

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

Thursday, July 13, 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 May 11, 2017 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on July 13, 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: Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti. Laine Caspi and Josh Jordahl arrived later. Absent: Ken Ashford, Jeanette Capaldi and Steven Freedman. 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; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): David Thompson and Eugene Tseng; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Eugene Loi; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Tim Stapleton; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office: Jarrod DeGonia; L.A. City Councilman Mitch Englander's Office: Millie Jones; L.A. City Planning Dept.: none; L.A. City Attorney's Office: Nancy Wax, Nicole Wilson Martin and Andrea Ross; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: 22 residents and other guests.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #C. 1.]

MOTION (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Ms. Gundersen): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its May 11, 2017 Meeting as written.

MOTIONPASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; one 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. He 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>.)

- Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).

Mr. Jordahl reviewed finances. Since the last meeting \$3,707.60 was spent; the total balance was \$79,536.57.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the July 13, 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Committee Member Laine Caspi arrived at 3:33, making six Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five) (Josh Jordahl had arrived earlier at 3:28).

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 activities and operations, including efforts to abate odors using Alternative Daily Cover (ADC), Intermediate Cover Project (ICE), and compliance with the SCAQMD's Stipulated Order of Abatement for Odors.

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 BFI already had added or replaced 153 gas wells, installed 250 pumps to remove trapped leachate and installed eight acres of closure turf. Vegetative cover is being established on multiple test plots to prevent erosion and soil thinning, and to act as a natural bio-filter; more will be established as temperatures cool. The next AQMD Stipulated Order for Abatement status hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th in Diamond Bar. Disposal and excavation operations in cell CC-4 has been ongoing. Liner activities were scheduled to begin in late July and be completed in September. They started applying an odor neutralizer "that has no smell to it" directly onto waste; it is not a deodorizer. He said "we're increasing the mister system at the transfer stations" and spraying truck trash before it arrives at the Landfill. The Alternative Daily Cover Pilot is approved through October 12th; they want to extend it and "the material's holding up well." He described how drivers continually check if their master reservoir is filled. Topsoil is bought "from the market"; no compost is used.

Committee Member Josh Jordahl arrived at this time (3:28), making a quorum of five Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five). Now the Committee could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

Mr. Sherman explained that every weekday at 6:00 a.m. he drives around the Landfill checking for odors and sources. They do well "soundings" every day to detect water.

- 2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** to report on odor complaints received and NOV's issued including any year-to-date charts, and/or any other matters within their purview.

Larry Israel, SCAQMD Compliance Lead Inspector [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that, so far this year, there have been 871 complaints made and 24 Notices of Violation (NOV's) issued. In May there were 19 odor complaints; in July, 11 so far. He noted he is usually receiving trash odor complaints, not about Landfill gas." We have 25 new Inspectors . . . we've had retirements . . . our group might get one or two." Mr. Israel noted "positive" work at the Landfill.

- 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], noted smaller landfills have been required to do health risk assessments (HRAs). Mr. Hunter reported that the AQMD has not replied to the letter the SCL-CAC sent again requesting an HRA.

- 4. SCL-CAC Committee Discussion and Motion** to approve a proposed sole source contract with Sonoma Technology Inc., to conduct PM2.5 testing in addition to the PM10 and BC testing currently being conducted at SCL & Van Gogh under the City Planning & County Regional Planning Departments' Ambient Air Quality Contract.

Copies were distributed of a letter from Hilary Hafner, Sr. Vice-President, Sonoma Technology, Inc. regarding "cost estimate for monitoring PM2.5 at the Landfill and Van Gogh School sites." Mr. Hunter explained the letter and that, every year, the Committee receives \$20,000 for consultants and 6,000 "for expenses" and is authorized to allocate funding for this monitoring. Ms. Pietraszko and Ms. Caspi wanted more time to address issues before approving a sole source.

MOTION (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Ms. Caspi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will authorize a review and approve the concept of entering into a contract to conduct PM2.5 testing at Sunshine Canyon Landfill and at Van Gogh Charter School, and that this be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting in September 2017.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Piazza was concerned about the usefulness of testing, believing that an HRA is more needed. There was discussion about that and the need to understand collected data and how it applies to peoples' health. Deputy City Attorneys Nancy Wax (213-978-8253; Nancy.Wax@LACity.org), Nicole

Wilson Martin and Andrea Ross, especially Ms. Wax, spoke about meeting procedures. Mr. Hunter clarified that the Committee is composed of four appointees by City Council District 12, four by the County Supervisor 5th District, and one by the LAUSD. Ms. Wax stated that “you are a quasi-government operation . . . we’re here to provide guidance . . . we don’t want to see anybody sued.” She confirmed that the Committee is subject to the State Brown Act, and that her concern (and that of the City and County) related to “sole-source” of a contract, and the need to send out a request for quotation (RFQ) in order to be in compliance.

MOTIONPASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

There was discussion of the proposed contract.

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

Jose Gutierrez, Environmental Supervisor (213-252-3348), reported that “there’re no violations to report” and that the Posi-Shell applications are “progressive.”

- 6. County Regional Planning Department & County Public Works** to report on SCL matters within their purview.

L.A. County Regional Zoning Enforcement Planner Tim Stapleton [213-974-6453; TStapleton@planning.lacounty.gov; <http://planning.co.la.ca.us>], and Gabriel Esparza for Public Works, indicated that there was no report.

- 7. County Public Health Department** to report on SCL matters within their purview.

Eugene Loi, L.A. County Public Health Nurse [213-738-3220; EuLoi@ph.LACounty.gov], reported that “our program has been following the Sunshine Canyon Landfill emails.” He described research, surveys and work, saying “we will continue to conduct . . . odor surveys . . . we don’t deal with Code Enforcement per se” but can provide information. Maurice Pantoja, Environmental Health Services Manager (626-430-5595; MPantoja@ph.LACounty.gov), stated that “the Dept. of Public Health issued a Notice of Violation . . . we made a referral to the Dept. of Regional Planning” because of odors. He said “we’re not doing a health study . . . we left it to the Landfill . . . we told the Landfill to reduce the odors to a much lower amount.” Mike Mohajer, “as a private citizen” representing himself, not any group, requested the Public Health Dept. to state in writing that it does not enforce the Health Code.

- 8. City Planning Department** to report on SCL matters within their purview.

L.A. City Planner Nicholas Hendricks (818-374-5046; Nick.Hendricks@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), was not present and there was no report.

9. 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.

There were no public comments at this time. Deputy City Attorney Martin or Ross and Ms. Pietraszko clarified public comment guidelines and laws.

E. Set next meeting date (September 14, 2017), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter noted the above. He declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:48 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 September 14, 2017 Meeting