

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

MINUTES OF MEETING, Thursday, September 13, 2018

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

Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee Members: Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), Laine Caspi (Secretary), Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck, Steven Freedman (TAC Rep.), Wayde Hunter (Chair), Debbie Pietraszko, Joe Vitti (TAC Alternate) and Donna Zero.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of May 10, 2018 & July 12, 2018 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on September 13, 2018 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Six of the nine Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck, Wayde Hunter, Joe Vitti and Donna Zero. Laine Caspi, Steven Freedman and Debbie Pietraszko were absent. A quorum of at least five Committee Members was present. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Chris Coyle; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): David Thompson; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: Shikari Nakagawa-Ota; 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.: Nicholas Hendricks; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: 14 residents and other guests.

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its May 10, 2018 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The following correction was requested of the July 12, 2018 Minutes: page five, Item #V. B: "Ms. Pietraszko asked what instruments" should be "Ms. Capaldi asked what instruments."

MOTION (by Ms. Zero, seconded by Mr. Vitti): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its July 12, 2018 Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- Outstanding administrative matters, and welcome Mr. Larry Fleck who is replacing Ken Ashford, Ms. Donna Zero who is replacing Gale Gundersen, and to also

acknowledge Mr. Richard Fisk who joined us at our July meeting to replace Steven Friedman (Chair).

Mr. Hunter asked everyone to sign in, though members of the public may remain anonymous. He noted the above and 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>.)

- Elect new Technical Advisory Committee Representative (TAC Rep) (Chair).

Mr. Hunter explained this and nominated himself. The Committee unanimously APPROVED Wayde Hunter as the TAC Representative.

- Treasurers Report for May – June, July – August 2018 (Chair/Acting Treasurer).

Mr. Hunter reviewed finances and explained that the Committee has checking, savings and a combination checking-savings accounts. Total assets were \$123,234.81.

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Ms. Zero): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the May - June 2018 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hunter “did talk” with the bank regarding increasing the Committee’s interest rate.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the July - August 2018 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- Elect new Treasurer (Chair)
[*This Agenda Item was addressed before the Treasurer’s Report.*] Mr. Hunter reminded of the need for a Treasurer; Mr. Fleck volunteered. The Committee unanimously APPROVED Larry Fleck as the Treasurer.

C. New Business: Discussion and possible Committee 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.

Chris Coyle, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com], offered new Committee Members a tour of the Landfill. He said “there’s been no change to our location or operations . . . we continue to use the EnviroCover . . . we installed an additional almost five acres of closure turf . . . so far it’s performing very well.” He explained closure turf. They will be installing “additional top soil . . . to promote new growth . . . we installed 89 replacement gas wells . . . since the beginning of this year.” They expect to “install . . . Flare 12 . . . quarter three 2019” and be “ready for winter.” Regarding the Stipulated Order of Abatement, “we continue to be in compliance”; that next meeting will be December 12th. Mr. Coyle said “we’re always looking for new things” to improve operations; “we’re monitoring” emissions “on a daily basis, sometimes an hourly basis.”

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

Larry Israel, Compliance Lead Inspector, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], noted far less 2018 complaints than previous years. In July there were 13 complaints; four were investigated; none were verified. In August there were six complaints; two were investigated; none were verified. Mr. Coyle noted that heat exacerbates odors. Resident Meg Volk was concerned that most complaints do not receive a response, saying “people are going to stop calling.” Mr. Coyle said that “verified or not . . . we act on every single complaint.” Mr. Israel reported that a recent new hire quit; however, “we are hiring . . . new inspectors.” He believed the average response time to probably be “less than two hours.” Mr. Coyle clarified that trash trailers are treated “at the transfer station,” before they get to the Landfill. Residents believed that the trailers are not treated well enough. Mr. Coyle will “reach out to the City” about it. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Thompson noted that the LEA studied this. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Jones will let Mr. Hunter know who at the L.A. Bureau of Sanitation can respond about it.

3. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to report on the LAUSD’s efforts to address odor complaints at Van Gogh Charter School, discuss/draft letter to STI’s 42nd Quarterly Ambient Air Monitoring Report, and City/County responses to previous CAC comments on STI reporting.

Bill Piazza, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], reminded that, on November 19, 2017, the CAC drafted a letter to the City and County Planning Depts. regarding STI (Sonoma Technologies Inc.)’s reports that he believed “provided little relevant information to the community . . . they really didn’t answer” CAC questions. A July 5, 2018 letter again requested a response. He read aloud a new draft letter responding to the July 11th reply from Evenor Masis [Industrial Hygienist, L.A. County Public Health Dept.; 213-738-3220;

EMasis@ph.LACounty.gov,
http://publichealth.LACounty.gov/eh/TEA/ToxicEpi/index_ToxicsEpi.htm]. Mr. Piazza noted that STI showed the presence of potentially harmful toxins and particulates, and that local air quality has been non-compliant with State standards “for many years.”

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

Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, Environmental Health Specialist, L.A. County Public Health Dept. [626-430-5540; SOta@ph.LACounty.gov; <http://publichealth.LACounty.gov>], reported for the LEA that the “LEA has not observed any violations . . . the Landfill has been in compliance” and that the LEA “received an application for a five-year review . . . on August 2nd.” They will respond to CalRecycle [<http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov>] by December 30th; “it will be posted . . . CalRecycle will upload to their website . . . any findings.” Mr. Hunter requested notice of the posting; Ms. Nakagawa-Ota will send him an Internet link.

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

Tim Stapleton, Zoning Enforcement Planner, L.A. County Regional Planning Dept. [213-974-6453; TStapleton@planning.LACounty.gov; <http://planning.LACounty.gov>], reported that the Landfill did not pay for fees associated with the gas-to-energy facility as required by condition 64C of the Conditional Use Permit and the Landfill received a Notice of Violation (NOV); the Landfill appealed the NOV and requested that the appeal be heard after October 23rd. He explained the appeal Hearing process. He noted that the County claims that the Landfill owes \$5,967,803.02, which is 10% of the Landfill’s gas energy plant revenue.

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

No representative was present and there was no report.

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

Ms. Nakagawa-Ota indicated that there was no report.

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

Nicholas Hendricks, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-5046; Nick.Hendricks@LACity.org; www.planning.LACity.org), reported that the next TAC meeting will be December 6th, 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. He introduced Tiffany Butler (213-978-1283; Tiffany.Butler@LACity.org), who replaced Ly Lam.

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 reminded about the September 29th free Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair [<http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com>] at Northridge Mall. He encouraged getting CERT [Community Emergency Response Team; 818-756-9674; www.cert-la.com; lafdcert@LACity.org] certified; English and Spanish instruction is available. Mr. Hunter also asked for Committee Member comments; Mr. Fisk noted a UC-Riverside study indicating that increased use of waste and biogas is needed to meet the State's renewable natural gas use goal. Mr. Coyle explained economic and other challenges to doing this. Mr. Hunter encouraged attending TAC meetings and noted that Mike Mohajer is a good resource regarding legislation.

E. Set next meeting date (Nov 8, 2018), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hunter noted the above. He explained that the CAC printer needed to be replaced and will itemize that for the next Meeting. Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters. Potential budget items FY 2018. Consideration of any bids for providing financial reports for Committee Treasurer (now vacant).

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 by Committee November 8, 2018