

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

June 18, 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 Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works
Felicia Truong, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sharon Bronson, Republic Services
Bill Haley, Waste Connections
Larry Israel, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Alexander Fitchmun, Los Angeles County Public Works
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works
Cameron Jones, Los Angeles County Public Works
Tran Kiem, Los Angeles County Public Works
Michael Harmon, Los Angeles County Public Works
Karlo Manalo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Aaron Nolan, Los Angeles County Public Works
Dave Nguyen, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Caleb Yun, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Emiko Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2026, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Wayde Hunter made a motion to approve May 21, 2026, Subcommittee meeting minutes, and Mr. Sam Shammass 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):

Odor Complaints and NOVs

- The Landfill Operator submitted their [Sixty-First Monthly Update](#), dated June 1, 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 six (6) Rule 402 NOVs in May 2026 from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), which is less than those received in April 2026 (22 NOVs) and in May 2025 (10 NOVs).
- 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 next status update and modification hearing on the SOA is scheduled for September 16, 2026.
- CCL received two (2) non-Rule 402 NOVs from AQMD on [May 1, 2026](#), and [May 20, 2026](#), for violations alleging failure to remove construction spoils, comply with regulatory and permit terms, operate equipment to prevent the discharge of odors, obtain permits for a thermal oxidizer, store spent absorbed media in closed containers, and report a breakdown, and failure to report leachate spills, respectively.

Mr. Larry Israel, Supervising Inspector with AQMD, confirmed the 6 NOVs issued in May 2026, and reported a total of 346 odor complaints logged compared to 630 odor complaints logged in May 2025. He also reported that there were approximately 220 odor complaints logged and 3 NOVs issued so far in June 2026, compared to 800 odor complaints in June 2025.

Mr. Israel informed that AQMD has observed a reduction in odor complaints, which is not linked to a specific reason, but may be influenced by weather and wind conditions. Some non-nuisance violations are due to 2025 incidents. It can take AQMD a while to thoroughly review non-nuisance violations and therefore, issuing them months later.

Mr. Isarel further informed that on June 3, 2026, the AQMD Hearing Board had a status hearing regarding multiple issues including leachate pumps being shut off, sulfur treatment being removed at the flares following several fires, and slope instability requiring new construction near the west slope under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency order. The Hearing Board granted a stipulated modification, and the next hearing is set for September 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Thompson asked for the number of NOVs issued so far for June 2026. Mr. Israel confirmed that there were 3 NOVs issued in June, bringing the 2026 calendar year totals to 51 NOVs and just under 3,000 complaints regarding odor nuisance.

Mr. Hunter asked if there have been any conversations with AQMD about creating a spreadsheet like the one for Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which would make it easier to view the history and trends of odors. Mr. Israel responded that AQMD executives had sent an email addressing the request. Ms. Thompson confirmed the email and appreciated that AQMD allows Mr. Israel to attend meetings routinely.

Mr. Hunter expressed concerns about CCL's competency due to ongoing violations, noting that the violations extend beyond odor issues to include operational compliance. He asked whether AQMD has ever considered providing compliance training, rather than relying solely on enforcement action, and inquired whether the potential fines are \$10,000.

Mr. Israel could not comment on the disposition of the NOVs, which are managed by legal counsel. He added that the latest SOA includes provisions requiring compliance training for CCL personnel.

IV. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (SCL)

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

Odor Complaints and Notices of Violation

- During the month of May 2026, 41 odor complaints were made to the AQMD hotline. Of those, 3 were classified as trash odors, 30 were listed as No Field Response, 0 landfill gas odors, and 8 were classified as None, which meant the inspector visited the site and did not detect odors.
- Compared to April 2026, the number of odor complaints received in May 2026 decreased from 94 to 41 complaints.
- Compared to May 2025, the number of odor complaints for May 2026 decreased from 129 to 41 complaints.
- AQMD issued no NOVs related to odor for the month of May 2026.
- The total number of NOVs issued this calendar year is 43.

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

- The total number of NOVs issued this calendar year is 44.
- Confirmed 41 odor complaints for May 2026.
- To date in June 2026, 12 odor complaints with no NOVs.
- Compared to June 2025, odor complaints were in the mid-40s.

Mr. Israel noted that these odors can be seasonal for this time of year driven by southerly winds and onshore flow, but that SCL has also made many improvements to their infrastructure under the current SOA.

Mr. Hunter asked if the missing NOV, which brings the calendar year total to 44, was for May 2026. Mr. Israel clarified that the NOV was for March 2026, bringing the total NOVs for March at 11 instead of 10. There was a brief delay in logging the NOV into the system.

Vegetation Update

Mr. Alex Fitchmun, staff to the Task Force provided the following SCL Vegetation Report, which PW staff received from Republic Services on April 30, 2026:

Sitewide Hydroseeding Activities:

- In the First Quarter of 2026, four acres of hydroseed were applied to the upper south facing slope of Cells CC3A and CC3B. These areas continue to experience successful vegetation growth.

City Side South Sage Mitigation Area – Deck C / Lower Deck C:

- Native shrub and plant species cover an estimated 75% of the lower deck and include Fourwing Saltbush, Beardless Wild Rye, and California Sunflower. Vegetation on this deck was observed to be in either their budding or dormant state.
- A significant increase in non-native plant growth was observed during the First Quarter of 2026 due to the warmer climate and heavy rains. However, despite the increase, the overall cover of non-native species is still relatively low.
- Quarterly weed control efforts took place between February and April 2026 to suppress the non-native plant growth on the deck.

City Side South Area – Deck B / Middle Deck B:

- Native vegetation was observed to be in their vegetative state. Species diversity continues to be abundant on the lower and upper areas of Deck B and more abundant than on Decks A and C.
- Non-native vegetation was observed to be in its vegetative state and is moderately abundant throughout the deck and has increased in cover following the first quarter rainfall.
- California Pepper Trees and Salt Cedar are recommended for removal to prevent overturn and cap damage during high winds.

City Side Sage Mitigation Area – Deck A / Upper Deck A:

- The vegetation on the southern center of the deck is currently in its vegetative state and continues to be in higher abundance than in other areas of the deck with native and non-native herbaceous plant species.
- The regraded of areas of Deck A continue to see improved drainage from the rain events during the First Quarter of 2026. These areas will be included in the upcoming revegetation efforts which are expected to begin in the Fall of 2026.

County Sage Mitigation Area:

- No revegetation activities were conducted in the First Quarter of 2026, with the northern and upper portions of the mitigation area remaining bare.
- Moderate vegetative cover continues to be present in the southeastern portion and southern half of the mitigation area, with approximately 75 percent of the cover dominated by native vegetation and 25 percent occupied by non-native cover.
- Both native and non-native vegetation was observed to be in their vegetative or flowering states.

Big Cone Douglas Fir and Oak Tree Mitigation Area:

- According to the 2025 Annual Tree Survey (published in the 2025 Annual Report), no Coast Live Oak, Canyon Live Oak, or Big Cone Douglas Fir Trees were removed in 2025.
- Plans to replenish the Douglas Fir and Canyon Oak Tree mitigation banks are currently underway. Seeds were potted in the Fourth Quarter of 2025 and germinated during the First Quarter of 2026. Once the saplings are viable, they will be transplanted to the mitigation site, with panting anticipated for Fall 2026.

Mr. Hunter asked whether Flare 1, which has been decommissioned, was located within the Closed City South portion of the landfill and Mr. Israel confirmed it was.

Mr. Hunter expressed concern that removing the flare could disturb one of the better-vegetated areas of the landfill and asked whether dismantling the structure would impact the existing vegetation.

Mr. Israel stated that the same question was asked at the Title V inspection a few weeks ago and that no decision has been made yet on whether the flare will be dismantled.

V. FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Ms. Anna Gov, staff to the Task Force, provided an update to Finding of Conformance (FOC) reports provided by various landfills.

FOC Monitoring Report

PW staff received the SCL First Quarter 2026 Monitoring Report, dated [April 15, 2026](#):

- SCL disposed of approximately 657,000 tons in the First Quarter of 2026. Compared to the Fourth Quarter of 2025, the disposal tonnage increased by 6 percent.
- The beneficial reuse material, including diversion and soil, total for the First Quarter of 2026 was 17,000 tons. Compared to the Fourth Quarter of 2025, the beneficial reuse material increased by 42 percent.

Waste Characterization Studies

The following data reflects a one-week sampling period and should not be interpreted as representation of annual trend.

- [Calabasas Landfill](#) - glass decreased from 5 percent to 1 percent, while metals increased from 3 percent to 6 percent, from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026.
- [SCL](#) – Organics decreased from 68 percent to 66 percent, while other waste increased from 13 percent to 17 percent, from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026.

Mr. Hunter requested that the information presented by Ms. Gov be shared with the Subcommittee. Mr. Dave Nguyen confirmed that the information will be provided in the meeting minutes.

Ms. Thompson asked if there was a reason for the 42 percent increase in the beneficial reuse material at SCL. Ms. Gov reported that staff contacted the Landfill Operator about the increase and that the Landfill Operator stated they would look into the matter.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2026, at 11 a.m.