

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

Minutes of July 21, 2011 Meeting

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Conference Room B
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Christopher Salomon, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Charles Modica, City of Los Angeles
Gerardo Villalobos, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuk Agu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Bartolata, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Becky Bendikson, City/County Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory
Committee
Anthony Bertrand, Republic Services, Inc.
Patty Costa, Republic Services, Inc.
Bahman Hajjaliakbar, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition, Granada Hills North Neighborhood
Council
Linda Lee, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Virginia Pajarito, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Pat Proano, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Emiko Thompson, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Subject to incorporation of the following additional changes requested by Ms. Betsey Landis, a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved:

Section IV, Page 4, 2nd Paragraph, Last sentence: Revise the sentence to read as follows: "Ms. Landis stated that it was pretty typical of the soil onsite to have high sulfate and felt the assumptions made in the analysis were incorrect and was concerned about the nitrogen levels in the proposed soil amendments. These native plants do not require a lot of nitrogen."

June 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved subject to incorporation of the following changes requested by Ms. Landis:

Section III, Page 3, Last paragraph, Last sentence: Remove "the weather station" and replace it with "a weather station at the school."

Section IV, Page 4, First bullet: Revise the sentence to read as follows: "Different seed mixtures, including native annuals, should be planted in order to determine what works and what does not. She added that Buckwheat and Deerweed grow well and can handle various conditions."

Section IV, Page 4, Second bullet: Replace the word "wide" with "wider".

III. UPDATE ON SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL, FINAL ODOR PLAN OF ACTION

Ms. Patty Costa, Environmental Manager of Republic Services, Inc. (Republic Services), Sunshine Canyon Landfill, gave a presentation on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Final Odor Plan of Action (Plan), dated June 24, 2011 (see attached), which was submitted to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). The Plan describes mitigation and control measures Republic Services currently implements or proposes for minimizing odors from landfill operations, including:

- Odorous load management
- Vegetative bands between the facility and surrounding neighborhoods
- Daily cover
- Working face size restrictions
- Transfer truck restrictions
- Odor suppression systems
- Odor complaints and investigations, and
- Community outreach

Inquiries and discussions took place regarding the practice of using municipal solid waste (MSW) to cover odiferous loads as an odor control measure. The Subcommittee expressed concerns with this practice since MSW in itself could contribute to odors. Ms. Costa explained that cover material is continuously added resulting in 20 to 30 feet of MSW over the odiferous loads. Ms. Costa further explained the landfill has an odiferous load screening program to ensure that loads meet certain requirements prior to being accepted. Additionally, a road checker at the gate screens for odiferous loads.

Mr. Chris Salomon explained that dirt is the most widely used material for daily cover in addition to green waste, tarp, and nine other items which are listed in Title 27 of California Code of Regulations. Ms. Landis asked Mr. Salomon if he can provide a short report regarding cover material during the next Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Salomon agreed.

Ms. Costa explained how the working face is restricted to 30,000 square feet or less from 6 to 10 a.m. on Monday mornings and any other periods when adverse wind conditions are present. Ms. Costa added that offsite

patrols are conducted from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as the majority of the odor complaints were made during these periods.

Ms. Landis expressed concern with various contractors working on and around the landfill as they are likely not aware of each other's emergency response procedures. It was suggested that the landfill management team meet with all contractors regularly to discuss their emergency procedures.

Mr. Mohajer asked if County Public Works staff has reviewed and commented on the Plan. Mr. Pat Proano explained Public Works staff met with Republic Services along with other regulatory agencies on July 13, 2011, to discuss the Plan. Mr. Proano further stated that staff is currently reviewing the Plan and will be submitting a comment letter to AQMD.

Republic Services added that another meeting will be scheduled in September for them to provide updates to the regulatory agencies.

IV. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE REVISED COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT

Update on the status of the Revised Countywide Siting Element was postponed due to time constraints.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wayde Hunter expressed community concerns regarding the proposed Plan and suggested that they reduce the tonnage accepted at the landfill until the odor problems have been resolved.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

To be announced at a later date.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.