

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

**Thursday, September 8, 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 Thursday, July 14, 2016 Minutes (Chair).**

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on September 8, 2016 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Five of the nine Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti. Absent: Ken Ashford, Laine Caspi, Steven Freedman 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; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Gerry Villalobos; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: none; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: 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. Also attended: 16 residents and other guests.

**MOTION** (by Ms. Gundersen, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its July 14, 2016 Meeting as written.

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

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

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice-Chair).

Mr. Hunter will research equipment for live-streaming. He 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>.)

- Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).

Mr. Hunter reported for Mr. Jordahl that the total balance was \$84,140.05. [*The following was said after Item #E.*] They removed a previous Treasurer's personal Social Security Number from SCL-CAC accounts.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the September 8, 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

**C. New Business. Discussion and possible Board Motions & 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 including the status of the 1-year ADC Geosynthetic Panel project, the 6-month Intermediate Cover Project

Rob Sherman, BFI/Republic General Manager [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; [Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com](mailto:Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com); <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], reported that they continue to utilize two (2) working faces. The newest, cell 3B, went into operation in March this year. The big activity now is "finalizing the stormwater preparations." The Alternative Daily Cover pilot "product has worked very well." "Approval for the Flare 11 grading" was received from County Public Works in July; it is "scheduled for installation next year," adjacent to flares 9 and 10. Started construction of subgrade for cell CC4 Part 1, an eight-acre cell which will give them about 1-1/2 years' worth of air space. They installed 2,460 feet more side gas collectors and "liquid extraction pumps," with more to be installed "to de-water the wells"; he noted that "more and more of the gas wells we put in are being impacted by liquid." Fifteen (15) pumps were installed in August; 19 were planned to be installed in September. They are adding another twenty-five (25) gas wells and an additional 5,000 feet of collectors. He said "when we're adding wells we're not having to disturb trash"; they add to the wells' height as the trash height increases. He explained the "intermediate cover"; they are "working with the LEA and Public Works" on enhancing the cover with "Posi-Shell." He said "we're going to keep working" on the odors. Mr. Sherman will send a proposal copy to Mr. Hunter for Committee distribution. Recent airplane flights over the Landfill were not BFI's.

- 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 Town Hall Meetings and the status of the Hearings for the Petition for Order of Abatement of Odors.



Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Lead Inspector [310-233-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that there was an August 27th Order for Abatement Hearing; the next Hearing was "postponed to the latter part of October." He reviewed the latest complaints: 52 in July and one Notice of Violation (NOV) on July 21st; 18 of the complaints were between 9:00-10:30 p.m.; 13 were verified. There were 85 complaints in August and one NOV on August 28th; 14 of the complaints were between 8:50 – 10:15 p.m.; nine were confirmed. All odors detected were considered "faint." He explained the after-hours complaint response procedure; complaints can be filed by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG or by "a wet complaint." All after-hours complaints are "handled by one Supervisor." Complaints can include refineries. There must be three complaints in one hour for an Inspector to respond, if available. After-hours response is voluntary; "it's not a requirement" for any Inspector. You can complain about a response (or lack thereof) by contacting Cher Snyder, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Engineering and Compliance [<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/governing-board/board-members/board-member?name=cher-snyder%20>], or Scott Caso, Manager, Toxics/Waste Management, Refinery & Energy. Mr. Hunter added that Dr. Cyrus Rangan (Director, Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment, L.A. County Public Health Dept.; 213-738-3220; CRangan@ph.LACounty.gov; <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/TEA/aboutTEA.htm>), "would like to hear" from the community about health issues.

[The following was addressed after Item #3.] Leeor Alpern, AQMD Senior Public Information Specialist (909-396-3663; LAlpern@aqmd.gov), thanked Mr. Hunter for Town Hall Meetings outreach help. Residents were emailed and around 1,500 fliers were U.S. Mailed. Fliers were distributed at this Meeting about Hearing Board Meetings that will be held October 25, 26 and 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the AQMD headquarters [21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar 91765], and possibly November 5th at a place to be announced. The flier says "to consider the issuance of an Order for Abatement addressing odors from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill . . . The hearings will also be webcast, and can be viewed at: [www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts) . . . Information on the Hearing Board proceedings is located at [www.aqmd.gov/home/about/hearing-board](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/hearing-board) . . . The District webpage dedicated to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Facility can be accessed at [www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/sunshine-canyon-landfill/order-for-abatement](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/sunshine-canyon-landfill/order-for-abatement) . . . For more information, please contact the Public Advisor at 909-396-2432 or via email at [publicadvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@aqmd.gov)." He explained that a Hearing "is a legal procedure," unlike a Town Hall explanatory meeting.

**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 they are "in the process of finalizing" an air monitoring report and "expect to have that



next week”; they “will make that report available to the SCL-CAC.” He thanked the SCL-CAC for writing a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District requesting them to prepare or cause to be prepared a detailed facility-specific health risk assessment which considers all emission sources in order to effectively quantify the potential acute and chronic health impacts associated with the Landfill’s operation. Mr. Hunter reported that the AQMD has not responded to a July 24<sup>th</sup> letter. Mr. Israel confirmed that some complaints were received from Van Gogh Charter School. Mr. Piazza believed that “transfer trucks” may be a “source” of odors that can be “controlled” with “a sprayed-on slurry” at “transfer stations.” He was concerned regarding the trucks’ “staging condition” and hours of operation.

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

Program Manager Gerry Villalobos [[www.SCLLEA.org](http://www.SCLLEA.org)] reported that County Public Health is working on a report to the LEA Board of Directors. They are finalizing waste characterization studies at Sunshine Canyon Landfill transfer stations. He clarified that “the County of Los Angeles does not own any transfer stations”; some are owned by Sanitation Districts. He said “we regulate but we do not own the transfer stations.” Since the July 14<sup>th</sup> SCL-CAC Meeting, there were eight weekly LEA inspections and “no violations” at the Landfill. He said “we are preparing our own project performance evaluation report.” Regarding the Intermediate Cover, “the proposal is under review” and they are “in communications with County Public Works.” The next LEA Board Meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the University of West Los Angeles School of Law in Chatsworth, next to the City Council District 15 Field Office. The LEA will email meeting notices; he encouraged signing up for them. Mr. Hunter urged a “minimum two weeks” for LEA meetings notice, not the usual around one week. It was noted that there are transfer stations not owned by BFI/Republic that are sending their trash to the Landfill and that other companies’ trucks, besides BFI/Republic and the County, haul trash to the Landfill. Some trucks are Direct Haul (“DH”) and some are Transfer. Mr. Piazza requested and Mr. Villalobos agreed to provide a list of transfer stations.

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

L.A. County Regional Planner Tim Stapleton [213.974.6453; [TStapleton@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:TStapleton@planning.lacounty.gov); <http://planning.co.la.ca.us>] and L.A. City Planner Nicholas Hendricks (818-374-5046; [Nick.Hendricks@LACity.org](mailto:Nick.Hendricks@LACity.org); [www.planning.LACity.org](http://www.planning.LACity.org)), indicated that they had no reports.

- 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 agendized for this meeting. If necessary, discussion and action will be agendized 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 will research it.

**E. Set next meeting date (Nov 10, 2016), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.**

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be here November 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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

- Discussion of status of savings and checking accounts. Staff and/or public presence optional

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:24 p.m.

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 December 12, 2016 Meeting**