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Mr. Richard J. Bruckner, Director
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Dear Mr. Bruckner:

COORDINATION AMONG AGENCIES ON FUTURE MONITORING CONTRACTING SERVICES FOR SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

At the January 15, 2015, meeting, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) discussed the proposed agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning (City), the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and Sonoma Technology, Inc., to provide air quality monitoring services at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The said agreement is formulated pursuant to the City's [Q] Condition C.10.a of Ordinance No. 172,933 and the County's Condition 81 of the Conditional Use Permit (00-194-(5)), requiring an independent consultant services for conducting tests of landfill dust and diesel particulates (PM10 and BC) around the perimeter of the Landfill property. At the January 16, 2015, City Council's meeting; the City adopted the action to execute a five-year term contract (File No. 14-1594) with Sonoma Technology, Inc., to provide this independent monitoring service. Unfortunately, the said contract was adopted without any input from the affected community and some of the regulatory agencies who are involved with the subject Landfill.

While the Task Force appreciates both planning agencies' diligence in continuing the air quality monitoring efforts at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, the Task Force respectfully encourages that future monitoring contracts related to the Landfill include inputs and participations from the affected community, responsible agencies, and stakeholders.

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Given the current conditions where 580 odor complaints were reported to the South Coast Air Quality Management District in connection with the Landfill during the last quarter of 2014 (277 in December alone) and the ongoing air quality related concerns at Sunshine Canyon Landfill, it is critical that the agencies who are pursuing a common goal of mitigating odors at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill be able to provide inputs and recommendations based on their areas of knowledge and expertise. An improved coordination effort will provide better results, which will ensure and further the benefit of the organizations, the community's health, safety, and the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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