

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

February 19, 2026

Los Angeles County Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Sam Shamma, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Christopher Sheppard, Los Angeles County Public Works
Felicia Truong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Basil Cantu, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental Services Department
David Fahrion, California Waste and Recycling Association

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Bronson, Republic Services
Brenda Eells, Waste Connections
Alex Fitchmun, Los Angeles County Public Works
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works
Darren Kwan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Cameron Jones, Los Angeles County Public Works
Karlo Manalo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Dave Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Christopher Sheppard called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve January 15, 2025, Subcommittee minutes, and Sam Shammas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL (CCL)

Mr. Karlo Manalo, staff to the Task Force, reported on CCL's Notices of Violation (NOVs):

- The Landfill Operator submitted their [Fifty-Seventh Monthly Update](#), dated January 30, 2026, which included updates in accordance with the [April 19, 2021, Task Force letter](#) requirements and subsequent request for additional updates on NOVs issued and mitigation measures imposed by various regulatory agencies.
- CCL received 4 NOVs in January 2026 related to air quality from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), compared to the 4 NOVs received in December 2025 and the 3 NOVs received in January 2025.
- CCL entered into a Stipulated Order for Abatement (SOA) with AQMD on September 2, 2023, that was last modified on December 9, 2025, to address and abate the odors resulting from the reaction at CCL. Once the SOA is posted on CCL's [website](#), a copy will be provided to the Subcommittee.
- The next status update and modification hearing on the SOA is scheduled for May 28, 2026.
- On January 14, 2026, CCL received a [NOV](#) from AQMD alleging that CCL failed to follow regulatory requirements and conditions, prevent standing and pooling of leachate exposed to atmosphere, and mitigate odors due to leachate exposed into the atmosphere. CCL is still evaluating the alleged violation and can provide further explanation in the next report.
- On January 15, 2026, CCL received a [NOV](#) from AQMD alleging that CCL failed to provide automatic electronic notifications via email for benzene exceedance in real-time and after the applicable weighted average fell below the applicable Reference Exposure Level (REL). The alert system has been updated to recognize REL exceedances.
- On January 6, 2026, CCL receive a [NOV](#) from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), which was revised on January 7, 2026, alleging that CCL discharged leachate that comingled with stormwater from the

- East Basin to Castaic Creek. CCL is reviewing the NOV and will provide a response to the alleged violations, which will be posted on CCL's Odor Mitigation [website](#).
- CCL's appeal to Public Works on August 28, 2025, has not yet been set for a hearing nor has CCL received a response to its appeal.
 - As of January 30, 2026, CCL's appeal to Public Works (PW) on August 28, 2025, regarding the three NOVs issued by PW, has not yet been set for a hearing nor has CCL received a response to its appeal.
 - On January 2, 2026, County Counsel and CCL requested further continuance of the hearing for the NOV issued by Regional Planning. On January 20, 2026, the Hearing Officer granted the continuance of the hearing to May 5, 2026.

Mr. Hunter shared his concerns about the various NOVs that CCL has received and their continued noncompliance. Mr. Manalo responded that the Landfill Operator is working with various regulatory agencies to track unforeseen events including the excess rain in late December 2025, which is related to the NOVs. CCL also stated at a public meeting that they are working with AQMD, the Water Board, and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health on business management practices for future rain events.

Mr. Hunter asked whether PW conducts site visits to CCL to inspect potential problems. Mr. Manalo confirmed that PW staff perform periodic site visits to CCL to ensure compliance with conditions in the landfill's Conditional Use Permit that are under PW's purview. These site visits are typically conducted along with staff from Regional Planning, and its Independent Monitor Consultant, who monitor other Conditional Use Permit conditions under their purview.

Mr. Hunter requested that reports be distributed to the Subcommittee whenever there is a site visit to CCL to verify compliance. Mr. Sheppard took note of the request and will confirm the availability of any reports to the Subcommittee.

IV. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

Mr. Alex Fitchmun provided a brief update on the [odor complaints from AQMD for January 2026](#) at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL):

Odor Complaints and Notices of Violation

- During the month of January 2026, 673 complaints were made to the AQMD hotline. Of those, 117 were classified as trash odors, 480 were listed as No Field Response, 10 were listed as landfill gas odors, and 66 were classified as None, which meant the inspector visited the site and did not detect odors.

- Compared to December 2025, the number of complaints received in January 2026 increased from 530 to 673 complaints.
- Compared to January 2025, the number of complaints for January 2026 increased from 118 to 673 complaints.
- AQMD issued 16 NOVs related to odor for the month of January 2026.
- The total number of NOVs issued this calendar year is 16.

Mr. Sheppard asked if the Landfill Operator or AQMD have commented on the cause of the increase in odor complaints in January 2026 versus in January 2025. Mr. Hunter noted that the AQMD representative regularly attends the Subcommittee meetings and could address the cause of odors that are increasing.

Mr. Sheppard asked if AQMD responded to the Subcommittee's request to have AQMD as standing item on the agenda. Ms. Anna Gov confirmed that staff has inquired and it appeared that AQMD representative is open to attend future meetings to provide additional information.

V. UPDATE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING CLEANUP

Mr. Fitchmun provided an update on PW [procedures for removing illegally dumped construction and demolition debris](#), as a result of an illegal dumping incident that occurred near the intersection of Stonecrest Road and Valley Canyon Road in the unincorporated community of Aqua Dulce.

Mr. Hunter brought up item No. 2. on the procedures that reads, "Do not collect or move the C&D debris unless it poses an immediate hazard to motorists or the public." He asked what PW would do if the debris posed an immediate hazard, noting that the illegal dumping procedure was not clear on the process and stated that he would like to see the document expanded to clarify the process. Mr. Sheppard responded that the standard procedure is for the PW Road Maintenance Division to secure the hazardous debris. Options to address the debris may include crews shifting the hazardous debris to the side of the roadway if it is blocking the public right-of-way in order to open the travel lane and crews may also place barricades around the hazardous debris while the procedure is being carried out. Mr. Sheppard also suggested that more details could be added to the procedures to address these concerns.

Mr. Hunter commented that when looking at the link to the residential trash collection franchise and only noticed Santa Clarita's illegal dumping debris being referenced. Mr. Sheppard indicated that the illegal dumping procedures were prepared in response to the illegal dumping incident in Santa Clarita but

acknowledged that the procedures and link should also be expanded to include the entire County.

Mr. Hunter asked how the illegal dumping cleanup protocols are communicated to field crews that are responsible for cleaning up debris and whether more detail on the flow could be included in the procedure. Mr. Sheppard explained the operational aspect of the procedure including the PW Road Maintenance Division management, the engineers at each yard, the crew supervisors, and the field crews

Mr. Sheppard added that staff would need to look into further to determine what level of detail would be appropriate to share with the Subcommittee. Mr. Hunter noted that the detailed explanation may be sufficient if additional detail could not formally be provided. Mr. Sheppard shared that this item will be on the next Subcommittee agenda and that an update will be given on any modifications. Discussion ensued.

VI. FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Ms. Gov provided an update on the [SCL Status Report, Fourth Quarter 2025](#), dated January 15, 2026, which included the following information:

- SCL disposed of approximately 621,000 tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2025. Compared to the Third Quarter of 2025, the disposal tonnage decreased by 6 percent.
- The beneficial reuse material total for the Fourth Quarter of 2025 was 12,000 tons. Compared to the Third Quarter of 2025, the beneficial reuse material decreased by 46 percent.

Mr. Hunter questioned how, with all the problems at SCL, the facility could continue to be in conformance while impacting the community to the extent that they are. He also commented on how there could be a Finding of Conformance (FOC) if SCL is out of compliance. Mr. Sheppard asked if the Subcommittee was being asked to take action on this agenda item. Ms. Gov indicated that the item was for informational purposes, requiring no action from the Subcommittee.

Mr. Hunter shared his concerns regarding the numerous NOV's issued to SCL and their noncompliance and questioned the applicability of the Operator's FOC. Mr. Sheppard stated that this is something PW staff could look into, and asked Ms. Gov when the next FOC review would be. Ms. Gov responded that the Countywide Siting Element dictates the condition for the review of an FOC including significant changes or expansions at a landfill.

Mr. Sheppard proposed that the next Subcommittee meeting includes a presentation on what triggers a FOC and what constitutes justifiable cause for the modification or revocation of a FOC by the Task Force.

Mr. Sheppard asked if there were any topics that the Subcommittee would like to place on the agenda. Mr. Hunter brought up the report on SCL by AQMD. Mr. Sheppard responded that the item would be added to the agenda for the next Subcommittee meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 11 a.m.