



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**APPROVAL OF INTERNAL LANDFILL ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT -
SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL (FILE NO. 58-076, ORDER NO. R4-
2008-0088, CI-2043, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL NO. L10006014618)**

Dear Kate Downey:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) is in receipt of your letter dated June 30, 2023, that requests our approval of a Technical Memorandum titled *Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Internal Landfill Access Road Improvement Project* (Technical Memorandum) that was prepared by Geo-Logic Associates and dated June 12, 2023. The Technical Memorandum describes planned improvements for an existing internal access roadway at the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill (Landfill), that is operated by Republic Services, Inc. (Discharger) and regulated under waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order No. R4-2008-0088 that was adopted by the Los Angeles Water Board on October 2, 2008. The Landfill consists of an active Class III municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill and the closed City Landfill Unit 1 (also known as City South landfill) that was operated from 1958 to 1991. The WDRs include requirements for both the construction and operation of the active landfill and post-closure maintenance requirements for the closed landfill unit.

As part of landfill development, the Discharger is currently constructing a Landfill Termination Berm (LTB) at the entrance area of the Landfill that was approved by the Los Angeles Water Board on November 9, 2020. With the progress of LTB construction, the current landfill entrance road, which passes the area of LTB construction, is estimated to be eliminated in early 2024 and an alternate internal access road needs to be developed. The Technical Memorandum proposes to modify an existing roadway (referred to as Fire road) located within the City Landfill Unit 1 to replace the current landfill entrance road. The main features of the planned improvements of the roadway include grading to widen the Fire road from 24 feet to a minimum of 45 feet, roadway pavement and striping application, installation of surface drainage and erosion control measures, and installation

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of an alternate scale station. The total grading area for the project is approximately 32 acres and includes excavation and engineered fill activities. In some areas, buried wastes will need to be excavated and re-capped.

We have reviewed the Technical Memorandum and determined that the proposed project meets the requirements of the WDRs. The proposed project is hereby approved, with the following conditions:

1. Because the total area that will be disturbed in the project is greater than one acre, the project must be covered under the Construction Stormwater General Permit (California State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ)¹; and
2. No new MSW shall be disposed of at the closed landfill unit. Materials used for engineered fill shall be limited to clean soil and inert debris only, or other materials approved by the Los Angeles Water Board Executive Officer.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of Land Disposal Unit, by calling (213) 620-2253 or wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

for Susana Arredondo
Executive Officer

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¹ Please note that Order WQ 2022-0057-DWQ adopted on September 8, 2022 becomes effective September 1, 2023, and supersedes Order 2009-0009-DWQ.