCL matters within their purview.**

L.A. County’s Iris Chi indicated that she had no report. Nicholas Hendricks of the L.A. City Planning Dept. explained their review criteria; they “still continue to review.”

**5. Other persons representing the City, County, or State.**

There were no other comments at this time.

**D. Public comment on items not on the Agenda.**

Mr. Bertrand said he'd "love to work with the City and the County" about financing community improvements and differentiating odor sources.

*By arrangement Committee Member Gale Gundersen had to leave at this time.*

**E. Set next Meeting date and adjourn main Meeting.**

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be here May 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., and the July Meeting will be on the second Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, instead of the usual first Thursday, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day holiday. Ms. Bendikson declared the Meeting ADJOURNED at 5:05 p.m.

*There was a brief recess at this time.*

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

The Meeting was reconvened by Chair Becky Bendikson at 5:15 p.m.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hunter indicated that we have been experiencing poor recordings and unreliable equipment which up to now has been provided by the generosity of Ms. Bendikson. He provided a handout of the equipment recommended by the official recorder for the Los Angeles County Task Force. There was discussion about the best audiovisual system to purchase.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Ashford, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee allocates up to \$1,000 to purchase audiovisual equipment.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote with one abstention.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes by David Levin, Note Taker.

**Approved by Committee May 2, 2013.**