

Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

Minutes of June 20, 2013, Meeting

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Conference Room C
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bahman Hajialiakbar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Anthony Bertrand, Republic Services, Inc.
Russell Bukoff, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Patrick Kwong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Karlo Manalo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Dave Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Lukas Przybylo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Emiko Thompson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2013, MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2013, was approved with Mr. Christopher Salomon abstaining.

III. UPDATE ON THE SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL

Odor Complaints

Mr. Lukas Przybylo reported that 46 odor complaints were made to South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in May 2013:

- 4 complaints were verified by inspectors to be landfill gas odor
- 13 complaints were called in, but inspectors could not verify the odor upon arrival
- 29 complaints were not responded to by inspectors

The number of complaints received in May 2013 was approximately one-third of those filed in April 2013. The number of complaints filed in May 2013 was about half as many as those filed in May 2012.

Ms. Betsey Landis asked about the availability of AQMD's odor complaints graphs. Mr. Przybylo answered that the graphs were not provided to staff. South Coast Air Quality Management District plans to provide the graphs to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Community Advisory Committee every other month, rather than every month. As a result, updated graphs will be distributed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Sewer Connection

Republic Services, Inc. (Republic), has submitted plans to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering on June 11, 2013, for a forced main design that includes a pump station. Republic expects the issuance of the permit by August 2013 and construction of the sewer line to be completed by October 2013.

Interagency Efforts

Ms. Emiko Thompson reported on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Interagency Task Force (Interagency Task Force) which is comprised of AQMD, Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. The Interagency Task Force has been meeting to develop additional measures to be implemented by Republic in order to reduce odors at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The Interagency Task Force met on June 19, 2013, and is close to completing a draft interagency memo within the next few weeks. The memo would recommend a number of measures for each agency to take back to their respective managers for discussion and actions within their respective areas of purview and authority.

Ms. Landis asked how long it would take for each of the agencies to report back to the Subcommittee with their courses of action. Ms. Thompson responded by saying that the length of response time would be on a case by case basis depending on the measures taken by each of the agencies. Staff will provide an update at next month's Subcommittee meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE FOR THE SAVAGE CANYON LANDFILL IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Mr. Karlo Manalo informed the Subcommittee that on June 8, 2013, the posting period for the Notice of Exemption had ended, and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) did not receive any comments from the public. The Notice of Exemption was initially filed by the LEA with the Los Angeles County Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on April 11, 2013, and reposted on May 8, 2013, for the existing use practices of soil importation at the Savage Canyon Landfill. Since no comments were received after the posting period, the LEA should be able to proceed with making a determination on the status of the application for the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the Landfill. Staff will continue to monitor the SWFP revision process and report their findings to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Mike Mohajer commented that the Task Force has certain legal responsibilities specified in Chapter 10 of the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element (CSE) which states that a Finding of Conformance (FOC) is required when a SWFP is revised. Mr. Mohajer continued to comment that an approved California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document is also required before an FOC may

be granted by the Task Force. He inquired if the 1977 CEQA document which the Whittier City Council approved for purposes of the revision process is sufficient for use by the Task Force in granting an FOC for the Savage Canyon Landfill. Mr. Mohajer proceeded with a motion to recommend to the Task Force to ask County Counsel to make such a determination. Ms. Landis seconded the motion.

While discussing this motion, Mr. Christopher Salomon asked for the purpose of the Notice of Exemption. Mr. Manalo discussed that the City of Whittier asked the LEA if they could be exempted from the CEQA process for determining the amount of inert material received for beneficial use at the Savage Canyon Landfill. Otherwise, a new CEQA document would have to be prepared. Mr. Salomon also inquired about the purpose of the SWFP revision. Mr. Manalo stated that the purpose of the revised SWFP was to update the permit to include information that was not indicated in the currently approved permit. Mr. Bahman Hajialiakbar elaborated that Savage Canyon Landfill was revising their permit to change the final elevation to correctly reflect the 3 percent slope in the previously submitted plans.

After additional discussion, the motion made by Mr. Mohajer was unanimously passed by the Subcommittee.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mohajer mentioned that he has questions on the FOC quarterly reports sent by Staff to the Subcommittee prior to this meeting and expressed that he would not be able to ask questions without violating the Brown Act. After some discussion, the Subcommittee requested that a new, recurring item, titled Discussion on Finding of Conformance Quarterly Reports, be included on future agendas so the reports may be discussed and action taken on them.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.