

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

Thursday, January 12, 2017, 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, September 8, 2016 & November 10, 2016 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:07 p.m. on January 12, 2017 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Four of the nine Committee Members were present: Wayde Hunter, Josh Jordahl, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti. Ken Ashford arrived later. Absent: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Steven Freedman, Gale Gundersen. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was not yet present.

Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Rob Sherman; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel, Kathleen Linson, and John Anderson; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): David Thompson, and Jose Gutierrez; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Eugene Loi, Patricia Hundt, Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, and Evenor Masis; 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.: none; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: 14 residents and other guests.

[This Agenda Item was addressed during Item #E.]

MOTION (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its September 8, 2016 Meeting as written.

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

MOTION (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Mr. Jordahl): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its November 10, 2016 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED 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 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).

[*This Agenda Item was addressed during Item #E.*] Mr. Jordahl reviewed finances, noting that the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2016. The total balance was \$83,244.17.

Committee Member Ken Ashford arrived at 4:40, making five Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

MOTION (by Mr. Vitti, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the January 12, 2017 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 Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) project, and the 6-month Intermediate Cover Project (ICE). 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 "storm water preparations were finalized" by October 1st. They are using three working faces; wet weather deck, new CC4 part 1 an eight-acre cell should be complete by end of January, and current working face (with) ADC. "Excavation for the new cell subgrade began in July" and was completed in October. Nine vertical gas wells were installed and 20 new liquid extraction pumps were placed into vertical gas wells impacted by liquids. Upgrades to the Landfill's liquid discharge system are underway to accommodate an additional 56 liquid pumps planned to be installed in January and February. By mid-March "six additional vertical gas wells and 2,000 feet of 18-inch header [are] scheduled for installation." The Intermediate Cover Demonstration Project "is a six-month demonstration project . . . the targeted areas included . . . are . . . being prepped to receive Posi-Shell and additional soil" in late January; this is in addition to the Intermediate Cover already applied to seven Landfill grids. The Alternative Daily Cover Pilot started in October 2015 continues. "No transfer

trucks are allowed to dispose before 9:00 a.m. although they may come on site.” Soon, third party independent odor monitoring will be conducted at Van Gogh Charter School between 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. ” Integrity testing” started on December 16th of all approximately 550 vertical wells. He said, “we do surface emission monitoring regularly.” He described work started to divert “household waste” from the trash stream. Much of it is from “farmers’ markets” and food producer “distribution centers.” Mr. Sherman said the Landfill eventually would “source-separate” food from restaurants and others, and divert edible food for re-distribution to homeless shelters. Mike Mohajer, speaking “as a private citizen” representing himself, not any group, gave his definition of organic waste. Organic waste is anything that has a carbon atom in it. He indicated that he was unable to get the SCAQMD Hearing Board to adopt the AB1826 definition in the Abatement Order and that it would be to Republic’s benefit to have the definition of organic waste in there.

2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to report on SCL odor complaints and NOVs received including any year-to-date charts, and/or any other matters within their purview including an update on the Stipulated Order of Abatement for Odors.

Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Lead Inspector [310-233-2370; LIsrael@SCAQMD.gov; www.SCAQMD.gov], reported that in November four Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued and that the Order for Abatement “did change significantly.” John Anderson referred questions to Nick Sanchez, [SCAQMD Senior Deputy District Council, 909-396-3450; NSanchez@SCAQMD.gov]. Mr. Mohajer indicated that one possibility for odors during the wet weather was that wet soil is not as permeable as dry soil and that landfill gases can be trapped and move laterally. Mr. Hunter reported that the Final Stipulated Order of Abatement was sent last night as an attachment from Cher Snyder, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Engineering and Compliance [http://www.SCAQMD.gov/home/governing-board/board-members/board-member?name=cher-snyder%20]. Mr. Hunter will Agendize for Mr. Sanchez to present at the March 9th SCL-CAC Meeting. Mr. Hunter pointed out that the color charts on the odors were prepared by the NVC for the SCAQMD Hearing Board.

3. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to report on LAUSD’s efforts/actions/responses 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], awaits SCAQMD responses to letters (CAC letter dated August 2016), and also “will wait for implementation” of the recent Order of Abatement. In response to a letter from SCAQMD’s Cher Snyder that had just been received, he expressed his concern over the response to the request for an air risk assessment, which he believed did not correctly address the issue. He indicated that he would help the CAC write a response letter. He then iterated a series of potential shortcomings and questions. John Anderson responded that that was not his area of expertise. Mr. Hunter

indicated that in his letter to SCAQMD he specifically indicated there was a difference in understanding as to what “risk assessment” meant, and that Mr. Piazza should be contacted for clarification. He then asked Mr. Piazza whether anybody from the SCAQMD had responded to him, to which he replied “no.” Mr. Anderson gave Ian McMillian, SCAQMD Planning Manager (909-396-2499), as a contact for questions.

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 the compliance status of the April 2, 2015 Adopted SCL-LEA Board Motion.

David Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213.252.3932; David.Thompson@lacity.org; www.SCLLEA.org], reported that the LEA did not issue any NOVs for Title 27 which they inspect for since November 10, 2016. Their Board of Directors Meeting on February 23, 2017 at 2:30 pm in Chatsworth is open to the public. They will work with the SCAQMD on implementing the December 15th Order for Abatement. One of them was the Transfer Station Best Practices Study which will be released next month. Continue to evaluate the ADC. We have had no complaints, and we have no issues with the rain or the wind.

5. County Regional Planning Department & County Public Health Department to report on SCL matters within their purview including status on responses and/or NOVs issued to Republic as a result of Supervisor, Mike Antonovich’s original motion on Oct 4, 2016 BOS Agenda Item No. 8.

L.A. County Regional Zoning Enforcement Planner Tim Stapleton [213-974-6453; TStapleton@planning.lacounty.gov; <http://planning.co.la.ca.us>], reported that he had spoken at the last meeting over the NOV issued in October 2016. The NOV was issued based on a referral from County Public Works under 45N of the Conditional Use Permit which requests information in order to assess odor complaints received. After a request for a delay and a subsequent meeting with the landfill, L. A. County Public Works was not satisfied with the responses and requested the NOV. Regional Planning denied the request for a delay, and the landfill had 15 days to comply or file an appeal. Mr. Thompson noted that the SCL-TAC [Sunshine Canyon Landfill -Technical Advisory Committee] would be meeting on January 18, 2017.

Mr. Hunter asked if any representatives were present for County Public Health as both entities were on the same agenda item line. Eugene Loi, Public Health Nurse [213.738.3220; EuLoi@ph.LACounty.gov], who works with Dr. Cyrus Rangan, Director, L.A. County Public Health Dept. Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment, and Barbara DeRidder, Toxics Epidemiology Program Assistant Program Specialist, reported that the Department issued an NOV in mid-December “to verify that the odor problem is considered a public nuisance and that it is affecting the health and welfare of the residents.” In response to a question from resident Meg Volk asking if Public Health would continue to sample the air as they had done in the past, Mr. Loi replied that they had completed the sampling and

that an independent group would be at the Van Gogh School under the Abatement Order. In response to Mr. Vitti's question as to the results of the study, Mr. Loi said he believed that there was a report and that he will send copies to the SCL-CAC. Mr. Hunter said that he would now expect to have Mr. Loi at future meetings. In response to a series of questions from Mr. Mohajer, Mr. Loi stated that Public Health will conduct odor surveys "when it is warranted" if there are odor complaints after the Abatement Order is implemented. He noted that they don't have a set criteria, but come out if there are complaints directed to Public Health. Mr. Piazza said he thought Dr. Rangan had previously indicated that a single point of contact would be set up at Public Health. In response to Mr. Mohajer's suggestion that the public also be told of the need to contact Public Health, Mr. Hunter indicated that it was a burden on the public after expending time to call the SCAQMD to report odors, to then have to call Public Health as well, although he thought that possibly something could be pursued using the SCAQMD to pass information to Public Health. Mr. Loi also indicated that he would send a copy of the Public Works NOV to the CAC. Mr. DeGonia said that the Supervisor's office had encouraged cooperation and information sharing between the SCAQMD and Public Health, agreed with Mr. Hunter's comments on the burden of making calls to both offices, and said that he would go back and talk to the Department heads to see if some sharing or meshing of information could be accomplished. Ms. Volk's indicated that she had emailed many people regarding her complaints and asked if an email address could be another way to handle multiple notifications. Mr. Loi replied that complaints can be emailed to Tox@ph.LACounty.gov.

6. City Planning Department to report on SCL matters within their purview.
Mr. Thompson said that City Planning just wanted to let the Committee know of the upcoming SCL-TAC meeting.
7. 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.
Jarrod DeGonia, Field Deputy for L.A. County District Five Supervisor Kathryn Barger (office 818-993-5170; cell 818-653-7812; JDeGonia@lacbos.org; <https://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/kathryn-barger>), Ms. Barger, a new Supervisor, replaced Mike Antonovich, who was termed out. She was Mr. Antonovich's Chief of Staff for 15 years and his Public Health Deputy before that for 12 years. He will continue to represent her. In response to Mr. Piazza question he reported that the Supervisor is interested in "clear communication" between the SCAQMD and the County Public Health Dept.

D. Public comment on items Not on the Agenda.

Mr. Hunter indicated that the only speakers card item regarding the Abatement Order had been addressed as an agenda item. Mr. Piazza encouraged posting SCL-CAC correspondence on the SCL-CAC website.

E. Set next meeting date (Mar. 9, 2017), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter noted the above. After voting on housekeeping items under Items #A & B which had been set aside due to a lack of a quorum, the Committee agreed to ADJOURN the Meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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

- Potential budget items FY 2017.

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion.

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 May 11, 2017 Meeting