

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

Thursday, July 10, 2014, 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 May 8, 2014 Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Becky Bendikson at 3:05 p.m. She noted that literature was available and requested that everyone sign in. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. SCL-CAC Members present: Becky Bendikson, Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter and Joe Vitti. Committee Members Ken Ashford and Josh Jordahl arrived later. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present.

Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Michael Stewart and Rob Sherman; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): David Jones, Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Chris Mastro; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: None; L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office: none; L.A. City Councilman Mitch Englander's Office: Millie Jones; L.A. City Planning Dept.: none; LAUSD District 3: none. Assembly District 39: Franklin Ochoa. Also attending: 19 residents and guests.

MOTION (by Mr. Vitti, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its May 8, 2014 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection.

B. Old Business. Discussion and possible action:

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

- Outstanding administrative matters including discussion of a possible change in meeting date from the 1st Thursday to the 2nd Thursday bi-monthly.

Mr. Hunter explained the change would give agencies and Republic/BFI more time to prepare and submit reports closer to SCL-CAC Meetings (reports which would relate to the previous 2 months for which the meeting was being held).

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vitti): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee officially changes its meeting date from the first Thursday to the second Thursday bi-monthly.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objections.

- Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).

Mr. Hunter reviewed finances. The total balance is \$124,165.20.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the July 10, 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objections.

C. New Business. Discussion and possible Committee 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, BFI/Republic Area Environmental Manager, reported that metal plates on San Fernando Rd. are for a pipeline project which "should be completed . . . by September 1st." They are "replacing 2,200 feet of concrete channel that were lined with plastic before . . . also lining [an] approximately four-acre retention" facility. Since their last meeting they have installed 27 gas wells. He said that in coming weeks "we will be installing eight to ten wells . . . still identify wells that need dewatering pumps... all the SEP probes were successfully installed . . . we received one Notice of Violation for odors on May 13th." In May they received 53 odor complaints; there were 46 last year... a 15% increase. There were "no complaints from the [Van Gogh Elementary] School in May." They are "working . . . to have an open house with the public and regulators will be invited." Responded to and answered a question for more detail from Mr. Hunter on the SEP probe project, and said there should be a report by September of the results. He also reported that the cfm (cubic feet / minute) was in the 13,500 range, and that the gas-to-energy plant should be fully on-line by the second week of September. Committee requested gas-to-energy representative make a presentation once it is fully on-line.

Stakeholders Skye Michaels, Ralph Kroy, and Bill Hopkins posed a series of questions which were responded to by Mr. Stewart.

Stakeholder Mike Mohajer, speaking "as a private citizen" not representing any group, had several questions. His question on the gas collection was noted and Mr. Stewart indicated that he would get that information. In his next question, he asked about the construction and differential settlement of channels, and he noted that Mr. Stewart had indicated that the channels were not constructed on top of waste. When summarizing Mr. Stewart's subsequent responses, he said that "then you will not be putting in any channels over filled area", to which Mr. Stewart replied "no, that is not correct, but when we do they will be properly designed to allow for differential settlement". Mr. Hunter also took exception to some of Mr. Stewart's statements and indicated that existing channels (called East drainage by BFI) do not go over waste, but the channels where the City/County expansion will intersect with the old City landfill, that drainage (called West drainage) would be located over trash. Additionally, Mr. Hunter indicated that during the various hearings for the expansion that the community had expressed "particular issues with the design", regarding the potential for a blockage and washout, and that putting drainage channels over waste

was a RWQCB “no-no”, and that he was noting that now the RWQCB was indicating a concern in this area due to differential settlement.

Committee Member Josh Jordahl arrived at this time, making six Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) report on SCL odor complaints received including charts of year-to-date including any other matters within their purview.

Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Inspector [www.aqmd.gov], reported that “we’ve seen a significant increase in odor complaints; this is typical for this time of year . . . the only Notice of Violation . . . was on May 13th . . . I detected faint odors, primarily natural gas . . . we had no complaints from Van Gogh Elementary School . . . last week we had 17 odor complaints” which he did not detect.

David Jones, SCAQMD Senior Supervisor for Compliance (www.aqmd.gov), reported that there was a Supplemental Environmental Project and “there will be a report . . . available in late Fall at the earliest.”

Mr. Hunter explained the “SCAQMD Notification of Opt-out Notices in Class Action Lawsuit against Sunshine Canyon Landfill.” Mr. Jones encouraged contacting Nick Sanchez, [SCAQMD Senior Deputy District Council, 909-396-3400], with questions. Mr. Jones indicated that all complaints received during May and June are on the “Sunshine Landfill Complaints Monthly Report.” Mr. Hunter reminded that the LEA receives more complaints about the Sunshine Canyon Landfill than all other landfills combined that they manage. Mr. Israel and Mr. Jones noted that one odor was identified as sewer gas, not from the Landfill.

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

Mr. Mastro [www.SCLLEA.org] reported that “we’ve done nine inspections” since May; “there were no violations” and that reports “are all available online at scllea.org.” Mr. Hunter indicated that copies of these written reports were included in a number of BFI reports that were made available to the Committee (and to the public through the handouts on the back table). In response to a question regarding drainage from the audience Mr. Hunter spoke about the eventual “build out” based on the design they (BFI) submitted for a 90 million ton landfill. “If the drainage stays on the roadway it is on ground that has not been landfill it is OK, but as it is built up they will be onto the old City landfill (interrupted by inaudible question) . . . and what I said is that we did not get copies of that (drainage plan)”. “We are supposed to get copies of all documentation and are tired of asking BFI/Republic for copies. I have asked the City and the County to take action because it is a violation of their CUP”.

In response to a question from the audience inquiring if the SCAQMD had provided the requested information on the odors at Van Gogh School, Mr. Jones noted that it had recently been provided. Mr. Hunter indicated that copies of that report were

available on the back table, and that the CAC would send a letter to the LAUSD shortly.

Committee Member Ken Ashford arrived at this time, making seven Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

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

There were no City or County reports.

5. 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.

No other representative spoke.

D. Public comment on items not on the Agenda

Mr. Vitti questioned Mr. Sherman as to whether or not they had looked into the using electrical low-voltage to power the dewatering (sump) pumps based on a suggestion by one of the Board members of the SCL-LEA at a meeting that we had attended in the last two weeks, and who seemed to be very knowledgeable in these matters. Mr. Sherman replied that he had spoken to Michael (Stewart) after the meeting regarding that suggestion, but that they would respond to the LEA after they had a chance to look at it. Mr. Hunter indicated that it was Mr. Skip Lombard who had made the suggestion, and that he was a Civil Engineer. Also that the question was not for us today, but one that was to be addressed to the LEA.

Stakeholder Ralph Kroy suggested creating an updated Landfill photo display. There was discussion that the current photo is two years old. Mr. Hunter will cost it. Mr. Stewart offered a copy of Republic/BFI's latest annual picture. Stakeholder Cherie Mann reminded of her request and Mr. Stewart agreed to re-vegetate with native plants.

E. Set next meeting date (September 11, 2014) and adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter suggested and it was agreed that the next Meeting will be here September 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:31 p.m.

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

- If necessary. Staff or public presence optional

The overtime discussion convened at 4:43 p.m. Mr. Jordahl reminded that "we need to expend our money before the end of the year" that is above the \$120,000 maximum allowed to remain in the SCL-CAC account. Mr. Hunter noted that "December 31st is the end of our year." There was discussion of possible allocations. The waste characterization study has not yet started. Mr. Ashford suggested purchasing a flash

drive on which to load meeting documents to avoid unnecessary printing; the flash drive could be returned to Mr. Hunter at the end of each Meeting for the latest documents to be loaded onto it. Mr. Hunter noted that additional website features could be purchased and added.

MOTION (by Mr. Ashford, seconded by Ms. Gunderson): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves allocating up to \$1,000 for Wayde Hunter to purchase information technology supplies including flash drives and anti-virus software for SCL-CAC work.

DISCUSSION: Committee Members expressed appreciation and support for Mr. Hunter to buy what is needed to supplement Committee work.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote with no objection; one abstained (Bendikson).

Ms. Bendikson declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Minutes by David Levin, Note Taker.

Approved September 11, 2014 Meeting