

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

Minutes of October 19, 2017, Meeting

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Headquarters Building, Conference Room B
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betsey Landis, Environmental Organization Representative
Carlos Ruiz, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
John Kaddis, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Mike Mohajer, General Public Representative
Sam Shammass, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Nguyen, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Fonda Khuu, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Gabriel Esparza, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Gladys Gallardo, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Isaac Reyes Gomez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Joe Vitti, Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee
Martins Aiyetiwa, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Michael Harmon, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Vu Truong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition/Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Community Advisory Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2017, was made by Ms. Landis, seconded by Mr. Ruiz and it was approved unanimously.

III. UPDATE ON SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL

Odor Complaints

Ms. Gallardo provided the Subcommittee with an update on the [odor complaints](#) at Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill (Landfill) for the month of September 2017.

During the month of September 2017, 44 complaints were made to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) hotline. In comparison with August 2017 the number of complaints received in September 2017 increased by 47 percent (from 30 to 44 complaints). Compared to September of last year, the number of complaints received this September decreased by 79 percent (from 206 to 44 complaints). The total number of complaints made to the AQMD hotline since 2009 is 10,934 and the total number of complaints received this year is 961.

As of October 17, 2017, AQMD has issued no Notices of Violation (NOVs) to the Landfill in the month of September 2017. The total number of NOVs issued to the Landfill by AQMD since 2009 is 214.

Mr. Hunter expressed concern that even though the odor complaints went down they are still relatively high when comparing to other landfills. Ms. Landis acknowledged the concern and indicated that the subcommittee will continue to work on this issue every month.

Update on the Use of Alternative Daily Cover (ADC)

Mr. Truong reported that the amount of geosynthetic panel product used for September 2017 was 14.5 rolls (1,355,750 square feet). It is estimated there continues to be a 40 percent reduction in the use of soil used for daily cover in the month of September 2017 from using the geosynthetic panel product instead of

soil. No observations of fire, vector, scavenging, or blowing litter at the working face related to the use of the ADC material were reported for the month of September 2017.

Additionally, on October 12, 2017, Staff received a copy of Republic Services' ADC Evaluation Report submitted to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency for the second year of the pilot project period. Staff will be reviewing the report.

Update on the Intermediate Cover Enhancement Project

Mr. Harmon provided the Subcommittee with an update on the Intermediate Cover Enhancement (ICE) Project at the Landfill, and reported that as of October 19, 2017, staff had not received Republic Services' monthly progress report for the month of September 2017, or the 6-month ICE Demonstration Project Evaluation Report.

Mr. Harmon stated that Staff reached out to Republic Services regarding the missing reports and is awaiting their response.

Update on County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's (DPH) NOV Referral to the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning (DRP) on November 9, 2016

Mr. John Kaddis, who was representing the Department of Public Health, did not have a status update regarding Public Health's NOV referral to DRP.

IV. UPDATE ON CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

The updated item on Chiquita Canyon Landfill was presented by Mr. Reyes Gomez and he reported that on July 2017, the Chiquita Canyon Landfill received its new CUP. Several communities and environmental groups have filed a lawsuit challenging the project's CEQA document. Mr. Reyes Gomez stated that staff will continue to monitor the progress and provide any necessary updates as they become available.

Mr. Mohajer requested that the future update on the status of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill to be focused on the Finding of Conformance (FOC) as this is a requirement from the CUP for the Landfill. Mr. Mohajer stated that the CUP required a complete FOC Application be submitted to the Task Force for

consideration within 90 days of the CUP's effective date. Mr. Mohajer would like staff to provide the status of the FOC Application at the next FPRS meeting.

Mr. Aiyetiwa informed the subcommittee that Chiquita Canyon Landfill has filed a letter with the Board of Supervisors a week ago protesting numerous conditions on the CUP. Mr. Mohajer indicated that the County has gone through what is legally required and a CUP was granted. The requirement for the submittal of an FOC to the Task Force for consideration within 90 days is in effect until it is dismissed by a court. Ms. Landis asked if the operator is aware that the FOC is due by October 26, 2017. Mr. Aiyetiwa confirmed that he has spoken to the operator, who has confirmed that they intend to submit the report by the due date.

The Subcommittee stated it is important for them to know how the process is proceeding and that Staff needs to report on the FOC and provide a status update on the application and its completeness, or deficiencies, at the next meeting.

V. DISCUSSION OF FOC REPORTS

Mr. Reyes Gomez presented the updated item on the Discussion of FOC Reports and stated that there are currently no updates on information regarding Finding of Conformance (FOC) reports submitted by landfill operators.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regarding the County Organic Waste Management Plan, Mr. Mohajer inquired as to why this item was not on the subcommittee agenda for discussion. His intention was to have a discussion at the FPRS meeting and bring it back to the Task Force in the afternoon for approval. Ms. Landis indicated that she had asked that the item be taken off the FPRS meeting agenda since it was not ready.

Mr. Aiyetiwa responded that the plan is ready. Mr. Ruiz added that Staff had proceeded in preparing the plan and revised the document based on the feedback staff received from the Task Force. He also mentioned that the information that is required by CalRecycle electronically was submitted on August 1st using the online forms.

Regarding the full report, Mr. Ruiz indicated that the intent of Staff is to work with the subcommittee and receive additional feedback. Given the dynamics of organics management, the development of new organics regulations, and implementation of AB 1383, it is anticipated that Staff will need to continually

update the document. Mr. Ruiz also indicated that based on the regulatory concepts that are proposed by CalRecycle, there is going to be an impact on their planning. Mr. Ruiz added that Public Works had asked the consultant to do the graphic design and then was planning to bring it before the Task Force for consideration.

Ms. Landis commented that at the last meeting, no material was provided before the meeting, and the Subcommittee did not have a chance to look at it until after the meeting. She requested that the material be made available to the members before the meeting rather than during the meeting. Ms. Landis further wants the material to be presented before the Task Force so that they can see some of the problems that are going to continue with regards to the organic waste management.

Mr. Ruiz reiterated that Public Works' intent is not to finalize the plan until they have worked with the Task Force, and incorporated the comments from the Task Force.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.