

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

**Thursday, May 12, 2016, 3:00 p.m.**

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

Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee Members: Ken Ashford (TAC Alternate), Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), Steven Freedman, Gale Gundersen (Secretary), Wayde Hunter (Chair), Josh Jordahl (Treasurer), Laine Caspi, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti (TAC Rep.).

**A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of March 10, 2016 Minutes. (Chair)**

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:04 p.m. on May 12, 2016 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken. Five of the nine Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Steven Freedman, Wayde Hunter, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti. Absent: Ken Ashford, Laine Caspi, Gale Gundersen and Josh Jordahl. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present.

Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Rob Sherman and Michael Stewart; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel, and John Anderson; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): David Thompson, Eugene Tseng and Gerry Villalobos; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Barbara DeRidder; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Patricia Hundt, and Tim Stapleton; L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office: Jarrod DeGonia; L.A. City Councilman Mitch Englander's Office: Millie Jones; L.A. City Planning Dept.: Nicholas Hendricks; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza, and Tony Espinoza; County Public Works: Dave Nguyen; Also attending: 27 residents and other guests.

*[The below Agenda Item was addressed after Item #B. ii.]*

**MOTION** (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its March 10, 2016 Meeting as amended (a cover sheet of amendments made after distribution of the draft Minutes to the Board and prior to this Meeting were included in the Board package, and copies of same along with the amended draft Minutes were available to the public).

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

**B. Old Business. Discussion and Board Motions & possible action:**

- Outstanding administrative matters (Acting Chair/Vice 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 made available to the public. (See <http://SCL-CAC.org>)

- i) Consider change in layout of future meetings.

Copies were distributed of a possible seating layout diagram; Mr. Hunter explained that it had been suggested by several other attendees as an improvement. After discussion of the pros and cons, it was agreed not to change the layout.

ii) Consider videotaping, posting, and streaming live future meetings.

Mr. Hunter explained that such a request was received from a member of the public. There was discussion of the merits and feasibility.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves its Chair exploring the options of videotaping, posting and streaming live future meetings.

**MOTION PASSED**; zero opposed; one abstained (Capaldi).

• Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Hunter reviewed expenses submitted in the Report through April 2016. From the Profit & Loss Detail and Balance Sheet Detail he reported Net Income of \$21,321.81 and Total Assets of \$86,226.95.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Vitti, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee accepts the May 12, 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented.

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

**C. New Business. Discussion and possible Committee Motions and action to address the following:**

**1. Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic)** to report on Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) activities and operations, including any new efforts to abate odors and the status of 1-year ADC Geosynthetic Panel project.

Rob Sherman, BFI/Republic General Manager [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], reported that the Landfill was closed one day in April due to high winds. Southern California Edison (SCE) power line project work began in April and is expected "to be completed in late May to mid June." Republic installed 23 wells, 1,000 feet of new horizontal gas collectors and more, and plans to install forty-eight more wells this year. He described their "six-month demonstration project for Intermediate Cover" of Posi-Shell, a mixture they will spray on four seven-to eight-acre grids to see the impact on the cover. Also, the "year-long pilot (Alternative Daily Cover) . . . is going very well" of the EnviroCover demonstration project that uses synthetic panels to replace the nine inches of soil that has been used. He noted that the project is checked frequently to insure that the project is not causing odor problems. He noted work to optimize the permeability of the cover. He stated that "our long-term solution is to continue . . . gas . . . collection . . . [it] has tremendously increased." Mr. Sherman described "trying new solutions" to address Landfill problems. Landfill tours are available; contact him or Patti Costa. Mr. Hunter indicated that he was familiar with the Posi-Shell, especially its ability to change color when exposed to methane. Mr. Sherman said there were no plans to install any burners to burn off gases trapped under the Posi-Shell that had been used in conjunction with the product. He indicated that there were going to be at least four various test areas over seven acres. The Posi-Shell will not be installed directly over trash; it will only be used on those areas that have been covered by dirt and have been inactive for 180 days. Mr. Hunter requested and the SCL-LEA's Gerry Villalobos agreed to provide Posi-Shell results information. Mr. Villalobos later clarified that the

Posi-Shell is not the Alternative Daily Cover; it would be an enhancement to the Intermediate Cover.

- 2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** to report on SCL odor complaints and NOV's received including any year-to-date charts, and/or any other matters within their purview including an update on their new website, and the April 21st Town Hall meeting and proposed June 5, 2016 Town Hall Meeting.

Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Lead Inspector [310-233-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], introduced his Supervising Inspector John Anderson. In March 2016 there were approximately 182-184 odor complaints and six Notices of Violations (NOV's) were issued. In April 2016 there were approximately 182–183 complaints and five NOV's were issued for Public Nuisance. He detailed NOV's by time, number of complaints verified, locations and odor strengths. There were 20 complaints so far in May and no NOV's. He stated "it's not difficult" to trace many odors in the area back to the Landfill. Mr. Sherman noted that "Republic has asked for timely notification" of complaints. He also said that while nighttime complaints could not be addressed, that trash odors reported in the early morning could at least result in a check of their collection systems, and the mister and deodorizer systems, for possible adjustments.

In response to a suggestion from the public, Mr. Hunter said he would invite a gas-to-energy power plant representative to present at the next CAC Meeting. Ms. Hindi, a member of the public, asked regarding the Abatement Hearings if there is any threshold for ceasing operations if there are uncontrolled fumes (odors) and at what level operations would cease. She also asked whether the SCAQMD Odor Task Force and the agencies they represent consider including a threshold for the benefit of the public and the operator. Mr. Anderson indicated he could bring that question back to management, and should it should be best addressed by Mohsen Nazemi. Mr. Vitti described recent SCAQMD Town Hall Meeting attendance; information is available at www.NoDump.com and www.aqmd.gov. Mr. Anderson described the NOV issuance procedure and suggested calling (909) 396.2662 to make complaints. He will check with senior management about whether they can issue another Order for Abatement. Mr. Israel said an Order for Abatement Hearing can be locally held. Regarding a question that, if the AQMD had a "master plan of action," would the AQMD manage the plan for the next five years in terms of the abatement, Mr. Anderson said that he was not aware of one but that he could check with management. He also indicated that they can issue an Order for Abatement with the help of the County's Health Department and Environmental Department, but generally solutions must come from the Landfill operator to apply engineering principals, with help from other involved agencies whose responsibilities overlap and intersect.

- 3. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)** to report on LAUSD actions/response to SCL-CAC requests for action to ameliorate excessive odor complaints at Van Gogh Charter School.

Bill Piazza, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) Environmental Assessment Coordinator [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], reported that "the District will have completed by this week" sampling at the School and will present about it at the next SCL-CAC Meeting. He suggested and described an "Odor-Shell Complaint Eliminator" that can be used to eliminate working face odors to consider being used on the Landfill and that also can be used at transfer stations to seal truck

load odors, and that the LEA and other agencies consider requesting or requiring its use. He also suggested having a “Health Risk Assessment” done about Landfill operations. He said there are other methodologies that could be used “instead of relying on air sampling” which gets washed out by other things in the air. He reported that an odor study done by Environ in 2011 and overseen by the AQMD was not followed up. He indicated that the study basically was inconclusive in that it didn’t seem to make a difference as to the size of the working face as there still were odors, but that Environ and the AQMD were going to do additional study and work. Mr. Piazza requested and the Committee agreed to make the following Motion, and that he would provide the wording for an expanded Motion version at the next CAC Meeting.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will draft a request with the LAUSD to request that a “Health Risk Assessment” be done, that the 2011 AQMD study with Environ be followed up, and that the Landfill consider using the “Odor-Shell Complaint Eliminator.”

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

**4. Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA)** to report on SCL inspections carried out, and other matters within their purview including a brief update on status on April 2, 2015 Adopted SCL-LEA Board Motion.

Mr. Villalobos [www.SCLLEA.org] reported that there have been 10 inspections since March 2016 with no NOVs issued. He indicated that Republic met the LEA’s definition of compliance with regulations in the State Minimum Standards. He said that the LEA does its own inspections of the Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) Project and that the ADC is performing well. He also said the LEA is working with Republic on the six-month Intermediate Cover Enhancement Project which was also one of the projects mandated by the LEA Board, and will monitor it to ensure that it meets all of the goals. He described work with Republic to conduct odor surveys of all of their transfer stations looking at odor procedures and protocols which should be completed by the end of June, to be followed by other transfer stations that are owned and operated by others (within the SCAQMD). At the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30 p.m. Meeting at the University of West Los Angeles, School of Law in Chatsworth. In response to a question from Andrea Provenzale, a member of the public, he said that the SCL-LEA would get back to her on other facilities’ use of Posi-Shell. Arlene Melkonian, a member of the public, requested that the CAC draft a Motion which was crafted as follows.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will consider making a Motion at its next Meeting asking agencies that deal with the Sunshine Canyon Landfill if the agencies have a formal definition of compliance; whether the Landfill owner is compliant with those regulations, and what the legal responsibilities of those agencies are to ensure compliance.

**MOTION PASSED**; zero opposed or abstained.

Mr. Vitti noted that the legislature creates regulations; the LEA interprets and enforces them. Mike Mohajer, speaking “as a private citizen” representing himself, not any group, believed that the LEA was violating the California Environmental Quality Act by approving the Alternative Daily Cover and Intermediate Cover.

**5. County Regional Planning Department & City Planning Department** to report on SCL matters within their purview.

No representatives were present and there was no report.

**6. 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.

There were no other reports at this time.

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

Resident Andrea Provenzale wanted information about the Landfill's Community Amenities Trust Fund disposition by City Council District 12 at least back to 2014. Mr. Hunter reported that funds "were supposed to be used within five miles of the Landfill." There was discussion of how to request the information and whether to create a committee and who would be members but no action was taken.

**E. Set next meeting date (July 14, 2016), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.**

Mr. Hunter noted the above. He declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:04 p.m.

**F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters (5:05 p.m. - 5:35 p.m.).**

- Discussion of funding for additional microphones and other funding or potential consultant cost to video tape and stream meetings if necessary. Staff and/or public presence optional.

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion as items were either not approved or were Tabled pending further information.

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.* Minutes are available at <http://scl-cac.org/agendas-minutes>.

**Approved July 7, 2016 Meeting**