

August 11, 2010

TO: Members of the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee
Members of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

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Staff

**TASK FORCE MEETING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS
REGARDING THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – JULY 26, 2010**

As a follow up to the Task Force's action of April 15, 2010, a meeting was held with the County of Los Angeles Departments of Regional Planning (Regional Planning) and Public Works regarding the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and the Task Force's concerns expressed in its letter of March 25, 2010, to Regional Planning. The following is a summary of the issues addressed at the subject meeting.

Attendees

- Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force): Mike Mohajer
- Regional Planning: Richard Bruckner; John Gutwein; Oscar Gomez; and Bruce Durbin
- Public Works: Pat Proano, Martin Aiyetiwa, and Emiko Thompson

Summary

As previously indicated, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) the Task Force's letter to Regional Planning, dated March 25, 2010, (copy attached) and Regional Planning's response letter, dated April 6, 2010, (copy attached) regarding County agencies' monitoring and enforcement responsibilities for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 00-194-(5), and (2) develop action items among the appropriate agencies to collectively better regulate the Landfill's activities.

- Mr. Mohajer provided background to the discussion and pointed out the following concerns expressed in the Task Force's March 25, 2010, letter to Regional Planning:
 - (1) lack of consistent vegetation growth at the landfill, Republic/BFI's apparent failure to comply with County CUP Condition No. 44, and the need for improved enforcement from the County;
 - (2) lack of clear understanding regarding each agency's role and enforcement responsibilities with regard to the County CUP; and

- (3) lack of a full-time independent consultant to monitor Republic/BFI's activities. Mr. Mohajer further indicated that the Task Force found Regional Planning's April 6, 2010, letter to be non-responsive to the Task Force's inquiries.
- Mr. Aiyetiwa shared that the County staff consisting of Public Works, Regional Planning, and Department of Public Health/ Local Enforcement Agency (DPH/LEA) is working with Republic/BFI towards revising the re-vegetation plan, and County staff and Republic/BFI are tentatively scheduled to meet on August 26, 2010, to discuss the plan.
 - Mr. Durbin expressed that the joint City-County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) serves a prominent role in monitoring and enforcing the CUP. Mr. Mohajer stated that each agency is ultimately responsible for enforcing their requirements under the City and County land use permits, and TAC's role does not supersede that of the County or City.
 - Mr. Mohajer inquired as to the status of hiring an independent consultant to monitor activities of Republic/BFI as required by the CUP upon its effective date of May 2007. Mr. Aiyetiwa stated that the Request for Proposals for the Independent Mitigation Monitoring contract was initially released on June 28, 2010, and the response date has been extended to August 11, 2010, to provide more time for vendors to submit proposals. The independent monitor would be responsible for inspecting the site for compliance with both the City Zoning Ordinance and County CUP conditions, and report any problems to the appropriate County and City agency for enforcement actions. Mr. Bruckner indicated that the independent monitor needs to be hired ASAP.
 - Mr. Mohajer also inquired about the status of the independent air quality consultant required by the CUP to test dust and diesel particulates per Condition No. 81. Mr. Aiyetiwa updated the group that the City and County are utilizing the City's existing consultant to monitor the requirements of Condition No. 81.
 - Mr. Mohajer inquired about odor complaints from area residents and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) enforcement activities. Mr. Mohajer referred to the Landfill's Supplemental EIR and Mitigation Monitoring No. 33 which provides for the use of soil as the landfill daily cover, instead of tarp which is currently used, should odor become a problem. Mr. Mohajer also referred to requirements of Title 11

of the County Code in reference to odor control and the need for enforcement by the County Department of Public Health.

- Messrs. Bruckner and Proano emphasized the benefits of having their staff meet regularly and coordinate actions to identify and resolve issues. They further agreed with Mr. Mohajer that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Responsible Agencies Table prepared and presented by Public Works at the meeting will be forwarded to all applicable County agencies for a one week review and comments period. The table will then be made available to TAC, Task Force, and other interested parties.

Action Items

- County staff (Public Works, Regional Planning, and DPH/LEA) will work with Republic/BFI with specific deadlines and any penalties as stipulated by the CUP towards revising the re-vegetation plan with the goal of improving vegetation growth at the landfill.
- County staff, in consultation with SCAQMD and Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency, will look into the odor problem at the Landfill and possible actions the County may take to mitigate or correct the problem, and specifically review Mitigation Measure No. 33 of the Supplemental EIR Findings, which provides for dirt to be used as ADC in the event odor becomes a problem.
- Conduct regular meetings among staff members of Regional Planning, Public Works, and DPH/LEA to identify any impending issues and cooperatively resolve them, or formulate recommendations for follow-up actions by the TAC.
- Call special meetings of the TAC, as needs arise, to bring to their attention any impending issues that warrant their attention.

The meeting concluded on a constructive note with a collective desire to collaborate.

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Attachments (2)

cc: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (Richard Bruckner, John Gutwein, Oscar Gomez, Bruce Durbin)