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August 2, 2016

Mr. Wayne Nastri
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Ms. Cynthia Harding
Interim Director
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
323 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 900022

Dear Mr. Nastri and Ms. Harding:

**HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT - THE SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY
LANDFILL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCL-CAC) – SUPPORT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) would like to express our supports for the enclosed two motions, which were introduced by the Los Angeles Unified School District and were adopted by the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill - Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) at their publicly held meeting on July 14, 2016:

- **Health Risk Assessment Motion** – *“The SCL-CAC requests that the South Coast Air Quality Management District in concert with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (acting as the Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles Health Officer) prepare or cause to be prepared a detailed facility-specific health risk assessment which considers all emission sources in order to effectively quantify the potential acute and chronic health impacts associated with the landfill’s operation.”*
- **Odor Mitigation Motion** – *“The SCL-CAC requests that the South Coast Air Quality Management District complete the necessary working face studies to identify and effectively reduce and/or control odiferous emissions; and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and all*

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responsible agencies to review the efficacy of available topical applications suitable for use in waste hauling operations and require its immediate application.”

As the residents of the communities surrounding the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill have experienced odor nuisance problems for quite some time, and the problems have not only persisted but has been exacerbated to over several thousand complaints since 2009, and issuance of over 200 Notices of Violation by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). Further, the Task Force also believes that the facility may have been in violation of the Title 11 of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 11.02.300, odor nuisance, during the same period too. Accordingly, the Task Force respectfully requests that these motions be seriously taken under consideration, adopted and implemented. The Task Force believes that the results from these studies and assessments will enable the involved agencies to better understand the long-term health risks in the area and identify and promote practical ways of reducing emissions.

For background information, during the first six months of 2016 alone, a total of 758 odor complaints were reported to the SCAQMD and 18 Notices of Violation were issued to the Landfill operator for violation of SCAQMD's Rule No. 402 and California Health and Safety Code Section 41700 “for discharging such quantities of air contaminants to cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to a considerable number of persons”.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Council Member, City of Rosemead

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cc: Mike Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisors, 5th District
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South Coast Air Quality management District (Cher Snyder, Laki Tisopulos)
Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill Technical Advisory Committee
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Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency (Gerry Villalobos,
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Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (Wayde Hunter,
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Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force



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July 24, 2016

South Coast Air Quality Management District,
21865 Copley Drive,
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4128
Attention: Cher Snyder
Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Engineering & Compliance

Re: Motions SCL-CAC Meeting July 2016

Dear Ms. Snyder:

At our regularly scheduled SCL-CAC Meeting in May 2016 there were the following two (2) motions posed by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) regarding Republic/BFI's Sunshine Canyon Landfill that were discussed, and subsequently brought back, and approved unanimously by the SCL-CAC Committee members at our July 14, 2016 SCL-CAC Meeting. I was also directed to forward the adopted motions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for the prompt consideration and effective action regarding the subject Landfill and implementation of the following measures to protect the health and safety of the neighboring children and the community as well as the environment.

(MOTION): Health Risk Assessment

Whereas, The Sunshine Canyon Landfill–Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) notes the recent report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District that emissions from the landfill are below screening levels whereby a detailed facility-specific health risk assessment is not required.

Whereas, The SCL-CAC recognizes the limitations associated with the various agency rules and regulations governing Sunshine Canyon Landfill's operations and notes their inadequacy to effectively quantify the impacts from the facility's emissions.

Whereas, These inadequacies include but are not limited to the exemption of on and off-road mobile equipment used to transport refuse to and from the landfill, spread refuse along the landfill's working face and traverse the landfill to perform maintenance/repair and related activities.

Whereas, The SCL-CAC is cognizant of the numerous permit and fugitive sources that cumulatively comprise the emissions associated with Sunshine Canyon Landfill's operations but have not been

considered in assessing their impact on the health of those that live and work within the local community.

Therefore be it resolved, That the SCL-CAC request that the South Coast Air Quality Management District in concert with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (acting as the Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles Health Officer) prepare or cause to be prepared a detailed facility-specific health risk assessment[±] which considers all emission sources in order to effectively quantify the potential acute and chronic health impacts associated with the landfill's operation.

(MOTION): Odor Mitigation

Whereas, The Sunshine Canyon Landfill–Community Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) has seen the proliferation of odors emanating from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill where both local residents and the Van Gogh Charter School community have filed numerous complaints with the South Coast Air Quality District.

Whereas, Numerous odor control strategies have been implemented yet odors from the landfill still persist.

Whereas, Only cursory attention has been given to the odors associated with the delivery of refuse and subsequent deposition along the landfill's working face which are specific to complaints of fresh trash odors during morning daylight hours.

Whereas, A 2011 report prepared for the South Coast Air Quality Management District to assess the extent of working face odors and their control were found inconclusive whereby additional data analysis and recommendations to control these odors was scheduled for inclusion in subsequent reports but was never conducted.

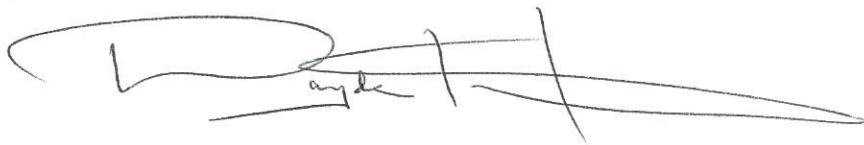
Whereas, Current technologies exist whereby topical applications such as Odor-Shell are used to reduce or eliminate fresh trash odors during transit and initial deposition of daily refuse but have never been considered.

Therefore be it resolved, That the SCL-CAC requests that the South Coast Air Quality Management District complete the necessary working face studies to identify and effectively reduce and/or control odiferous emissions; and finally...

Be it resolved, that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency, The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and all responsible agencies review the efficacy of available topical applications suitable for use in waste hauling operations and require its immediate application.

If you should have any questions of a technical nature regarding these motions* please contact Bill Piazza, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Los Angeles School District, Office of Environmental Health & Safety, Tel: (213) 241-2576, Fax: (213) 241-6816, Cell: (213) 392-1879.

Sincerely,

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

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