

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

September 15, 2022

WEB CONFERENCE

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Betsey Landis, Chair, Environmental Organization Representative
Sam Shammas, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Cassulo, Waste Connections
Karen Dork, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Tim Fargo, City of Los Angeles
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Claudia Rodriguez, City of Los Angeles
David Thompson, City of Los Angeles
Joe Bartolata, Los Angeles County Public Works
Alexander Castro, Los Angeles County Public Works
Josephine Chen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Dustin Dvorak, Los Angeles County Public Works
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works
Ramon Herman, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Karlo Manalo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Omid Mazdidasni, Los Angeles County Public Works
Robel Mesfin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Oyola, Los Angeles County Public Works
Gladys Rietze, Los Angeles County Public Works
Trishena Robinson, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aric Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Betsey Landis called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2022 MEETING

Mr. Christopher Sheppard made a motion to approve the Minutes, as corrected, and Ms. Betsey Landis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mike Mohajer requested that Public Works staff prepare a one-page description of the 4.1 million tons noted in the Senate Bill 1383 Capacity Planning Report presented to the Subcommittee last month, with the specific amounts of anaerobic digestion, wood and chips, and composting materials.

III. UPDATE ON CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

Mr. Omid Mazdidasni, staff to the Task Force, provided the following update for Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL):

Odor Complaints and Notice of Violations (NOV)

The next quarterly update from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) will be presented at next month's Subcommittee meeting.

Update on Lawsuits

The parties continue to engage in settlement discussions to resolve two lawsuits against the County: The first lawsuit CCL filed was on October 20, 2017, challenging operational conditions and fee conditions of the Conditional Use Permit. In June 2022, the court granted CCL's writ petition in part and denied it in part. The trial for remaining constitutional claims is set for December 2022. The second lawsuit CCL filed was on April 13, 2018, challenging a decision by the hearing officer that upheld a NOV issued by Regional Planning on December 11, 2017, for failure to pay Bridge and Thoroughfare Fee, accepting prohibited auto shredder waste, and failure to pay out-of-area fees. The trial has been continued to December 2022.

Task Force Request for CCL to Submit a Report regarding NOV's Received

- CCL submitted their Seventeenth Monthly Update to the Task Force dated September 1, 2022. The update addressed the April 19, 2021, letter's requirements and updates on implementation of Conditions 68 (status of air

quality monitoring for surrounding communities), 77 (relocation of the site entrance from Henry Mayo Drive to Wolcott Drive), and 79 (schedule of the Street Improvement project), as well as the Stipulated Order for Abatement from AQMD.

- No NOVs were issued to CCL for the month of August 2022.

Stipulated Order for Abatement

The next hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2022.

IV. DISCUSSION ON FOC REPORTS

Mr. Ramon Herman, staff to the Task Force, did not receive FOC reports for this period. Staff will provide an update on the FOC reports at next month's Subcommittee meeting.

V. UPDATE ON SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL

Odor Complaints

Mr. Robel Mesfin provided an update on the [odor complaints from the AQMD](#) for the month of August 2022 at SCL.

- During the month of August 2022, 40 complaints were made to the AQMD hotline. Of those, 6 were classified as Trash, 3 were classified as Landfill Gas, 1 was classified as Odor from Other Source, 7 were listed as No Field Response, and 3 were classified as None, which meant the inspector visited the site and did not detect any odor.
- Compared to previous month, July 2022, the number of complaints received in August 2022 increased from 12 to 40 complaints.
- Compared to the previous year, August 2021, the number of complaints for August 2022 decreased from 71 to 40 complaints.
- As of August 2022, AQMD issued zero NOVs related to odor for the month of August 2022 and a total of 9 NOVs for the year 2022.
- AQMD's report indicates that the total number of complaints received during 2022 is 447.

As requested at last month's Subcommittee meeting, Public Works staff contacted the Landfill Operator requesting that representatives from Republic Services attend Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee meetings. The Landfill Operator identified

Ms. Valorie Moore and Ms. Kate Downey, who were both invited to attend today's meeting.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Wayde Hunter of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens commented about his concerns regarding the increase of odors at SCL.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2022, at 11 a.m.