

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

Thursday, November 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 September 5, 2013 Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wayde Hunter at 3:05 p.m. Roll Call was taken. SCL-CAC Members present: Becky Bendikson, Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter, Josh Jordahl and Joe Vitti. Absent: Maria Armoudian and Ken Ashford. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present. Also attending: approximately 26 residents and guests. Mr. Hunter explained comment procedures.

Landfill and government representatives present: Republic/BFI Services: Dave Hauser, Rafael Garcia, Michael Stewart; SCAQMD: Ed Pupka, David Jones, Larry Israel; SCL-LEA: David Thompson, Gerry Villalobos; Cindy Chen; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Iris Chi; L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office: none; L.A. City Council District 12 Office: Millie Jones; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Nicholas Hendricks; LAUSD District 3: none.

[This following Motion was made after Agenda Item #C. 1.]

MOTION (by Mr. Vitti, seconded by Mr. Jordahl): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its September 5, 2013 meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; Ms. Bendikson abstained.

B. Old Business. Discussion and possible action:

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

Mr. Hunter asked everyone to sign in, though members of the public may remain anonymous. Mr. Hunter distributed to Committee Members an information packet that included a Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related Landfill documents, and copies were available to the public. (See <http://SCL-CAC.org>.)

Bill Hopkins, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Committee Chairman, requested an opportunity to make an early announcement. He announced that free emergency "Help/OK" signs are available at GHNNC Board and Public Safety Committee Meetings.

- **Treasurer's Report** (Treasurer).

Mr. Jordahl reviewed balances. The total balance is \$118,539.81.

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

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objections.

C. New Business. Discussion and possible Board motions and action to address the following:

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

Michael Stewart, Republic/BFI Area Environmental Manager, reported that they “just completed installing 12 new gas extraction wells . . . there're going to be 89 more wells installed . . . by the end of the year.” He described other improvements and installations completed and in progress. Sewer construction is “scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2014 . . . we're going to continue upgrading the facility.” Dave Hauser, Interim General Manager, described efforts to mitigate odors. Morning odors are usually from trash; nighttime odors are usually from gas. He believed adding more gas collection devices “wouldn't necessarily” improve gas collection.

2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to report on SCL odor complaints received including charts of year-to-date, the status of their Stipulated Order of Abatement, and any other matters within their purview. Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Inspector (www.aqmd.gov), reported that Public Nuisance Notices were issued twice in September and on October 16, 24 and 30 for “primarily gas odors . . . during the evening hours.” David Jones, SCAQMD Senior Supervisor for Compliance, noted complaints and Notice of Violation statistics year-to-year. He said “it's mostly nighttime complaints . . . we . . . only have one inspector who lives in this area . . . 14 inspectors cover all of southern California.” He observed that funding constraints affect staffing. There was extensive discussion of the effects on and from the Landfill regarding odors. Mr. Hunter described a number of oak and other types of trees removed, and new oaks planted on the Landfill as mitigation.

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

David Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Supervisor, reported that “the LEA issued two violations recently. “Waste characterization” will be reviewed at their December 5th meeting. Inspections are usually done between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; results and other information are available at www.SCL-LEA.org.

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

There were no reports at this time.

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

No other representative spoke.

D. Public comment on items not on the Agenda.

There was discussion of whether Brown and Caldwell representatives [such as the Independent Environmental Monitors (IEM's)] should attend these meetings. Mr. Jones agreed to ask Brown and Caldwell representatives to attend. Mr. Hunter reported that studies show that freeway particulate matter is worse than the Landfill. He encouraged attending and commenting at Joint City/County Technical Advisory Committee meetings. There was discussion of Republic/BFI alert procedures. Mr. Jones stated that "we do need six households" calling about odors to declare "a public nuisance."

E. Set next meeting date (January 9, 2014) and adjourn.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next meeting will be here Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., and declared this meeting ADJOURNED at 4:45 p.m. with item F not having any budget, banking and financial matters noted for discussion.

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

There was no further discussion.

Mr. Hunter declared this meeting **ADJOURNED** at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes by David Levin, Note Taker.

Approved January 9, 2014 Meeting