

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

MINUTES OF MEETING, Thursday, November 8, 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 (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair), Debbie Pietraszko, Joe Vitti (TAC Alternate) and Donna Zero.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of September 13, 2018 Minutes (Chair).

This meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:02 p.m. on November 8, 2018 in Granada Hills, California by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. All eight of the eight Committee Members were present: Jeanette Capaldi, Laine Caspi, Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck, Wayde Hunter, Debbie Pietraszko, Joe Vitti and Donna Zero. 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): Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, David Thompson L.A. County Public Health Dept.: None; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Tim Stapleton; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office: None; L.A. City Councilman Mitch Englander's Office: Millie Jones; L.A. City Planning Dept.: none; LAUSD District 3: Bill Piazza. Also attended: 12 residents and other guests.

MOTION (by Mr. Fisk, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its September 13, 2018 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED; zero opposed; one abstained (Caspi).

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

- Outstanding administrative matters.

Mr. Hunter asked everyone to sign in, though members of the public may remain anonymous. He had 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. Fleck reviewed finances. The checking balance was \$4,281.03; savings \$110,481.13; checking/savings \$4,696.63; the total balance was \$120,240.79 which includes \$100 for petty cash and \$682 for a legal services retainer. He then raised the question as to whether the Committee preferred to stick with the Excel Spreadsheet or go back to QuickBooks. The Committee agreed to continue using the Excel spreadsheet program for financial reports.

Note: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was not taken.

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 (SCL) activities and operations, including ongoing 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.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #D.*] Chris Coyle, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>], started by saying he wanted to let everyone know how we are doing with the winds today, and that: "we shut down the earth-moving project" commonly known as the buttress, due to today's winds in order to minimize any fugitive dust, and we used their water trucks to supplement the landfill's own water trucks to get as much dust control as possible.... we have been in constant communications with the on-site LEA today to make sure that we contain any windblown litter on-site near the working face.... the forecast looks like winds are going to ramp up and peak tonight, then die down tomorrow but will be up again on Monday".

"There are no changes in disposal operations, and we continue to work in CC4 Part 1 & 2..... we continue to use EnviroCover for ADC and monitor its performance daily..... no new projects but, we finished the closure turf project in CC3B and an additional 5-acres and it looks much more esthetically pleasing.... continue to maintain the vegetative cover area and saw solid growth last winter... placed additional topsoil in areas that have thinned out and required additional nutrients to establish growth... additional hydroseed will be applied here in the next couple of months..... we are going to change how we apply it and we are going to broadcast it in larger areas, and in smaller areas we are going to apply it 3-days before forecast rain..... we continue to work on the Deck B Sage Mitigation Project... we are seeding 5-acres on the Cityside south landfill which should be complete by the end of the year."

"Year-to-date we have installed 89 new or replacement gas wells, 21 horizontal collectors, and 3 liner collectors to improve or enhance or capacity..... we completed a loop header system around the entire developed footprint of the active landfill to ensure ample vacuum at every well..... we're still in the permitting process for Flare 12 and expect an end of 2019 installation... stormwater preparations are complete and stormwater channels and the terminal basin are clean..... installed 14-acres of erosion matting, 30,000-feet of fiber rolls, and 6000-feet of silt fencing..... and the next AQMD Stipulation Hearing will be December 12, 2018." In response to questions from the Committee and the public he stated that: "wells have been installed all over, but there are new wells on CC A & B... wells are inspected monthly..... we have 1000 collection points. He explained that "unstable" soils are being replaced with "an engineered fill" in a buttress less likely to slide in an earthquake..... soils that are removed are stockpiled and reused..... we have five active flares.... five turbines last

replaced in 2010 are being replaced again..... we have and/or we bring in generators, and downed power lines or planned power outages “don’t impact us.”

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, Compliance Lead Inspector, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], reported that, in September, 33 complaints were received. Mr. Israel noted that about half of them had no field response, and that the code “NFR” means “No Field Response.” He said he could explain why during off hours but not during regular hours, and that there is a by new Inspector Gerardo Higuera and many were assigned to him, and that only one complaint was verified in September... he went on to break down the odors reported by day, and his personal responses to them. He noted that shifting winds, common in October, made complaints difficult to verify. In October, 21 complaints were received with one verified, and that one on October 31st (Halloween) is incorrect and had not been verified..... of the 21 that were reported, 17 should have been NRF, and explained by day which inspector had responded. In closing, he stated that “so far in November, no complaints had been received”. Ms. Provenzale stated she believed that she had called in an odor report in November, and that she was still detecting fleeting sour or sharp/sweet trash odors late at night when she goes out walking her new dogs.

3. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to discuss latest correspondence and CAC response to County Regional Planning regarding STI’s Quarterly/Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Reports.

Bill Piazza, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OHS) [213.241.3926; Bill.Piazza@lausd.net], reported on the history of correspondence saying that ““the November 19, 2017 Committee letter to the City and County Planning Depts. regarding the air quality report per the Sonoma Technologies Inc. (STI) questioning the Air Quality Report, and we felt that they were not really addressing the intent of the reports, which was to identify the impact and characterize the emissions, which would ultimately sieve down to what the emissions were doing to the community in terms of their health..... that there was a subsequent response by County Public Health on January 11, 2018 to the CAC and it enumerated quite a few items that they felt needed to be incorporated into the STI report; like more detail here, more detail there compared to this standard or that standard, but there was nothing that was relative to, “Oh, and by the way, you need to have some statement or determination as to what all these emissions are doing to the health those that may be exposed.”” On July 5, 2018 Committee drafted another letter saying basically to that effect, saying that we are still waiting for something on the health side of this, not just simply all the data, the enhancement to the data, the visuals and the graphics that were now incorporated into the 10th Annual Report based on some of the recommendation made by the County Public Health Department; On September 17, 2018 the Committee a letter to the County Regional Planning Department enumerating what we said earlier, but it came down to a sentence

that we put in there and underlined it saying: “What we want to know, and what the community wants to know, is what effect do the landfill emissions have on our health?” There was a subsequent email correspondence dated July 11, 2018 County Planning response that “we still don’t understand what you’re talking about”; there was a follow-up letter dated September 26, 2018 from County Department of Regional Planning to the Committee in which the County repeated the actions in its July 11, 2018 letter saying “here is all the things we did and the things we asked the consultant to provide but “it doesn’t say anything about health.” The letter circled back to the 10th Annual Report, and they say look at Table 4.2 or 4.3, and look at all of this wonderful detail we have put in there, and a little more explanation about this, and a little more explanation about that... and certainly it’s there..... but at the end of the day it doesn’t say anything about health..... and I am bewildered by this fact, that we have all this data and all these facts..... a comparison here, and a comparison there, and black carbon here, and black carbon there.....we have comparisons upwind and downwind, for working hours and non-working hours; we have comparisons between South Coast Air Quality background and we have landfill emissions compared to the community site; and we have all this stuff, and we referred to it as a data dump. So much data it is absolutely incredible, but at the end of the day what does it tell you? It tells you nothing, in terms of what a lay person can pick up and can read and understand and can go Oh! The Landfill really doesn’t have an impact on my health or PM10s have some influence on my existing condition... or its not. What they are saying is that this report (10th Annual Report) is what it is and you need to figure out what it says, because we are giving you the data.

Mr. Piazza stated that he believed that none of those present could understand the data, and that even he who does this for a living would have difficulty teasing this information out and what it does in terms of potential health effects to the students of Van Gogh Charter (School) and the community at large. He distributed copies of the “Sunshine Canyon Landfill Air Quality Monitoring, Tenth Annual Report Executive Summary” from around May 2018 and challenged the Committee members to read it and come back at the next meeting and tell me what it says and what it means in terms of adverse health effects..... and we can take it up at the next TAC meeting. Committee members posed a series of questions... Ms. Pietraszko asked if it would be better to send in individual comments rather than a letter from the CAC..... Mr. Fisk believed that “it fails to say what the objectives of the study were to begin with.” Mr. Piazza encouraged Committee Members to submit their interpretation of the Summary, which also could indicate what he believed to be STI’s lack of data analysis. Ms. Zero questioned why PM10 when originally the school back in 2005 had asked about the gasses. Mr. Piazza discussed a number of gasses and explained that typically they get washed out in the existing background pollution, and that there are other ways such as health risk assessments or dispersion modelling that can be used..... PM10 is significant and is a criteria pollutant and has significant impacts on those that have a compromised respiratory system, it can exacerbate conditions, and can certainly be a fatal pollutant if found in super high concentrations.... but we are not there with this particular source..... but it doesn’t take much from an incremental standpoint to create a significant impact to those who might be impacted by even a small amount.

Mr. Hunter stated that it was his fault at the last meeting that Mr. Piazza did not speak on STI and the County Health Department's report, since he thought Bill knew the TAC rules, which like the CAC's, allow you to speak (after being recognized), while Mr. Piazza thought he needed to be introduced first. He said County Health had recognized the shortcomings we had given in our original letter, that they came back with eight recommendations to TAC, and that TAC had approved four of them..... for instance STI only talked about, so we have had input... but he is sorry, but County Regional Planning is "stonewalling us." He stated that: if STI was not required or able to interpret the data, then County Health should step up..... look at what they (CPH) is doing at Aliso Canyon.... look at all that money for a health study..... we are not asking for money, just an interpretation of data.

Mr. Hunter noted the Committee will next meet on January 10, 2019, and the TAC [Technical Advisory Committee]

[http://planning.lacounty.gov/view/sunshine_canyon_landfill_technical_advisory_committee_2018_07_10] will meet on January 16, 2019. He believed that "community sites" such as Van Gogh Charter School should be regarded as such. Contact Mr. Piazza with questions and to request a copy of the Summary.

Note: the entire report can be found at:

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/SunshineLandfill/AirQualityMonitoringReport/AnnualRpts/10th%20Annual%20Report%20Nov%202007-Nov%202017.pdf>

- 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 and Program Manager, L.A. County Public Health Dept. [626-430-5540; SOta@ph.LACounty.gov; <http://publichealth.LACounty.gov>], reported that they do weekly inspections; recently there were "no violations cited." Regarding the Landfill's five-year Permit review application, "we are still in the review process"; by December 31st the LEA will submit their finding to CalRecycle [<http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov>].

- 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 "there's been three NOVs [Notices of Violation] over the last three years" for the Landfill; he reviewed the history and that the County says that BFI/Republic owes a gas fee payment to the County.

- 6. County Public Works** to report on SCL matters within their purview.
No representative was present; there was no report.

Michael Harmon, Sr. Civil Engineering Asst., L.A. County Dept. of Public Works [626.458.6986; MHarmon@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], reported that “we continue to work with the operator and monitor the site.”

7. County Public Health Department to report on SCL matters within their purview. See above Item #4.

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), was not present; 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.

Millie Jones, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander, (818-882-1212; Millie.Jones@LACity.org; <http://CD12.LACity.org>), reported that Jessie Strobel (Jessica.Strobel@lacity.org) will replace her starting in January and also replacing Councilman Englander as an LEA Board Member. Ms. Jones introduced John Hamilton of the L.A. City Sanitation Bureau [213-216-3597 regarding City transfer trucks. He reported that one-quarter of City refuse goes to the Landfill. He described transfer station trash treatment and loading. The City looked at the Landfill’s “odor control system . . . we’ll build an odor control system practically identical to theirs . . . to neutralize the refuse”; they expect it to be operable “hopefully this year . . . by early next year.” Mr. Piazza emphasized that there still are trash loads going directly into the Landfill that are not delivered by City trucks. Mr. Coyle pointed out that “that should cover about 95% (“a rough estimate”) of the trash coming into the site.” There was discussion about the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Amenities Trust Fund. Mr. Hunter indicated that \$1 million was spent on the Petit Pool Study; it will cost \$10 million to rebuild the Pool; and the Fund must have an Advisory Committee.

D. Public comment on items NOT on the Agenda.

Resident Bill Hopkins, President, Southern California Preparedness Foundation [<http://SoCalPrep.us>] and Chair, annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair [<http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com>], displayed and distributed emergency preparedness kits. Note: This comment was taken out of order under Item B as Mr. Hopkins had to leave early.

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

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be here January 10, 2019 (not “2018”) at 3:00 p.m.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters. Potential budget items FY 2018. 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 4:53 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 January 10, 2019