

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

March 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Location: Temescal Valley Water District
22646 Temescal Canyon Road
Temescal Valley, CA 92883**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. APPROVAL OF November 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Public Comments are permitted for these items)**
 - A. Staff Update**
 - 1. Renewable Natural Gas Facility**
 - 2. Site Improvements**
 - B. Local Mitigation Trust Fund**
 - C. Landfill Updates**
 - 1. General Site Operations**
 - 2. Processed C&D material as ADC**
 - 3. Supplemental Irrigation**
 - 4. Odor Control**
 - 5. Complaint Protocols**
 - a. Data, website reporting, utilization, etc.**
 - D. Local Enforcement Agency Update**
 - 1. Site Inspections**
 - 2. Complaints**
 - 3. Joint Technical Document/Solid Waste Facility Permit Review Process**
- IV. ACTION ITEMS**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)**
- VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL CITIZENS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

November 8, 2023

The following were present:

Committee Members

Jerry Sincich, Chair
Tracy Davis, Vice Chair
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden
Fred Myers

Committee Members Absent

WMI/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Linda Lockhart, El Sobrante Landfill
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill
Cindy Daverin, El Sobrante Landfill
Scott Tignac, El Sobrante Landfill
Miriam Cardenas, El Sobrante Landfill

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
Ryan Ross
Mariela Aguilar
Kinika Hesterly
Sandi Salas
Fritzy Devera
Kristine Kim

Representing

County Counsel
Waste Resources
Waste Resources
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Environmental Health
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Guests/Interested Parties

Jannlee Watson WeAreTV
Jim Bolton Resident
Martin Labombarda Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m. by Jerry Sincich.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Fred Myers motioned to approve the minutes as written, Lee Wilson seconded the motion. Approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jerry discussed reordering the agenda to address complaints upfront, allowing community members interested in the discussion to participate. Fred made the motion in support, Lee seconded. Passed 5-0.

A. STAFF UPDATES

1. Renewable Natural Gas Facility

Ryan Ross reported:

- County staff reevaluated the project and requested that Toro prepare a new CEQA analysis. Additionally, the RNG Project will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration when appropriate. The COC will have an opportunity to review the new analysis prior to Board consideration.

COC members discussed:

- Concerns with the previous processing and CEQA analysis of the project.
- The COC was supportive of the decision for a new CEQA analysis and Board consideration.
- The COC requested clarification on the Joint Technical Document (JTD) modification process. Ryan Ross commented that the item will be included under the LEA update at the next meeting.

B. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND

Ryan Ross reported:

- Remaining fund balance: \$72,000.

COC members and the public discussed:

- Community clean-ups and the need for the County and WM to both continue and increase support of these efforts throughout the Temescal Valley.

C. LANDFILL UPDATES

1. General Site Operations

David Meyer and Richard Carpenter reported:

- The landfill is currently filling in Phase 13A. The landfill will become more visible once Phase 13 is filled and operations are on the top deck.
- The landfill is receiving approximately 62,000 tons of trash per week.
- Community tours of the landfill are resuming, WM is attending/sponsoring more community events.
- Non-hazardous cement treated incinerator ash is still being delivered to the landfill and used as alternative daily cover (ADC). If this ceases, soil or other options are available to use for ADC.
 - The COC and public commented on potentially using fees from the RNG project to replace the loss of incinerator ash fees, which provide funding for road repairs and improvements in Temescal Valley.

2. Supplemental Irrigation for Outside Slopes/Annual Report

Cindy Daverin and the COC discussed:

- The irrigation system, seeding, fertilizing, and plant growth on the outside slopes.
- Due to above average rainfall, supplemental irrigation was not needed in 2022/23. If annual rainfall is less than 12 inches, supplemental irrigation will be used (only during the rainy season). WM monitors rainfall during the rainy season and the goal is 3 inches of water per month (either natural rainfall or irrigation).
- Plant species, seed mixes, bulbs, and native plants.

3. Leachate use/AQMD Annual Emission Report & Fees

Dave Meyer, the COC, and the public discussed:

- Current and future use of leachate, best management practices for leachate use/control, and the purpose of the AQMD emission reports and fees.

4. Roll-off bins/litter control

Richard Carpenter, COC members, and the public discussed:

- Roll-off bins for Dawson Canyon and Spanish Hills. Bins are provided monthly.
- WM sponsors the clean-up of I-15 through Caltrans and monitors Temescal Canyon Road for litter.

5. Odor Control

Richard Carpenter reported:

- A significant decrease in odor complaints since 3rd quarter.
- Complaints were conveyed through email and text messages. He actively engages by conducting on-site walkthroughs in Terramor to experience the odor situation firsthand.
- He conducts morning odor inspections daily, collecting the data to track any issues.

COC members addressed:

- The need to track and compile wind speed/direction, weather data, active disposal location, and other relevant information, when addressing odor complaints.
 - Richard reported WM does track this data and is compiling the information.
- The LEA odor complaint processing and requested that the LEA notify WM when they receive an odor complaint so WM can take immediate action to correct/investigate, rather than waiting for the LEA to investigate the matter 24-48 hours later.
 - Sandi Salas committed to notifying WM when the LEA receives odor complaints.

D. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

1. Site Inspection

Update from Sandi Salas

- The LEA conducts monthly inspections at the landfill, and for the last quarter, no violations were noted. There were four (4) odor complaints addressed to the LEA during this period.

The COC and public addressed:

- The difficulty of submitting odor complaints to several different agencies.
- Questioned if there was a better way to consolidate the complaint procedure so that residents don't need to file multiple complaints with different agencies. Suggested having one complaint submittal location on WM's website that would notify applicable agencies.
 - Richard Carpenter committed to reviewing this request with his IT team.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Comments on Final 2022 El Sobrante Annual Report

- Ruth Brissenden questioned missing details in the appendices.
 - Ryan Ross committed to addressing the omitted technical data.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)

Public Commentors: Jannlee Watson, Martin Labombarda

- **Jannlee Watson** raised concerns about the bridge inspection reports and responsibility of maintenance/repairs to the bridge. Suggestions: Include annual bridge inspection in the landfill Annual Report, post the report on the County's website.
- **Martin Labombarda** inquired about the number of concerned residents present versus staff/WM representatives.

VI. COMMENT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Lee Wilson** inquired about the bridge inspections. Dave Meyer stated the bridge is inspected by a 3rd party, qualified structural engineer. The reports will be reviewed by WM then released to the County for posting on their public website.
- **Jerry Sincich** thanked County staff and WM for addressing questions and providing information and data to the COC.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024, 10:00am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.