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August 7, 2024

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **EP-5**

Ms. Kate Downey  
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**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 00-194-(5)  
EXPANDED USE OF ALTERNATIVE DAILY COVER FOR THE WEEKEND PILOT  
PROJECT UTILIZING GEOSYNTHETIC PANEL PRODUCT**

Dear Ms. Downey:

Public Works received your letter dated July 23, 2024, in which documentation was provided as required by Public Works' letters dated March 21, 2024, and April 25, 2024, regarding the use of geosynthetic panel product as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) on weekends as a pilot program.

Public Works hereby authorizes Republic Services to initiate the ADC weekend pilot program for a one-year period. The pilot period may begin as early as August 10, 2024, and shall conclude one year from the commencement date. Republic shall notify Public Works of the project's start date and end date.

Republic is required to adhere to the requirements as prescribed in the approval letters dated March 21, 2024, and April 25, 2024. If, at any time this pilot project is canceled, terminated, or completed, Republic shall revert to using 6 inches of soil as daily cover on Saturdays as approved in Public Works' letter dated January 15, 2019. At the conclusion of the pilot program, Republic may request for the continued use of ADC on weekends for Public Works' consideration.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Dave Nguyen at (626) 458-5189 or [dnguyen@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dnguyen@pw.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Public Works



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Steven Jareb, Alex Garcia)  
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning (Tiffany Butler, Lisa Webber,  
Claudia Rodriguez, Renata Ooms)  
Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (Wayde Hunter)  
Sunshine Canyon Landfill Technical Advisory Committee (Alex Garcia,  
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Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency (Dorcas Hanson-Lugo,  
David Thompson)  
South Coast Air Quality Management District (Terrance Mann, Victor Yip,  
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Each Member of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee  
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July 23, 2024

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**Subject: Sunshine Canyon Landfill Conditional Use Permit No. 00-194(5)  
Alternative Daily Cover Pilot Project Conditional Approval**

To Whom it May Concern:

SCL received your conditional approval of the Alternative Daily Cover Pilot dated March 26, 2024. As outlined in the conditional approval, notification to the Community Advisory Committee, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, North Valley Coalition of Concern Citizens and the SCL Technical Advisory Committee of the conditional approval for ADC Weekend Pilot Project have been made.

SCL staff provided a brief oral and visual presentation outlining the pilot project details including its purpose and objectives and responded to questions at both the May 9 and also the July 11 SCL-Community Advisory Committee (CAC) in-person meetings. At both these CAC meetings, questions from the CAC members as well as the community were answered by SCL staff in regards to the duration of the pilot study, the current use of Envirocover and the specific procedures surrounding the practice of applying Envirocover and Monday morning peel-back activities. At the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, a motion was made by the chair of the CAC to vote to oppose Public Works' approval of the Envirocover pilot project. The motion was seconded, a vote was held and the motion failed.

SCL staff also presented the topic at the SCL Technical Advisory Committee in-person meeting on July 17, 2024 with a similar overview of the intent of the project and a description about its application and reporting requirements. Mr. Wayne Hunter, representing the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens opposed the project citing concerns with odor nuisance.

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council has been unable to reach a quorum of members in order to hold a meeting since June 4, 2024 and therefore no feedback has been provided by this group since the written notification was made. No meeting is currently scheduled. However, at the next scheduled meeting, SCL will make staff available to discuss the project and receive community input.

The North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens (NVC) has expressed its opposition to the project directly to LA County Department of Public Works in a letter dated June 11, 2024, however no inquiries or correspondence directly from the NVC to SCL has been made as of the date of this letter, and no public meetings appear to be scheduled at this time, according to its website. However, should any specific inquiries be made, SCL staff will be available to respond or attend a scheduled meeting to receive community input.

Enclosed are the CAC July 11, 2024 Agenda as well as the July 17 TAC Agenda documenting that the project was included on the agenda at each of these meetings.

We look forward to beginning implementation of this recommended odor mitigation strategy immediately. As required by the conditional approval, monthly reports will be submitted beginning on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: SCL-CAC Meeting Agenda (July 11 2024), SCL-TAC Meeting Agenda (July 17, 2024).