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South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91785

Attn: Mr. Terrance Mann, Deputy Executive Officer. Compliance & Enforcement.

Re: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 14747 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 and potentially hazardous and toxic fire related debris disposal.

Dear Sir:

Attached please find our letter to you and to other agencies addressing our community's concern regarding the permitting of Sunshine Canyon's (SCL) under the guise of a declared State of Emergency and waiver from the SCL-LEA to increase the permitted tonnage from 12,100 tons per day by 20% to 15,000 tons per day and to increase the hours of operation to accept fire-related waste through May 28, 2025. This date might possibly be longer since we have just learned that 4,500,000 tons of fire related waste needs to be disposed of, and that it may take years.

The approval of a waiver for SCL is unconscionable given that it is a public nuisance with the worst year ever occurring in 2024 with 2187 odor complaints (Rule 402), 65 odor NOV's, and 2 operational NOV's (Rule 1150.1) by the AQMD alone,.

The aforementioned permitted 12,100 tons per day does not even consider that they regularly exceed that tonnage with the importation of dirt for the toe berm that they are now constructing by claiming that the dirt doesn't count against their daily tonnage. A NOV RPZE2023000609 was issued to SCL by the County Regional Planning Department on May 02, 2023, on behalf of the County Public Works (CPW) for exceeding SCL's Conditional Use Permit's (CUP), Condition 21 for tonnage starting in July 2022, and only after CPW sent a letter to SCL on November 15, 2022, telling them to cease and desist; a warning that was ignored. The NOV was later withdrawn with a Notice of Recission RPZE2023000609 on October 16, 2023, under pressure from Republic and from the intra-agency departments that had been convened to address the odor problem, and which the AQMD was a part of. It was decided by those present at these unpublicized meeting(s) based on recommendations for a series of mitigations from the SCL-LEA, that it was better to have BFI/Republic spend monies improving their operations to reduce odors rather than spending it on penalties. For the record, I was promised by County Public Works' upper management that they were tracking the continued violations, and that a complaint and an

NOV would be re-issued that was sustainable, but now you and the world now know that it has not happened, and now for over 2-1/2 years SCL continues to exceed their daily allowed tonnage of 12,100 tons per day, and that once again the County has failed to protect our health, safety and welfare. The increase in airborne particulates from the added truck traffic, dust, and odors should be reason for you to oppose this waiver.

In your past appearances at the SCL-CAC you indicated that a recommendation has been made by your Department to hold Odor Abatement Hearings, and the public had been expecting that Hearing to occur in early 2025. Are we to now to expect that this potential increase in tonnage, the additional traffic it will cause, the increase in odors, and dust, and the increased risk to our health, safety and welfare will be ignored by the AQMD? Are we ever going to get the Abatement Hearing that other communities have been afforded?

If the AQMD's approval is required for the approval of the waiver we respectfully request that you or your superiors at the AQMD not approve it, and we would ask that the requested Odor Abatement Hearing proceed at the earliest possible time.

As stated in the attached letter, if you are not the party responsible to whom this letter has been addressed and if your person or agency has no input or approval over whether or not Sunshine Canyon Landfill can accept the Phase 2 waste, please forward it to the appropriate person or agency. We would appreciate a written response within 15 working days of your position and/or actions taken on our behalf.

In closing, we implore you not to approve this waiver and to use your Department's influence to facilitate and expedite the Odor Abatement Hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayde Hunter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Wayde Hunter

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