

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF HYBRID* MEETING, Thursday, November 9, 2023
at Center for Spiritual Living, 17622 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344
and online
Approved January 11, 2024

Committee Members: Jeanette Capaldi (Vice-Chair), Laine Caspi (Secretary), Richard Fisk, Larry Fleck (Treasurer), Wayde Hunter (Chair & TAC Rep), Debbie Pietraszko (Parliamentarian), Keren Waters and Jennifer Yoo.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call by Notetaker, and Approval of September 14, 2023 Minutes (Chair).

This *hybrid (both in-person and online) meeting of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) was called to order at 3:03 p.m. on November 9, 2023 in Granada Hills, California and online by Chair Wayde Hunter. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. Six of the eight Committee Members were present: Laine Caspi (online), Richard Fisk (in person), Larry Fleck (in person), Wayde Hunter (in person), Debbie Pietraszko (in person) and Jennifer Yoo (in person). Absent: Jeanette Capaldi and Keren Waters. A quorum of at least five (there were six) Committee Members was present. Two Committee Member openings were available. Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: Michael Stewart; SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District): Larry Israel and Terrance Mann; SCL-LEA (Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency): Dave Thompson; LAUSD District 3: Andrew Modugno; L.A. County Public Works Dept.: Miki Esposito and Emiko Thompson; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Edgar De La Torre; L.A. County Public Health Dept.: none; L.A. County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's Office: Savannah Portillo; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office: none; L.A. City Councilman John Lee's Office: Sharon Bronson; and L.A. City Planning Dept.: none. Also attended: approximately 32 residents and other guests. A Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related SCL-CAC and Landfill documents were available in person, at www.scl-cac.org and slides were shown.

No corrections or amendments were made to the Minutes.

MOTION (by Mr. Fleck, seconded by Mr. Fisk): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its September 14, 2023 Meeting.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Caspi, Fisk, Fleck, Hunter, Pietraszko and Yoo); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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

- Outstanding administrative matters (Chair/Vice Chair).

Mr. Hunter earlier announced that Ms. Caspi is resigning, but will continue to host these meetings.

- **Treasurer's Report, September 2023 - October 2023 (Treasurer).**
Mr. Fleck reviewed the "SCL-CAC FINANCIAL STATEMENT 09/01/2023 - 10/31/2023." The "Business Checking Account (for Expenses) 1234" beginning balance was \$3,092.78. Six checks were written on that account for a total of \$1,665.84 for various expenses. The ending balance was \$1,426.94. The "Business Savings Account (for Consultants) 1582" beginning balance was \$61,456.23; \$0.98 in interest was accrued; the ending balance was \$61,457.21. The "Business Checking Account (for Consultants) 9514" beginning and ending balances both were \$36,696.98. There was \$100 in Petty Cash. There was \$0 in Other Assets. The total beginning balance for all accounts as of Sep. 1, 2023 was \$101,345.99; debits were \$1,665.84 and deposits were \$0.98; the total ending balance for all accounts was \$99,681.13 as of Oct. 31, 2023 per Mr. Fleck and Mr. Hunter.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Pietraszko): the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the September 2023 - October 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Caspi, Fisk, Fleck, Hunter, Pietraszko and Yoo); zero opposed; zero abstained.

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 any and all Sunshine Canyon Landfill daily activities, state of infrastructure/gas collection system, notable events including NOV's, current and future disposal operations, including continuing efforts to abate odors.

Michael Stewart, General Manager, BFI/Republic [24-hour Landfill hotline 818-779-9170; main 818-362-2124; Info@SunshineCanyonLandfill.com; <http://SunshineCanyonLandfill.com>] gave an SCL "Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update" as follows:

Operations

- We continue to utilize cell CC-4-P4A/B/C. The wet weather deck not been utilized.
- We continue to use the Enviro-Cover for ADC and monitor its performance daily.
- During the months of and September, October, and the first week of November, a full soil cover was applied every Saturday. ADC was used for cover on weekdays. All trash was covered with either ADC or soil on all days.

Construction

- The site has completed all winterization tasks and continues to re-enforce all storm water control structures and key stormwater diversion components of the landfill. The terminal basin repairs have been completed. We are currently addressing a few LEA comments in the Winterization report regarding odor prevention protocols, pre and post storm inspection timelines and ponding mitigation. The report is due back to LEA tomorrow 11/10
- We have received the grading permits for all Phases of the Toe berm project including Phases 3, 4 & 5.
- This is an important project to enhance our odor controls system on site as well as reduce the visual impact of looking up the canyon, and to ensure stability for the continued development of the landfill. All of Phases 1 and 2 Construction have been completed with the majority of phase 3 complete.
- Work is underway on an internal access road through City south which will eventually connect with the full build-out of the berm, and will provide safer, paved access into the landfill. All waste relocation associated with this internal bypass road has been completed. The road modification is expected to be complete by January 2024.
- Construction of the entirety of the berm project estimated to be complete in mid-2025.
- No cell construction is planned for 2023; disposal operations will continue in the existing remaining (constructed) airspace for the remainder of this year. The next planned cell will be constructed in 2024.
- We continue to move through the permitting process for the installation of Flare 12 with an expected install completion target of 2024, pending approvals.
- The air quality monitoring station in City South has been relocated to the desired location of Sonoma Tech and is fully operational at this time.

Odor update:

- Since Mid Sept. the site has received 10 NOV's for odors
- Sept. 22 – 8 calls with 6 verified morning trash odors
- Sept. 25 – 7 verified morning trash odors
- Sept. 27 – 9 calls with 7 verified nighttime gas odors
- Oct. 5 – 10 calls 10 verified nighttime gas odors
- Oct. 6 – 5 calls 2 verified 1 was the school morning trash odors which is a violation
- Oct. 7 - 8 calls 8 verified morning trash odors
- Oct. 16 – 9 calls 9 verified evening gas
- Oct. 17 – 16 calls 1 verified, the 1 being the school morning trash which is a violation
- Oct. 19 – 9 calls 8 verified morning trash odor
- Nov. 3 – 9 calls 3 verified, 1 was the school morning trash odor which is a violation

- The site to date has drilled 78 vertical gas wells and installed over 8,000 linear feet of horizontal/slope (gas) collectors which have also helped with gas odors. Pumps continue to be installed as-needed.
- Our Odor Patrol Team is fully staffed, and the patrols are rolling smoothly. The Team is in the neighborhood during the early hours of operations and then moves to spot patrols throughout the day. As they notice odors, they relay that information back to the site and we adjust the operations based on their feedback.
- We are continually modifying the pilot Stationary wet and dry vapor odor neutralizer delivery system on site. We have established a partnership with a consultant developing site-specific neutralizer product and delivery systems, and we continue working with them to improve the on-site systems and tailor the product to our waste stream and finding the best solutions.

Mr. Fisk “had a number of questions . . . based on the August Report and similar to the September Report to the LEA. The August Report shows 266 bags of litter and other items.. ..what does that mean?” Mr. Stewart responded, “that is the litter that is from the operations, and from the Litter Patrol which goes off-site and picks up any litter or trash along the roadways.. .. and the surrounding areas.” Mr. Fisk asked about the “alternative fuels” being used and how many vehicles does that account for in your fleet? Mr. Stewart replied that he is not sure and would get back to him on that. Mr. Fisk asked about three “special occurrences” in August, such as an unknown helicopter landing on the site, and in September and a front-loader truck smoking before it got to the scales, and another noted as “tracked out dirt,” which he reads (interprets) as coming from the site, are these “special occurrences”? Mr. Stewart replied that helipads on site are used by the Fire Department for training or for fighting fires, and that these instances in the reports are to show that they (Republic) are aware of these occurrences, and communicating with the LEA since those aren’t necessarily violations. Mr. Fisk also noted in August that two loads of radioactive material were received and more in September that were buried as normal waste, and asked if there was a special area for that waste to be buried. Mr. Stewart stated that radioactive waste “normally is hospital waste” from some kind of radiation treatment. When radioactive waste is detected, a County Inspector then inspects the load and releases it after it is set aside.

Mr. Fisk asked about “the August, September disposal of many tons of narcotics, the bulk it being marijuana... should we encourage this to be put in the green barrel and should the tonnage of 2. 92 tons in September be 5.8 tons?” Mr. Stewart replied that the Sheriff’s Department brings in a fleet of people to make sure the marijuana is properly buried and that nobody digs it up, as a part of their law enforcement protocols, and that he will also check to see if there was a potential error in the report. Mr. Fisk’s final question noted that Republic has an on-site nursery and that a part of their community outreach, trees were donated to a local rancher, and are there any other plants donated and how often? Mr. Stewart replied that the nursery is constantly raising seedlings, but he does not know how often donations have happened in the past, but that the seedlings

which are cultivated from acorns, still need a good place to go to, and they would encourage that.

Ms. Pietraszko asked what preparations Republic was making for the wet weather the next week. Mr. Stewart stated that the wet weather preparations are “the strongest I’ve seen in years; we have a wet weather deck that is four times the size of the one we had last year, and the large berm is in place.”

Resident Ralph Kroy asked Mr. Stewart if he had supplied a copy of his report (as presented above). Mr. Stewart replied that he did not believe that he had. Mr. Hunter explained that Mr. Stewart’s report (as given) will be included in the Draft Meeting Minutes, and that the CAC will post it as a part of the Document package online before the next meeting. Mr. Kroy indicated that he wanted a report before it is given so that he can review it, to which Mr. Hunter indicated that the CAC doesn’t get a written copy of the report until the report is actually given; however, if Mr. Stewart makes the report available to the CAC prior to any meeting, he will then make it available to him.

Resident Eric Pfefferman questioned if the deck previously referred to was a second deck that could withstand 10-inches of rain since the previous deck could not even withstand 6-inches of rain back in August which resulted in NOV’s [Notices of Violation]. Mr. Stewart confirmed that it was an improved second deck and pointed out that the landfill had not closed, that they had made repairs, and they were up and running the next day, to which Mr. Pfefferman questioned how the landfill could expect to competently stay open, process all the trash, and not impact the neighborhood with 10-inches of rain given the same infrastructure and equipment. Mr. Stewart indicated that part of the problem (odor) was wet trash coming to the landfill over which he had no control, which was also challenged by Mr. Pfefferman as to why this new deck will better protect the community if the same wet trash is brought to the landfill. After further discussion, Mr. Stewart conceded that he accepted wet trash, but was not able to competently process it without getting an NOV.

In response to a resident’s question regarding ADC [Alternative Daily Cover] and Enviro Cover (System), Mr. Stewart explained what can be in the ADC; such as “green waste, plastic tarp, contaminated soil... a series of substances as long as they demonstrate adequacy of. or equal to or better than a minimum of 6-inches of soil. Enviro Cover (Systems) is a layer of plastic (applied daily) that is left in place and has six inches of dirt placed on top of it at the end of the week.” Resident Bill Henley expressed concerned about dirt from trucks on San Fernando Road, the impact to his vehicle, and the job that the landfill was doing in keeping the road clean.

Guest Mike Mohajer stated that “I am a private citizen and represent no agency and I have several questions. In accepting marijuana plants, marijuana is considered to be either medical waste or hazardous waste, and a Class III landfill which SCL is. Class III (landfills) are prohibited from accepting marijuana. Under

whose public authority is the landfill accepting marijuana under at SCL?” Mr. Stewart stated that “the marijuana we are accepting is neither medical waste nor hazardous waste.” Mr. Mohajer, after repeating Mr. Stewart’s answer for affirmation, then asked, “what tests were being carried out to verify that?” to which Mr. Stewart replied that “it is profiled by the Sheriff’s Department, that what it is, and based on that.” Mr. Mohajer took exception to that and requested that the Committee ask under whose authority Republic is accepting marijuana at the landfill suggesting that they utilize the various deputies of the BOS and City Council to ask the Sheriff’s Department and LAPD for that information. Mr. Mohajer asked if Mr. Stewart was aware of any dirt from trucks on San Fernando Road (track out) this month (November). Mr. Stewart replied that he was not aware of any.

Resident Christine said that she had suffered all these violations (NOVs) and she wanted to follow up on the issues raised by Mr. Pfefferman earlier. She wanted to know what changes the landfill had made for the coming wet weather and the endless stream of violations Mr. Stewart replied that “we are set up to make sure that whatever amount of rain comes and impacts the landfill, that waste does not become exposed, that gas systems are not broken down, so that odors coming from the landfill will not be (unintelligible)..... with the size of the wet weather deck, with the berm, we are confident that we will make it through the wet weather season.”

Guest Frank asked whether the Landfill actually pays NOV fines, and how much was each fine? Mr. Stewart replied that they do, and are paying around \$10,000 per event. Mr. Stewart was unable to answer what the difference was between diesel engine emissions for long-haul rail of waste compared to the diesel trucks coming and going from the landfill.

- 2. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)** to report on odor complaints received and NOVs issued including any year-to-date charts, frequency of Inspector response to reports, and any other matters within their purview. Additional presentation of dirt and dust, how to report and agency responsible

Larry Israel, Compliance Supervisor, SCAQMD [909-396-2370; LIsrael@aqmd.gov; www.aqmd.gov], noted the NOVs code listed on the handout. “TR” means a confirmed trash odor; “None” means that an inspector responded but did not detect any odors, “LG” means landfill gas; and “NFR” means No Field Response.” He said “after hours we generally need 3 complaints before we respond, and on weekends, and if the inspector doesn’t come out then that would be recorded as NFR.” He reported that, “so far in 2023, there’ve been more than 1,500 complaints. The 148 complaints in September were the most since 2016, and in October we had 230 complaints and that is the most since 2015.” There were 50 violations for odors and 6 for fugitive dust. He explained that “fugitive dust” means dust and dirt (track out) more than “25 feet past the property line, a

violation of Rule 403.” He further reviewed the day, the number of complaints and the areas impacted, and any NOV’s issued for September and October.

Mr. Hunter noted that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill has received far more complaints than the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and said that the previous Orders of Abatement “made a difference.” Terrance Mann, Deputy Executive Officer Compliance and Enforcement, stated that he “will issue a request to our Legal Department for an Order of Abatement for Odors soon if he did not see serious improvement within the next few weeks”. Mr. Hunter explained that Mr. Mann was asked to come and help Mr. Israel address an issue that was raised at the last meeting (September) which was not on the agenda. The issue regarded dirt on the Eichler homes: that residents were having their insurance cancelled because of dirt on their roofs; that sometimes they might see dust if they were home, but generally they could not see the dust, only the resulting dirt on their roofs; and they did not know who to call and report it to, and whose responsibility it is. Mr. Mann said that the dust is “just like any other emission coming off of the landfill... and that is within our jurisdiction. It is a little different, more of an investigatory nature.... you can call it in using 1-800-CUT-SMOG and we will respond to it... It would not be a Rule 403 violation that was earlier referred to... unless folks can see it (dust) and we came out, it would have to be “cause and effect,” ... and if we determine it was the landfill then it would be a violation just like the others, and it would be down the same path.”” He explained the NOV negotiation process, that they are taken in batches, and negotiated by their legal counsel.

Mr. Hunter restated that he understood that we are to call 1-800-CUT-SMOG, report “dirt piling up on our roof,” and leave it to the Inspectors (Mr. Israel or whoever comes out), and figure out if it needs somebody other than them because we cannot report “dust.” Mr. Mann confirmed and said “yes, it can be treated as any other violation..... it is less about where it is going but where it is coming from, and if you believe that the dirt and dust is coming out of the landfill or any other source near you that you can make an air quality complaint and we (AQMD) will investigate..”

Mr. Pfefferman thanked Mr. Mann for his attendance and said that “we have been trying to get somebody from the AQMD executive level to attend” and that it was quite some time ago that Nicholas Sanchez had attended. He said that the oft-repeated comment by the AQMD “that the Abatement Hearings are not a silver bullet,” that the community are not children and that we understand, but that the Abatement Hearings are the next step in the process, and the one that might lead to a reduction in their tonnage from 12,100 tons per day... and that he was happy to hear that an Order for Abatement was currently on the table...violations the worst since 2015... Mr. Sanchez had said when the data supports it, then Legal from AQMD would pursue, yet AQMD is still sitting on its hands, even though it has all the data it needs.””. He said his home, pool and solar panels are “covered in dirt” from the Landfill just days after he cleans them... “we’re not just being impacted from quality of life, potentially health wise, but also economical as some of my neighbors have had to have their roofs pressure-washed.” .

Resident Brian Allen said that “this organization (SCL-CAC) has simply asked for reports and nothing has happened”; he did not appreciate being given 5 or 10-minute reports and have no idea of what is going to be done. That this is an issue that we have talked about for years, over 20 years.. ..There is nothing more important than a health hazard. We all get dirt on our houses, that also could be from the airplanes coming over, but the fact is that we need to answer the question “is there a health problem... .. the only good answer is a Health Study.””

Resident Meg Volk stated that she “appreciated Mr. Mann’s attendance as she had been trying to contact him regarding an Order of Abatement, noting that she went through the last process 2016–2018 and it did make a difference, and that it wasn’t a silver bullet, but it forced Republic to add more horizontal (gas) collectors, dewater the wells... .. when there is NRF on 51 times on 21 days, or NONE detected 14 times on 21 separate days in October,.. Is it possible they don’t work late on Mondays, but the record of response for the Inspector being on the scene in two hours..... out of 230 complaints in October and 6 NOVs issued it probably would have been a lot more.. ...I don’t think the landfill is doing a great job.. ... the numbers have been higher than in any other year since 2014... ..there is health effects, dust, I don’t deny any of that.”

Resident Ralph Kroy noted that in the past we could go to the Waste Board (CalRcycle) and something would be done. Mr. Hunter stated that right now we are working with the AQMD trying to get an Odor Abatement Hearing.

In response to a resident’s question as to where the money from the NOVs goes, Mr. Hunter said that the money goes to the AQMD, and that the last time they settled with Republic it was for 100 NOVs for about \$8,400 apiece, and that the community has complained but the \$10,000 fine is set by legislation, and you can’t do anything about it unless somebody goes and changes it.

Mr. Mann noted that “the fines are set per the State Health and Safety Code, that these numbers may have made sense decades ago, and now only appear to be a slap on the wrist to Fortune 500 companies. The AQMD was looking at legislation last year to have the fine level increased, but it did not succeed. The money goes into our general fund, but it is nowhere near our costs and cost for overtime. We have gone through our overtime budget already, and our fiscal year is from July to June. People have spoken about delays in response. We are a Union shop, our Standby (Inspector) Program is voluntary... ..What the AQMD has done, is to try to recruit Inspectors who live closer to you.”

3. Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Dave Thompson, SCL-LEA Program Manager [213-252-3932; David.Thompson@LACity.org; www.SCLLEA.org] reported that the LEA didn’t issue any NOVs since the last CAC Meeting. As a part of the Solid Waste

Facilities Permit, the landfill is supposed to submit a plan as to how they are going to operate in the wet weather season by October 1st; which they did; it's "available on the LEA website sclelea.org." A copy was made available to the CAC and other regulatory agencies. The LEA has reviewed it, and right now found it lacking in a couple of areas; we have been working closely with the Department of Public Works on this, and I appreciate their help. Some of the items we are requesting in this revision is to have a section on there talking about. If the situation becomes unmanageable, that they are going to temporarily cease operations, and divert the trash; we want a little bit more beefed up area on odor abatement, and that's involving the trucks at the scale house, and if they come in, to get them buried fast; also working with the transfer stations as to if they are smelling loads at the transfer station or if trash is building up there, to divert it to other landfills; one of the other things that we would like to see put in this plan was to have was kind of a more inspection process during each storm event where site supervisors management, when they know a storm is coming (they) will go out and take a look at the site and find out if there are any problems that need to be fixed before the storm hits; during the storm, if they started to see erosion somewhere, to see if they can take actions to prevent that, and most important for the LEA after the storm, they need to have somebody go out and look at the site, document what the problems are and how they are going to fix it. We can't have trash exposed; we have to have procedures on eliminating ponded water. This plan is due back to us tomorrow." Public Works has also given us and Republic, similar comments. The LEA received an application for the Five-Year Permit Review with some changes to the Joint Technical Document (JTD). We are currently reviewing it now and it is available on our website also, and we have until December 27th to review it, and come back with a report on our findings. They have to do a JTD amendment, and revise or modify the Permit; we are working closely with the other regulatory agencies on this... ..We will be holding our next Board meeting on December 7th and it will be posted on our website...".

Mr. Pfefferman asked what has been done since we saw the landfill not be able to operate adequately or competently in August? What has been done since with their wet weather preparations, since now there is a 100% chance of an El Nino weather pattern hitting the region? Mr. Thompson replied that he thought "that the storm during the summer hit them before they could complete all their preparations. They have installed a series of straw wattles along their slopes to prevent the water from eroding down; right at the edges of the top slopes they put a little berm to redirect the water to a downspout; they've really improved the drainage system on site, but this is where also the LEA wants to see.. .we have discussed with them the inspection program, and even though the plan is not in, we expect them to do that for this next storm...." Mr. Pfefferman said that Mr. Stewart had said it is the same thing as it was before, that the problems weren't from precipitation directly, but it was from all the trash coming from the transfer stations. You had mentioned something would trigger diversion of trash from the landfill..." Mr. Thompson replied that he thought it would be "a case-by-case thing if the landfill cannot operate properly." Mr. Pfeffer asked what is properly just so the neighbors know. Mr. Thompson replied that "if their (Republic) operational

practices are putting people in danger, if their trucks are sliding around and trash is floating around everywhere, these are the types of things we would look for...”.

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Thompson “that if you weren’t happy with what you had seen (wet weather plan), that you had asked for additional comments, and that County Public Works had some issues; are those documents also posted on your website along with their plan? We (public) have issues so that people can see them, otherwise if somebody goes and looks at the plan right now, they’re commenting on a plan that you don’t see as right”. Mr. Thompson replied that “this is all due to time; we just verbally, we met with them, went through the comments; this new plan once it is turned in will be posted, so next week it will be posted... next Monday or Tuesday..”

Mr. Allen asked Mr. Thompson that, based on his previous statement, “how could the LEA determine if people were injured in anyway by the landfill”, and then said, “you can’t, you don’t know if they are injured because there is no way in determining the things that are coming off of that landfill that are dangerous or toxic; nobody has determined that.”

Committee Member Jennifer Yoo switched from in-person to online attendance by 4:20, keeping six Committee Members present (the SCL-CAC quorum is five).

4. Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to report on any SCL matters within their purview.

Andrew Modugno, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, LAUSD Ofc. of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) [213-241-3926; Andrew.Modugno@lausd.net], was no longer present; there was no report.

5. County Public Works to report on any SCL matters within their purview.
Additional presentation of the Recession of Notice of Violation for Exceedances of Daily Tonnage RPZPE2023000609 by Miki Esposito,

Emiko Thompson, Assistant Deputy Director, L.A. County Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division, [626-458-5163; AThompson@dpw.LACounty.gov; www.dpw.LACounty.gov], reported that “back in April, County Public Works had sent a letter to Republic requesting corrective action from the damages at the landfill that resulted from the rain storm that took place in January (2023), and Public Works also asked for monthly updates on the status of the corrective measures; based on those updates from Republic, we understand there’s been progress made on repairing those damages; for example several areas of erosion and ponding had occurred and have been repaired, and to prevent further erosion, weekly inspections are being conducted by Republic for cracks, and if they find any cracks, they are repaired immediately; also jute plant, straw wattle, and lightweight tarps are being used on newly repaired slopes for stability.. back in January due to the storm, trash had entered the waterway due to a damaged riser at the terminal collection basin on the landfill’s property; based

on a report in October repairs to the riser were completed in preparation for the current storm season; regarding the wet weather plan ...Public Works did supply recommendations to the LEA... and we are looking forward to have those recommendations incorporated."

Miki Esposito, Assistant Administration Director, L.A. County Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division, [MEsposito@dpw.LACounty.gov], stated that "I think that there was some sentiment tonight about our attention on Chiquita (Canyon Landfill), and that's true for our staff as well; that's not an excuse; you've got an odor problem, dust problems, and I just wanted to tell you that this is my first time at your CAC, it's not my last time at your CAC, but just in hearing the sentiment, I am sorry for the delay in paying attention to your community;" She further apologized and said "we're going to do everything we can to abate this problem of odor and dust.... I am an attorney not an engineer, so I need engineers to help me explain the technical.... I just want to double down on our efforts; I want to double down on our co-ordination with the AQMD, I want a pledge from the AQMD, and I want a pledge from the LEA, and I want a pledge from our planning partners; this is wrong... they are trying, we have their (Republic's) attention; one of the approaches that I want to focus on, is our refocusing to get compliance on odor and dust and take a different approach; we want to get the attention of higher-ups.... we've commanded a conversation with the Regional Vice President of Republic; this is outrageous; we have hauling contracts with Republic, we have a landfill relationship obviously, we have transfer stations that we regulate and permit, so we are bringing to bear the weight of the County... We are holding Republic accountable for resolving odor and resolving dust issues... We expect to work together to get these issues resolved once and for all; in fact we've called a meeting with that Regional Vice-President and the City of LA along with County Sanitation and the weight of our team, to get real compliance on these issues... they agreed to do more, they have promised to work with us; we are going to hold their feet to the fire;. they know that we still have an ability to enforce on our CUP (Conditional Use Permit), so all enforcement options are still on the table; we are also capable of rescinding an allowance for beneficial film... ... we reserve the right to do so if we don't get co-operation at all levels". She indicated that they had formed an interagency co-ordination group because it is working at Chiquita Canyon Landfill and have had success, and that they hoped to do the same for Sunshine Canyon Landfill... ... "I'm not sure this group knows whose jurisdiction does what; has that ever been presented to you? We can do it again... ...it's very encouraging to hear from Terrance [Mann] that an Abatement is on the horizon; It is very encouraging, and it is a powerful tool, as are NOV's... .. and really holding the executives of Republic accountable for what is happening here on the ground... ...we want compliance on odor and dust, that is our focus, where our energy is directed... We're going to corporate executives for action.... I just want to pledge to you alongside my partners, that we will do our very best to help this community."

Mr. Fisk said that the City and the County make trash every day, are there penalties for putting less trash in Sunshine Canyon Landfill or is that trash

diverted, and why don't we do that all of the time? Ms. Esposito said that is a technical question and deferred to Ms. Thompson, who stated that "one of the responsibilities that Public Works has, on a regional level has, is to keep track of where trash is disposed of at the various landfills within the County, and the purpose of that is to ensure that for future planning purposes, so for example 15-years from now, are we going to have disposal capacity based on the rates at which trash is currently being disposed by County, and if not, what do we need to do in preparation; so all I can say is that we do monitor data but we don't have the ability to necessarily direct trash? Unless, for example, we do so through our trash contract; that is to say, we have some limited control of where trash will go in the event that any landfill closes, but we do have the capacity to say in the event that, that does happen, and on the hypothetical scenario that, that tonnage goes to other nearby landfills, say Lancaster, Antelope Valley, Chiquita, then there is adequate capacity, then the short answer is, yes, we do have enough capacity at other landfills. But, of course, there are other unintended consequences like additional truck trips, added GHG (greenhouse gases) emissions from longer trips perhaps, disruption to contracts or other established processes by other cities and agencies, so it could be a difficult question." Ms. Esposito said "so the answer is, yes, there's capacity in other places but there are domino effects, and cascading impacts, so we take it case by case and we go in with that kind of decision with eyes open so that we understand any kind of unintended consequence of diverting trash from a particular landfill."

Resident Jennifer asked if a long-term health study was done for Chiquita and what can it be equated to in our community. Ms. Espinosa replied that "that is something that we could certainly look at.. we can certainly get back to you with any health impacts or studies that have been done, and we can certainly ask if there is one on the horizon, but it doesn't look like there is a Public Health representative here tonight." Mr. Kroy stated that he had "been working on this problem since 1970 and haven't found a solution, but I know the State of New York found solutions when the General Electric people gave them a runaround, they put a Vice-President in jail; that got their attention. I was wondering when we are going to do that? When are we going to get people in jail?"

Mr. Pfefferman asked about the unintended consequences referred to by Ms. Thompson: when the trash is diverted to other facilities that we don't want to impact other people or communities?; why is it OK from the regulatory agencies perspective? Public Works, Planning to have 40% of all the County's trash going to this one neighborhood (Granada Hills); why is it OK for a small number of people to be burdened with this rather than spreading it out among the entire community (Los Angeles County)? We acknowledge that we put out our black waste bins one day a week just like every other neighborhood but we're the ones being most impacted by this plan that has been put in place by all these County and City agencies that came up with it?" Ms. Thompson replied that "you are absolutely right;; it is not okay that any community unduly suffer the burden of landfill disposal; ... That is the reason why regulatory agencies do have processes in place to address some of those, whether it be specific to odor or dust or what

have you. . . .We're going to use every mechanism currently readily available so that we can seek quick responses."

Mr. Allen restated his concern on the health effects; .."you (Ms. Esposito) have made it very clear, and like your phraseology; I like what you are trying to imply, and I don't pass judgement until I see action; I like the words you are using and the attitude you are taking, but you didn't mention health; would you feel the same, and will you take the same action to identify whether there is a health issue or not ; I think that is your first issue; granted limiting their (Republic) exposure on the public, good idea, but more important is knowing that, that exposure is not hurting people." He noted that there were health effects from Aliso Canyon (gas leak) and there have been health effects from Sunshine Canyon too, that the CAC has been unable to get any agency to address the health impacts. He asked, "are you (Ms. Esposito) going to take the same action towards health as you're taking towards the emissions from that landfill?" Ms. Esposito said "I'm going to promise you that I will personally with Dr..Quick and Lisa Frias, who is helping us with Chiquita Canyon (Landfill); on the history of any health studies, and whether they would anticipate any health studies on the horizon; they have been really helpful on the other landfill issues."

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

Edgar De La Torre, Zoning Enforcement Planner, L.A. County Regional Planning Dept. [213-974-6453; EDeLaTorre@planning.LACounty.gov; <http://planning.LACounty.gov>], reported that an NOV was issued regarding exceedance of tonnage; he was in discussions with Public Works, and County Counsel at the moment; it was a decision to rescind the NOV, and discuss options on how to address this on a different matter; the NOV was appealed. We went to a Hearing, and given the NOV was rescinded, it was no longer applicable.

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

No representative was present; there was no report.

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

Tim Fargo, Planner, L.A. City Planning Dept. (818-374-9911; Tim.Fargo@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.

Sharon Bronson, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District 12 Councilman John Lee (818-882-1212; Sharon.Bronson@LACity.org; www.CD12.org), reported that “we have been having several meetings with the County and just know that we are listening and staying in touch with these agencies.”

Savannah Portillo, a Field Deputy for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Lindsey Horvath [office 213-974-3333; SPortillo@bos.LACounty.gov; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; <https://lacounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/lindsey-p-horvath>], reported that “we are working with County Departments, and take it very seriously”. Mr. Hunter asked that she take back what she is hearing to Supervisor Horvath.

D. Committee Member and Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda.

Mr. Hunter commented and recognized that Mr. Mann and Ms. Esposito had attended at the CAC’s request to specifically address questions raised at our September meeting.

E. Set next meeting date (January 11, 2024), & adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Adjourn meeting at 5:00 p.m. for City, County and State participants.

Mr. Hunter announced that the next Meeting will be January 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

F. Special Overtime Discussion of Budget, Banking & Financial Matters. Discuss potential purchase of \$1500+ speakers and timer with lights.

Mr. Hunter indicated that, due to time constraints, the above item will be agendaized for the January 11th meeting.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Committee agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 4:57 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.* The SCL-CAC Meeting Minutes page is <http://scl-cac.org/agendas-minutes>.