

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

August 20, 2026

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Fahrion, California Waste and Recycling Association
Tawny Ho, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
Wayde Hunter, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Sam Shammass, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Barbara Moore, City of Long Beach Energy and Environmental
Services Department
Emiko Thompson, Los Angeles County Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT:

Larry Israel, South Coast Air Quality Management District
Michael Maglione, Republic Services
John Mendieta, Waste Management
Alexander Castro, Los Angeles County Public Works
Alexander Fitchmun, Los Angeles County Public Works
Anna Gov, Los Angeles County Public Works
Londy Lin, Los Angeles County Public Works
Karlo Manalo, Los Angeles County Public Works
Carol Saucillo, Los Angeles County Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sam Shammas called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2026, SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. David Fahrion made a motion to approve July 16, 2026, Subcommittee meeting minutes, and Mr. Wayne Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ANTELOPE VALLEY PUBLIC LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

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

Staff received and deemed complete Waste Management's FOC application for the proposed landfill expansion and are currently reviewing and coordinating with regulatory agencies. Staff plans to bring the FOC before the Task Force for consideration and action at the September 2026 meeting. Under Chapter 10 of the Los Angeles County [Countywide Siting Element](#), the Task Force has the authority to grant the FOC as submitted, grant it with changes or modifications, request additional information and analysis for subsequent reconsideration, or deny it with stated reasons.

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-Third Monthly Update](#), dated July 31, 2026, which included updates from 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 26 Rule 402 NOVs in July 2026 from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), compared to the 10 NOVs received in June 2026 and the 5 NOVs received in July 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 latest SOA once available.
- The next SOA status hearing is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

- On [July 22, 2026](#), CCL received a non-Rule 402 NOV from AQMD for a violation cited on November 6, 2025, alleging that CCL violated several Code of Federal Regulations and AQMD permit standards and failed to, among other things:
 - Operate its landfill gas collection and control systems.
 - Vent all treated and untreated gases and to properly seal openings to prevent leaks.
 - Submit monthly reports from November 2025 through January 2026.

CCL is evaluating the alleged violations and will issue a subsequent report, as appropriate.

Mr. Larry Israel with AQMD's Office of Compliance and Enforcement provided additional context regarding the recent violations that he also reported on at the CCL Community Advisory Committee and Castaic Town Hall meetings. He noted that the 26 nuisance violations recorded in July are accurate, marking the highest monthly total since August 2023 and indicated that nuisance conditions have not improved. Mr. Israel also highlighted non-nuisance violations. Since January 2023, there have been approximately 505 public nuisance violations, including seven Title V permit violations and 17 violations of the order for abatement conditions; several of which were issued in recent weeks, with several more pending. Mr. Israel went on to provide more details on the different violations.

Mr. Israel added that in July 2026, there were approximately 1,388 odor complaints logged. Of those, 1,348 were unique reports, while the remaining 40 resulted from robocalling. Therefore, the actual number of unique complaints was 1,348 unique complaints for the month. AQMD issued approximately 10 nuisance violations from August 1 to August 11, 2026, compared to 11 violations issued during the entire month of August 2025. The next status hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 9 a.m. at AQMD's Headquarters in Diamond Bar and will serve as a modification hearing for the existing order for abatement during which approximately six additional conditions and modifications will be added.

Mr. Hunter asked about the gas management at the landfill, referencing the 20 to 40 acres of tarps and the NOVs issued related to air quality. Mr. Israel responded that CCL is attempting to make improvements to the gas collection system. They have installed five portable TOX units and three flares with a fourth flare to be installed once they receive permits from AQMD and resolve grading issues with Public Works (PW). Mr. Israel also noted that CCL has a significant amount of collection devices, but the landfill gas produced by the reaction is such poor quality that it is malfunctioning the collection system.

Mr. Hunter requested clarification on PW oversight role at CCL, as the County's exact involvement remained unclear to him. Mr. Israel mentioned that there is an MCAT (Multi-Agency Critical Action Team) consisting of approximately a dozen agencies. Mr. Manalo noted that the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is more involved in overseeing the geomembrane cover installation as it is a requirement of the LEA's compliance order.

V. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL (SCL)

Mr. Israel provided an update on the [odor complaints from AQMD for July 2026](#) at SCL:

Odor Complaints and Notices of Violation

- During the month of July 2026, there were about 50 odor complaints and about 55 complaints for the month of August 2026, which is about one third of the odor complaints received compared to August 2025.
- There have been no nuisance violations issued to SCL since April 23, 2026.
- SCL shows significant improvement under the Order for Abatement guidelines; no additional status hearings are scheduled this year unless needed.
- On the morning of August 7, 2026, AQMD received over 25 odor complaints. While inspectors found no unusual activity, they did verify 3 trash odors impacting the community. Not many complaints are reported after hours.
- The total number of odor complaints received this calendar year is just under 2,000.

Mr. Michael Maglione, Team Environmental Manager for Republic Services, noted that the team is coordinating with operations to organize the implementation of the abatement order. Key accomplishments since the hearing include publishing a well-integrity program and submitting it to the LEA for review. Designed to ensure transparency, the program outlines the functionality of on-site gas wells, plans for well abandonment, the criteria for determining active well viability, and overall gas collection. Additionally, the LEA is reviewing a workplan that was submitted for gas collection operations utilizing Pin Well gas collection probes near the working face of the landfill.

Mr. Eugene Tseng, with the LEA, provided additional details regarding ongoing odor mitigation efforts at SCL. He explained that the modified abatement order required a highly comprehensive odor control training program for all landfill staff and contractors, with refreshers every six months. Mr. Tseng also emphasized the Pin Well plan for surface odors which is undergoing the LEA's review. The LEA has

requested revisions to clarify the sequence of work, establish performance metrics, and a laser measurement system alongside the well installations. Another major implementation noted was the installation of 25 LORENTZ electric pumps to significantly dewater the landfill. Mr. Tseng confirmed receipt of well-by-well data indicating that the landfill's water mass is drying out. He also highlighted the significance of the automated wellheads. Discussion ensued on the technical details of automating landfill odor controls, which are gradually taking effect in reducing odors at SCL.

VI. FINDING OF CONFORMANCE

Ms. Anna Gov, staff to the Task Force, provided an update on the Second Quarter 2026 Monitoring Report for SCL, dated July 15, 2026:

- Based on the report, SCL disposed of approximately 620,000 tons in the Second Quarter of 2026. Compared to the First Quarter of 2026, the disposal tonnage decreased by 6 percent.
- The beneficial reuse material, including diversion and soil, total for the Second Quarter of 2026 was 26,000 tons. Compared to the First Quarter of 2026, the beneficial reuse material increased by 53 percent.

VII. TRANSITION TO PAPERLESS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Ms. Carol Saucillo, staff liaison, informed the Subcommittee that starting September 17, 2026, Task Force and Subcommittee meetings will be paperless, and that digital materials will continue to be provided in agendas, which can be found on the Task Force [website](#). Ms. Saucillo noted that meeting materials have been linked to respective agendas since January 2024. She added that commissioners will continue to receive agendas by email one week before the meetings and that the change in meeting format was to reduce paper waste since printed copies at the check-in table are rarely used.

Mr. Hunter reiterated his point from the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) meeting that since these meetings are open to the public, hard copies of documents should be made available. He was unfamiliar with anything stating otherwise. Ms. Saucillo reaffirmed her previous response from the ATAS meeting, noting that staff will seek clarification from the Executive Office's Commission Services. Mr. Hunter also expressed concern regarding the expectation for public attendees to print their own meeting materials, including color presentations, and that he has traveled to these meetings at his own expense since

2002 and now is expected to assume the added cost of printing meeting documents.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Maglione to confirm that Republic Services is still excluding organic waste from Boyle Heights and only taking construction and demolition debris. Mr. Maglione confirmed the status remains the same.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2026, at 11 a.m.