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Dear Mr. Buckner and Mr. Bertoni:

**REVEGETATION OF THE SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT [CUP] NO. 00-194-(5)
CITY OF LOS ANGELES ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 172933**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is respectfully requesting the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (Regional Planning) and the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning (City Planning) to enforce the revegetation requirements at the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill (Landfill).

Pursuant to Condition 44D of the County of Los Angeles CUP No. 00-194-(5) (CUP), its Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Condition 8 of the City Zoning Ordinance No.172933 (City Zoning Ordinance), the Landfill Owner/Operator (Republic Services) is required to reclaim and revegetate all final fill slopes, such as the sage mitigation areas, throughout fill operations on an ongoing basis.

Consistent with the requirements of the said CUP and City Zoning Ordinance described above, Republic Services has been submitting quarterly Revegetation Reports to the Task Force and other appropriate agencies on the progress of the site's landscaping activities and revegetation efforts of the permanent slope areas. Based on the latest Report and the recent field observations by members of the involved agencies, known as the Vegetation Meeting Group (Meeting Group), it is the consensus of the Meeting Group that revegetation efforts in the City Sage Mitigation Pilot Project Area (Deck C) have proved successful and lessons learned from the project should be utilized in implementing revegetation efforts in the remaining City Sage Mitigation Areas, and in the County Sage Mitigation Area. The Meeting Group further recommends that

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Deck A of the City side Sage Mitigation Area be revegetated next as it already contains some native soil, but also has a mix of weeds and non-Venturan sage scrub native plants that need to be replaced by the approved native plant species. Deck A is above Decks B and C, so native plant seeds will naturally move downhill into these very disturbed and weedy decks.

It should be noted that members of the Meeting Group consist of representatives from the Task Force, City Planning, Regional Planning, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Independent Monitor, Ultrasystems, Republic Services, and its consultant, Architerra Design Group. The Meeting Group generally meets on a quarterly basis at the Landfill site to discuss and observe revegetation efforts by Republic Services at the Landfill.

Based on this information, the Task Force respectfully recommends Regional Planning and City Planning to require Republic Services to start implementing revegetation practices on Deck A of the City side of the Sage Mitigation Area.

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

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste management Task Force and
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