

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

July 16, 2026

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Fahrion, California Waste and Recycling Association
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Barbara Moore, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental
Services Department
Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works
Felicia Truong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Bronson, Republic Services
Jonathan Caruso, Waste Management
Bill Haley, Waste Connections
Alexander Castro, Los Angeles County Public Works
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works
Cameron Jones, Los Angeles County Public Works
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works
Londy Lin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Dave Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Emiko Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2026, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve June 18, 2026, Subcommittee meeting minutes as amended, and Mr. David Fahrion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ANTELOPE VALLEY PUBLIC LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE APPLICATION

Mr. Alexander Castro, staff to the Task Force, provided the following update on the Antelope Valley Public Landfill Finding of Conformance (FOC) application:

Waste Management submitted a FOC application for the proposed landfill expansion. After reviewing it, staff requested supplemental information on site improvements, permit documentation, and supporting maps and figures to complete the review.

On June 1, 2026, Waste Management submitted a revised FOC application that addressed all comments and requests with supporting details, which staff have reviewed and deemed complete.

Staff are preparing a recommendation report for the Subcommittee and the Task Force's consideration of the proposed FOC. The completed report will be made available before next month's meetings and will be agendaized.

Under the Countywide Siting Element, the Task Force has until September 16, 2026, 60 days from today, to review the FOC application and either approve it, approve with modifications, or deny it.

IV. CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL (CCL)

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

Odor Complaints and NOVs

- The Landfill Operator submitted their [Sixty-Second Monthly Update](#), dated July 1, 2026, which included updates from the [April 19, 2021, Task Force letter](#)

- requirements and subsequent request for additional updates on NOV's issued and mitigation measures imposed by various regulatory agencies.
- CCL received 10 Rule 402 NOV's in June 2026 from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), compared to the 6 NOV's received in May 2026 and the 13 NOV's received in June 2025.
 - CCL entered into a Stipulated Order for Abatement (SOA) with AQMD on September 2, 2023, that was last modified on June 3, 2026, to address and abate the odors resulting from the reaction at CCL. The Subcommittee will receive the new SOA as soon as it is available.
 - The next status update and modification hearing on the SOA is scheduled for September 16, 2026.
 - On [June 9, 2026](#), CCL received a non-Rule 402 NOV from AQMD alleging that CCL failed to submit notification of the operation of an equipment unit for more than five days at a location and obtain a permit to operate prior to the operation of two diesel-fueled internal combustion engines. CCL continues to assess the reported violations and will provide updates in subsequent reporting.
 - On [June 3, 2026](#), CCL received a NOV from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) claiming that CCL violated the Landfill Methane Regulation, alleging that six components of its gas collection and control system and 46 locations on the landfill surface exceeded the 500 parts per million by volume methane concentration limit. On June 22, 2026, CCL contacted CARB to schedule a date and time for a virtual meeting to discuss the NOV. CCL is assessing the exceedances identified in the NOV and will confer with CARB accordingly. CCL took corrective action and resolved all the alleged exceedances.

Mr. Gerardo Vergara, Air Quality Inspector with AQMD, provided the following update on odor complaints at CCL:

- During the month of June 2026, AQMD received roughly 620 odor complaints and issued 10 NOV's.
- From July 1 to 15, 2026, AQMD received over 700 odor complaints, with a single-day high of more than 170 on July 12, 2026, resulting in 12 NOV's.
- AQMD is investigating what occurred on July 12, 2026, to cause the increased odor complaints.

Mr. Hunter indicated seeing 20 to 40 tarped-off acres at CCL on July 15, 2026, and given the landfill's proximity to Val Verde, he asked where the majority of the reported 620 odor complaints came from. Mr. Vergara did not have that information available, but he would take the inquiry back to his management team.

V. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (SCL)

Mr. Michael Harmon, staff to the Task Force, provided a brief update on the [odor complaints from AQMD for June 2026](#) at SCL:

Odor Complaints and Notices of Violation

- During the month of June 2026, 26 odor complaints were made to the AQMD hotline. Of those, 0 were classified as trash odors, 23 were listed as No Field Response, 0 were listed as landfill gas odors, and 3 were classified as None, which meant the inspector visited the site and did not detect odors.
- Compared to May 2026, the number of odor complaints received in June 2026 decreased 41 to 26 complaints.
- Compared to June 2025, the number of odor complaints for June 2026 decreased from 46 to 26 complaints.
- AQMD issued no NOVs related to odor for the month of June 2026.
- The total number of NOVs issued this calendar year is 44.

Mr. Hunter commented that Mr. Eugene Tseng with the Local Enforcement Agency was present but had to leave the meeting to monitor the installation of the automated wellheads at SCL. Mr. Hunter noted that SCL is working on the amount of gas captured over its quality, keeping air out of the waste mass. He additionally noted that landfill odors drop from April to August and increase in September when nearby schools reopen and wind patterns change. Mr. Hunter stated that Republic Services has been doing everything Mr. Tseng has asked them to do to mitigate odors and that there has been improvement.

Mr. Vergara provided the following update of order complaints for SCL:

- From July 1 to 15, 2026, AQMD received roughly 30 odor complaints and issued no NOVs.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2026, at 11 a.m.