

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

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Knollwood Country Club, 12024 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344

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

A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of January 11, 2018 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on March 8, 2018 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Six of the eight Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter, Debbie Pietraszko and Joe Vitti. Absent: Ken Ashford and Steven Freedman. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Chris Coyle and Rob Sherman; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): ; Monica Galimberti, L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Eugene Loi; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Tim Stapleton; L.A. County Public Works: Gladys Gallardo; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office: Jarrod DeGonia; L.A. City Councilman Mitch Englander's Office: Jessie Strobel; L.A. City Planning Dept.: none; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: 14 residents and other guests.

MOTION (by Ms. Caspi, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its January 11, 2018 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

B. Old Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:

- Outstanding administrative matters to also include the approval of: September 14, 2017 Financial Report previously tabled, and approval of REVISED November 9, 2017 Minutes (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>.)

Mr. Hunter explained that the Note Taker had found that the Committee had not yet approved its September 14, 2017 Treasurers Report.

MOTION (by Ms. Pietraszko, seconded by Ms. Gundersen): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the September 14, 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hunter explained that the “revised” November 9, 2017 Minutes distributed at this Meeting included revisions brought to his attention after those Minutes had been approved. The revisions are indicated by strikeouts and underlines on pages three and four, and correct references regarding the SCAQMD and other “agencies” (City and County).

MOTION (by Ms. Caspi, seconded by Mr. Hunter): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the “Revised” Minutes of its November 9, 2017 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Financial Report January – February 2018 (Chair).

Copies were distributed of a financial report. Mr. Hunter reminded the Committee that Josh Jordahl, who had resigned as Treasurer (in January), was using the Peachtree Accounting computer program which he (Mr. Hunter) did not have. Mr. Hunter said that since the Treasurer report needed to be done, he did it. He will write an RFQ. He spoke with Mr. DeGonia and hoped that the new Treasurer will have financial experience. Mr. Hunter said that he had gone to Bank of America and gotten statements for all three accounts (checking, savings, and checking/savings). He explained why they exist and how they work. He stated that, from the records Mr. Jordahl turned over, “everything matched.” Mr. Hunter noted that the report showed the checks the Committee had written during this period (\$3,216.28) and that the Committee has a total of \$102,126.82 (including petty cash and other assets). If the Committee includes the \$23,041.91 in 2018 annual funding just received from BFI/Republic (which he deposited February 28th and was “restricted” for a least three days), the Committee has \$125,168.73 in total assets as of February 28th.

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the March 8, 2018 Treasurer’s Report (prepared by Mr. Hunter) as presented.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hunter explained that the Note Taker (David Levin) has written the SCL-CAC Minutes for six years at \$25 per hour and that Mr. Levin requested an increase to \$40 per hour. There was discussion in which the Committee noted that Mr. Levin is not charging for travel time and is still giving low billing hours.

MOTION (by Ms. Caspi, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee accepts an increase of Note Taker payment for writing the Minutes from \$25 per hour to \$40 per hour.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero 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 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.

A "Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update" was distributed. Chris Coyle, BFI/Republic General Manager [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], reported "no changes in our operations in areas of disposal and we are still in CC-4 parts 1 and 2 . . . the site held up very well during the recent rains . . . last Friday and Saturday we had 3.97 inches of rain in 36 hours . . . [we] applied topsoil previously and [are] starting to see growth (cover) along all of the slopes . . . we replaced 13 wells since the January meeting in order to improve or maintain our gas collection capacity . . . [we] still have not received final approval from County Public Works for the Buttress Project for CC-4 part 3 . . . [we are] in [the] planning process for installation of Flare 12 . . . [the] ADC Pilot Project has been approved by the LEA but [we are] still waiting for the County's approval . . . the Stipulated Order for Abatement is scheduled for June 26, 2018."

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 in January no Notices of Violation (NOV's) and no Public Nuisance violations were issued, and none since last Spring . . . [there were] 32 complaints in January . . . [he noted] that 16 had an "NFR" (No Field Response) notation . . . in February there were 18 complaints received and more than half of those were not responded to." None of the complaints were verified in February and so far only one complaint was received in March. He reminded that the calls (complaints to SCAQMD hotline) were after 6:00 p.m. and that the AQMD must receive at least three calls within any 60-minute time period to prompt a response. One NOV was issued for something that occurred last spring or summer. In response to Mr. Hunter's questions as to the AQMD responses to Aliso Canyon/Porter Ranch and Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Mr. Israel replied that for Aliso Canyon, one call within any 24-hour time period will prompt a response; Chiquita Canyon, like Sunshine Canyon, requires three calls within any 60-minute period of time to prompt a response. He said he did not know why the Aliso Canyon requirement was different but supposed that it was because the Aliso Canyon gas well blowout had been declared an emergency and that might have put it in a different category. Ms. Gundersen reported recently smelling a very "strong" odor coming home late at night and Mr. Hunter reaffirmed that he has called in odors also late at night when returning home. Resident Meg Volk believed the three-calls-per-hour policy is causing odor complaints to not get responses, and the fact that odors occur in pockets causes a delay before it reaches other residents. Mr. Israel reported that web application complaints may not be received by the Supervisor "for a few hours" and would cause a delay in an inspector being dispatched. Mr. Beck stated that if he smells odors, he calls it in, and if not, he doesn't, and that if the number of complaints are down he doesn't see what the problem is. Mr. Israel said that he has passed the Landfill and smelled odors but

stated that “I don’t enforce Rule 402 (Public Nuisance) without the public complaining.” There was discussion about detection and reporting of odors. Mr. Hunter believed that in the past BFI/Republic Industries was in denial and saying that people were just making this stuff up, and the most important thing to residents was that Inspectors come out and validate that the odors were there. He said he has attended Hearings where BFI/Republic said that odors were not verified. He noted that odor complaints have decreased but that the odors are still there and residents are not getting the validation they need. He acknowledged that errors can be made reporting trash or methane odors, but at least the Inspector could verify them and go to the Landfill and verify if anything is wrong; “now we are not getting that.” He suggested that the SCL-CAC write a letter to the SCAQMD to revisit the SCAQMD’s decision to go back to three calls per 60-minute period and that the SCAQMD at least could go back to the one or two calls per 60-minute period requirement. Mr. Israel encouraged contacting Ms. Marion Coleman, Deputy Executive Officer.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will draft a letter, to first be circulated to the Committee, addressed to the SCAQMD to suggest that the SCAQMD reverse its decision to require a minimum of three calls per hour to prompt a response and go back to no more than one or two calls per hour.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Volk stated that “I’m very happy that it’s better . . . we want to make sure it doesn’t slip back to the way it was . . . we check each other.” There was discussion of the need for “good calls” to be made and validated by the AQMD.

3. **Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)** to report on LAUSD’s efforts to address odor complaints at Van Gogh Charter School; to advise the CAC on its ongoing efforts and/or to address comments received from the County Public Health & SCL-TAC regarding the PM10 and Black Carbon data collected and summarized by Sonoma Technologies Inc (STI) in their Ninth Annual Report, and to the SCAQMD’s most recent response to a request for a Health Risk Assessment.

Bill Piazza, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) Environmental Assessment Coordinator [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], explained and read aloud a draft letter response to the SCAQMD’s latest response to the SCL-CAC’s October 30, 2017 letter regarding information on a Health Risk Assessment (HRA). He believed that STI’s report was more of a “data dump” than an analysis and that the report did not explain or summarize the data, or determine or characterize the impact. Eugene Loi, Nurse, L.A. County Public Health [213-738-3220; EuLoi@ph.LACounty.gov], clarified that the response was not meant to respond to the SCL-CAC’s November 19, 2017 letter (to City and County Planning Departments). Mr. Hunter disagreed and explained how the January 11, 2018 letter from the L.A. County Dept. of Health Services (DOHS) was a response. He said that County Public Health went to the January 17, 2018 SCL-TAC Meeting with a response to the Committee’s letter (which had been forwarded to them by both City and County Planning); that Mr. Loi had informed the Committee via email that County Public Health was going to use 2017 data rather than 2016 data; and that

DOHS had noted eight deficiencies. The SCL-TAC then approved all but three of them (Items 2, 3 and 4) and Mr. Hunter had asked for that in writing; a copy of the January 22, 2018 SCL-TAC letter is included in the Committee's package. Mr. Hunter indicated that Mr. Piazza was at that meeting, and that it was his (Mr. Hunter's) fault that he did not speak because of a misunderstanding / miscommunication as to how the meeting was conducted. Mr. Piazza said "they didn't answer the question" to determine the impact and characterize the health impact to the community and that, possibly, the Committee could suggest that the DOHS put an alternate technical memorandum together that answers the Committee's questions.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Caspi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee requests that the LAUSD's Bill Piazza draft a response to the L.A. County Public Health Dept. letter of January 11, 2018 and bring it back to the Committee for approval at its next Meeting (May).

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Mr. Hunter explained that there is a second letter that needs to be approved.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Gundersen): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the draft letter as written to the AQMD (SCAQMD December 21, 2017 Response to the SCL-CAC Letter of May 22, 2017, et al.), and directs that it be mailed out to the AQMD and all relevant appropriate representatives.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

Monica Galimberti, Environmental Health Specialist
[MGalimberti@ph.LACounty.gov; 626-430-5540; www.SCLLEA.org] reported for Dee Hanson-Lugo [DLugo@ph.LACounty.gov] that "there's not been any violations at Sunshine Canyon Landfill since the last meeting."

5. County Regional Planning Department 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>] reported that the Appeal Hearing scheduled for January 16th regarding a Landfill gas fee payment to the County was rescheduled to March 20th.

6. County Public Works to report on SCL matters within their purview

Gladys Gallardo, Environmental Programs Division, L.A. County Dept. of Public Works [626.458.3561; GGallardo@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], reported that "currently we have no update."

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

Mr. Loi stated that “I’ll definitely look into the issues that were brought up earlier.”

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

No representative was 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.

Resident Bill Hopkins announced the 11th annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair [<http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com>] to be held Saturday, September 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Northridge Fashion Center “north of the Pacific Theatre parking lot.” Online registration begins July 1st. There was discussion of resident Ralph Kroy’s suggestion to post Committee Meeting notice signs. Mr. Hunter “sends notices to 150-odd people” and posts at other places; the Committee agreed that no more posting is needed.

E. Set next meeting date (May 10, 2018), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be here on May 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Potential budget items FY 2018. Consideration of bids for providing financial reports in lieu of Committee Treasurer (now vacant).

Mr. Hunter indicated that there was no more discussion.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:29 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 by Committee May 10, 2018.