

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

Thursday, November 1, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Knollwood Country Club, 12024 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee Members: Maria Armoudian, Ken Ashford, Becky Bendikson (Chair), Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Wayde Hunter (Vice Chair and TAC Alt.), Josh Jordahl (Treasurer and TAC Representative) and Joe Vitti.

A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of July 12, 2012 and September 6, 2012 Minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Becky Bendikson at 3:07 p.m. Roll Call was taken by the Note Taker. SCL-CAC Members present: Becky Bendikson, Jeanette Capaldi, Gale Gundersen, Josh Jordahl and Wayde Hunter. Late: Maria Armoudian. Absent: Ken Ashford and Joe Vitti. A quorum of five Committee Members was present.

Landfill and government representatives present: BFI/Republic Services: **David Cieply, Anthony Bertrand**; SCAQMD: **Ed Pupka, Nicholas Sanchez**, David Jones, John Anderson, Jean Ospital; SCL-LEA: **Gerry Villalobos, David Thompson**, and Cindy Chen; SCE: **Ben Wong** and **Jennifer Wolf**; L.A. County Regional Planning Dept.: Iris Chi; L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich's Office: **Jarrold DeGonia**; L.A. City Council District 12 Office: **Nicole Bernson**; L.A. City Planning Dept.: **Nicholas Hendricks**; LAUSD District 3: none. Also attending: 28 residents and guests.

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Ms. Gundersen): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its July 12, 2012 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained (Bendikson).

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Hunter): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the Minutes of its September 6, 2012 Meeting as written, including two blanks.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; one abstained (Bendikson).

B. Old Business.

• **Outstanding administrative matters (Chair).**

Ms. Bendikson asked everyone to sign in, though members of the public may remain anonymous. Mr. Hunter distributed to Committee Members an information packet that included a Balance Sheet, Reconciliation Detail and other related landfill documents. Copies of the same were made available to the public on the side table. Mr. Hunter reported that he spoke with Patti Costa of BFI/Republic Services about the Committee not receiving copies of important communications. David Cieply apologized; they “will put extreme effort into that going forward.”

• **Treasurer's Report (Treasurer).**

Mr. Jordahl, Treasurer, reviewed balances and reported that the Webmaster check cleared; \$3,511.27 is in the Consultants Account, \$4,350.86 in Checking, \$89,381.93 in Savings, plus Miscellaneous (\$1,500 legal retainer and \$100 in petty cash) = \$ 98,844.06; "Total Assets" were \$98,844.06.

MOTION (by Ms. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Hunter): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee approves the November 1, 2012 Treasurer's Report as presented.

MOTION PASSED with no objections.

C. New Business.

1. Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic) report on Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) activities and operations.

Anthony Bertrand, BFI/Republic Area Environmental Manager, reported that a "post-construction evaluation system . . . resulted in" identification of "a number of low-producing wells." "Bubble" removal improvements are "in place." He explained "de-watering pumps" installed in 35 of 50 places planned by the end of December. They "will continue to monitor the results . . . the goal . . . [is to] move pumps to different wells if it's found they also have water in them." They have 14 of 87 wells installed as planned and are trying "as quickly as possible . . . by the end of the year."

Committee Member Maria Armoudian arrived at this time.

Mr. Bertrand explained that since September 2010 they have asked to start "stripping off" six inches of the nine inches of "the waste mass" but "it's not been implemented yet." Mr. Pupka added that nine inches of soil is "part of the Order of Abatement." He described the upgrade of existing flares and blowers.

2. SCE to make a presentation on the power line relocation project at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Ben Wong, Southern California Edison (SCE) (Ben.Wong@SCE.com), distributed an "SCE Sunshine Canyon Landfill Subtransmission Line Relocation Project" handout and displayed an aerial photo. Jennifer Wolf, SCE Project Manager, explained "the purpose of the project is to move the line away from the operations of the landfill." She described proposed project work and structures of the 4,200-foot line. Poles of 70-105 feet in height will replace existing structures. SCE anticipates the CPUC considering this "until late 2013 and early 2014" with construction starting in January 2014. Ms. Wolf said they are starting the CEQA process now; the first Public Notice and Comment period will be from November 9 through December 10, 2012. Mr. Wong said this is "not just to serve the Edison operation." Mr. Bertrand added "this is to move the lines outside of the liner limits." New service roads will be built.

3. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to report on SCL odors complaints received including charts of year-to-date, the status of their Stipulated Order of Abatement, and any other matters within their purview.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #C. 4.*] Ed Pupka, SCAQMD Senior Enforcement Manager, reported that they "have issued some additional Notices for additional Violations." In September 216 complaints were received and 171 in October. Around seven of every eight complaints "occurred in the evening." He explained that complaints have switched from landfill solid waste odors in the morning to "landfill gas

odors” in the evening. He described verified complaints and the evolving response to odors. Though multiple agencies have described the “effect of the gas collection system on wells,” the L.A. County Dept. of Public Works has “the final say” on what wells to build. Mr. Pupka said that “we’re getting landfill gas odors mixed with trash odors.” Mr. Bertrand added that liquid pumped out is routed to a treatment plant through a closed system.

4. SCAQMD Legal Department to report on recent settlement of Notices of Violations [NOV’s] for Odors.

Nicholas Sanchez, SCAQMD Senior Deputy Prosecutor, reported that “beginning around 2008 a series of Notices were issued” regarding “Violations of Odors . . . Because the Violations were persistent and ongoing, a Notice of Abatement was filed in April 2010 . . . additional Violations of use were reported to the District . . . so more Notices were issued.” He said they “have imposed numerous other conditions.” The Notice of Abatement is scheduled to last until April 2013. Mr. Sanchez added that “by statute” the SCAQMD cannot redirect NOV fines paid. “There are other remedies available if this does not solve the problem” such as “injunctive relief” and they can refer the case.

MOTION (by Ms. Armoudian, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee ____

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

It was said that “the Order of Abatement process specifically does not provide any relief for nuisances . . . each Violation is addressed separately . . . the Health and Safety Code” mandates specific Violation financial amounts. Violation fines have totaled \$435,000 plus a monthly fee to operate a flare. It was explained that specific documentation requests can be made through a Public Records Act request. Violations after the settlement ended in June 2012 “will be” separately pursued.

MOTION (by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Jordahl): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will send a letter to the SCAQMD Governing Board to request that the funds from the SCAQMD settlement with BFI/Republic for the 60 Notices of Violations through June 30, 2012 be used in the community surrounding the landfill for mitigation and that the SCAQMD agendaize this issue on their next agenda.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

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

Gerry Villalobos reported that “since the last Meeting [they] conducted seven weekly inspections . . . no Violations were reported.” They are processing an “Application for Amendment” to the Joint Technical Document from the operator. He described some of the revisions; they “will post” it on their website [<http://www.scllea.org>]. Mr. Villalobos said the public can comment to the LEA, however, the review is the LEA’s. David Thompson said that Violations were brought within Title 27 compliance.

6. City & County Planning Departments to report on SCL matters within their purview.

Nicholas Hendricks announced a November 7th Meeting. Mr. Hunter and Ms. Capaldi confirmed that City departments are notified of complaints.

7. 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, further discussion and action will be agendized for another meeting.

There were no other reports at this time.

Additional Public Comment

Because time was still available public comment held over from previous items due to scheduling concerns was reopened. Mr. Bertrand added that they “do put [collector] pipes in as the trash comes in”; vertical pipes are installed after trash is added. Mr. Cieply announced that Robert Simonte replaced Melanie on the night shift. Mr. Bertrand described methods and capacities allowed to address odor-causing problems have increased, and said “we’re going to have to drill wells every year.” They are “not getting any emissions” from the old adjacent landfill.

D. Public comment on items not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments at this time.

E. Set next meeting date and adjourn main Meeting.

There was discussion and agreement that the next Meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. here because on the first Thursday January 3rd some people may still be on New Year’s vacation.

Ms. Bendikson declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 4:53 p.m.

Recess. There was a brief recess at this time.

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

- Status Republic funding for continuing operations and 2013 budget.

This discussion was convened at 5:14 p.m. Mr. Hunter reviewed expenses and needed allocations. He relayed that David Cieply said that he will pay the \$6,000 for expenses and \$20,000 for consulting that is paid annually through Oct 1st every year to the SCL-CAC upon his receiving an invoice. Mr. Hunter suggested modifying the MOU to address some Budget needs. There was discussion about BFI/Republic’s October 1st through September 30th Fiscal Year dates. There was discussion of the need to regularly update the website and that all Committee Members can submit Meeting reimbursement claims. There was discussion about purchasing computer software for SCL-CAC accounting work.

MOTION (by Ms. Gunderson, seconded by Ms. Capaldi): The Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee will allocate funds to purchase the QuickBooks computer software program for SCL-CAC work.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Hunter declared and the Board agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes by David Levin, Note Taker.

Approved by Committee January 10, 2013.