

## Community Assessment



RCDWR conducted an inspection on March 5, 2024, reporting on aesthetics, traffic, odors, signage, drainages, air quality, and other community issues. The inspection report along with photographs are attached.

## LEA Corner

The Mitigation Monitoring and Site Inspection reports for January, February, and March 2024 are attached. The modified Solid Waste Facility Permit was issued on 4/2/24. A Notice of Violation was issued in March for Load Check inspections.



## Landfill Tonnage and Traffic



Landfill Totals  
(Daily Average)

2024	Tonnage	Traffic
January	10,623	1,031
February	10,409	918
March	10,708	1,052

The average weekly tonnage was 62,681 tons and maximum was 66,834 tons (week of 3/18/24).

## Quarterly Complaint Summary



For details, see complaint logs from the LEA and WM on pages X & Y.

	Odor	Site Condition	Other
LEA	0	0	0
WM- El Sobrante	20	0	0

## Next Meeting



The next COC is meeting on June 12, 2024, 10:00 AM

TV Water District  
Board Room  
22646 Temescal Canyon Rd  
Temescal Valley, CA 92883



## 2023 Annual Reports

- The Draft Annual Reports are being prepared by WM.
- Once prepared, staff will review and the reports will be presented to the COC for comments during the June 12th meeting.

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# Community Assessment



## El Sobrante Landfill: Community Assessment

Date: March 5, 2024 Arrival time: 11:00 am Prepared by: Katherine Avila/Kinika Hesterly, RCDWR

### I. Aesthetics

- Pond 4 visual inspection:
  - Pond 4 gate and fencing - good condition, no litter (photo 1).
  - Pond 4 outside slope - good vegetative cover.
  - Green table was observed with damaged conditions on the day of the assessment. Since then, the table has been replaced (photo 2).
- Drainage channel/culverts:
  - Vegetation growth in the drainage channel east of the Pond 4 gate, but does not cause major debris or blockage.
  - Culvert chipping and graffiti was observed on the day of the assessment. Since then, the culverts have been painted (photo 3).
- Dawson Canyon Road condition:
  - The dirt section subject to quarterly grading by WMI is not smooth and is ready for re-grading. The road was graded for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter on March 12, 2024.
- Berm 10/11:
  - No visible litter, good vegetative cover (photo 1 - Berm 10; photo 4 - Berm 11).
- Landfill operations:
  - Not visible from Dawson Canyon area or Spanish Hills/Trilogy area.
  - No odor in Dawson Canyon (near Pond 4)
  - No odor in Spanish Hills/Trilogy area.
  - No odor in the Terramor Community. Landfill operations slightly visible from the Terramor Community, located south of the Landfill (photo 5).
  - Landfill operations not visible from communities west of I-15 (photos 6 and 7); bare outside slopes; USA Waste/WMI implementing plan to address the bare slopes.
  - No new noticeable erosion on landfill slopes visible from the communities.
  - No visible off-site litter.
- Signage:
  - Inspected landfill address and directional signs. All signs are in good condition; visible and placed at numerous locations along Dawson Canyon Road.

### II. Traffic Mitigation Enforcement:

- 'No Right Turn' on Temescal Canyon Road (TCR) from Dawson Canyon:
  - No violations observed. No illegal right turns made by landfill trucks.
  - 'No Right Turn' sign is fully visible and in good condition (photo 8).

### III. Miscellaneous

- Reviewed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 site aerial (see attached).

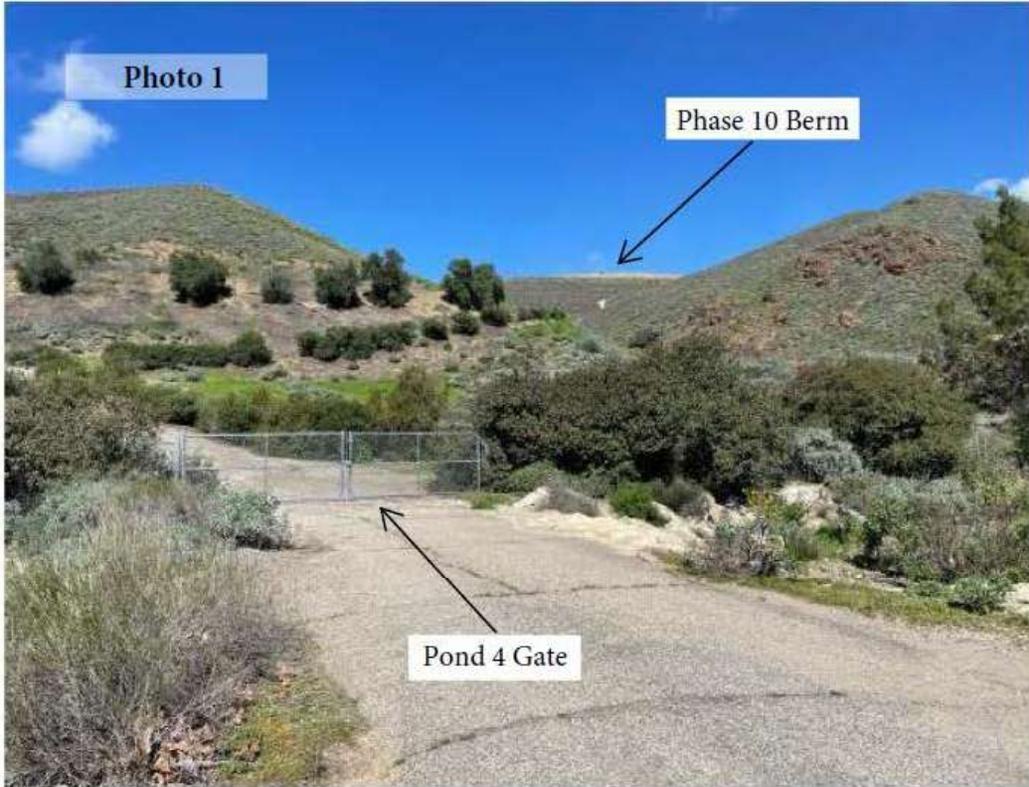


Photo 5

View of the Landfill from the Terramor Community

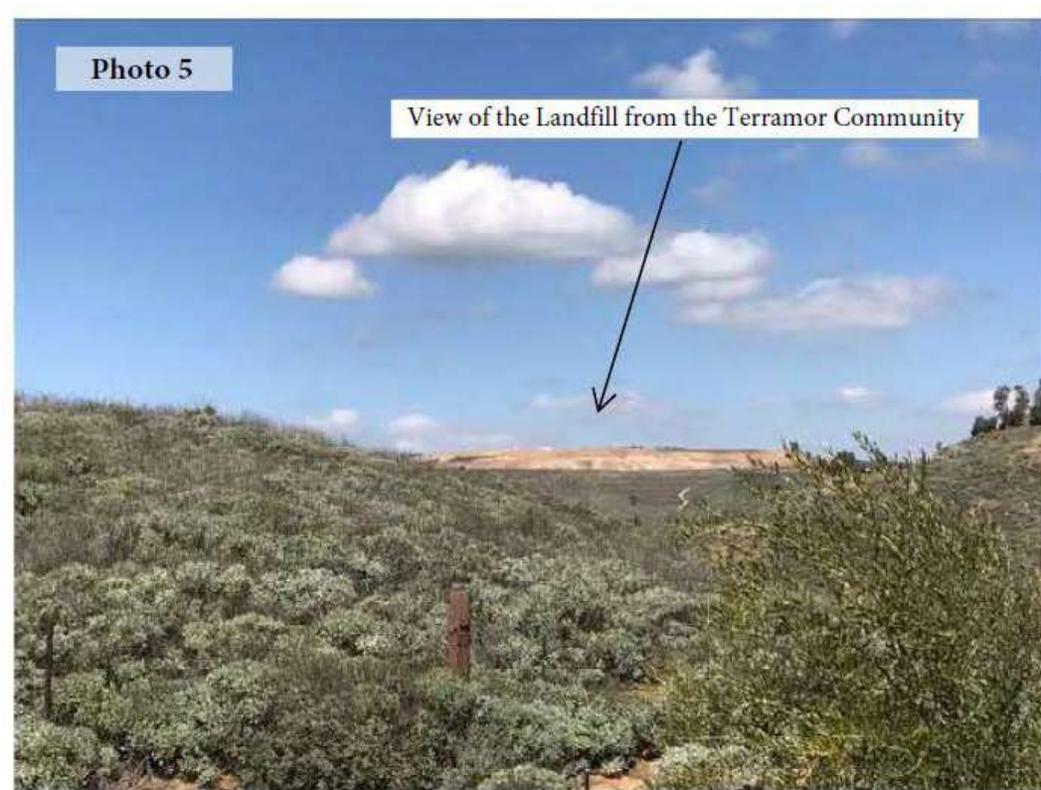


Photo 6

Typical View of the Landfill West of the I-15

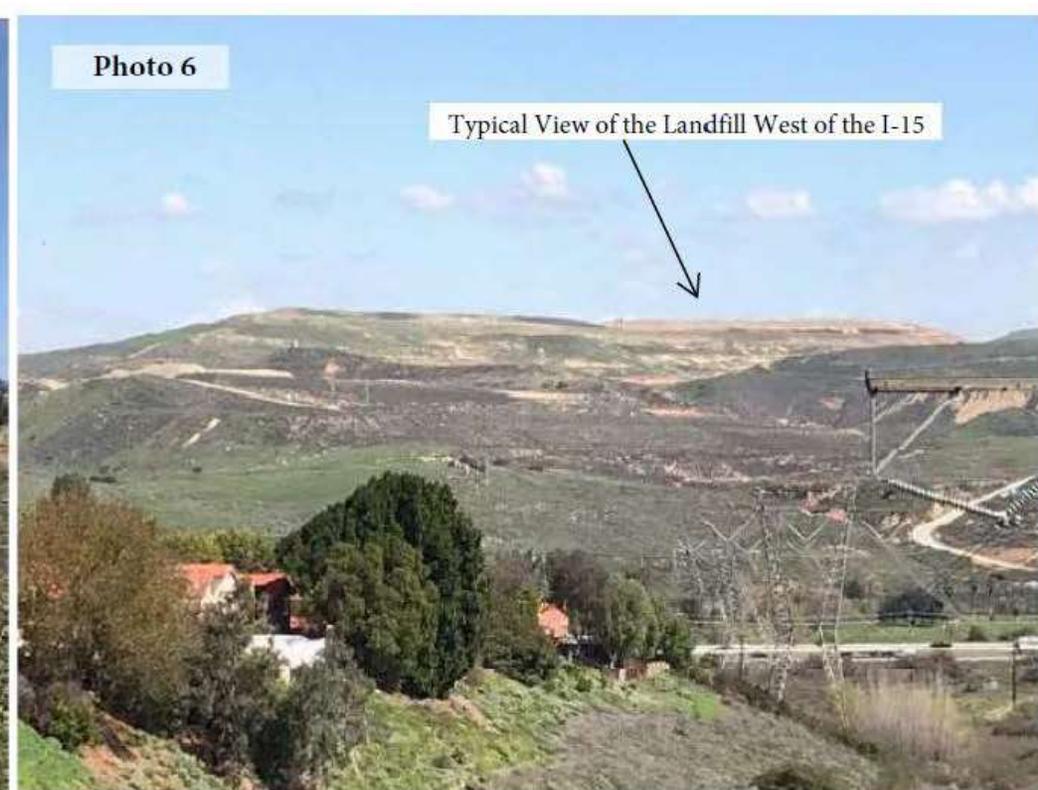


Photo 7

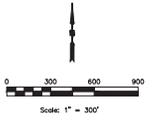
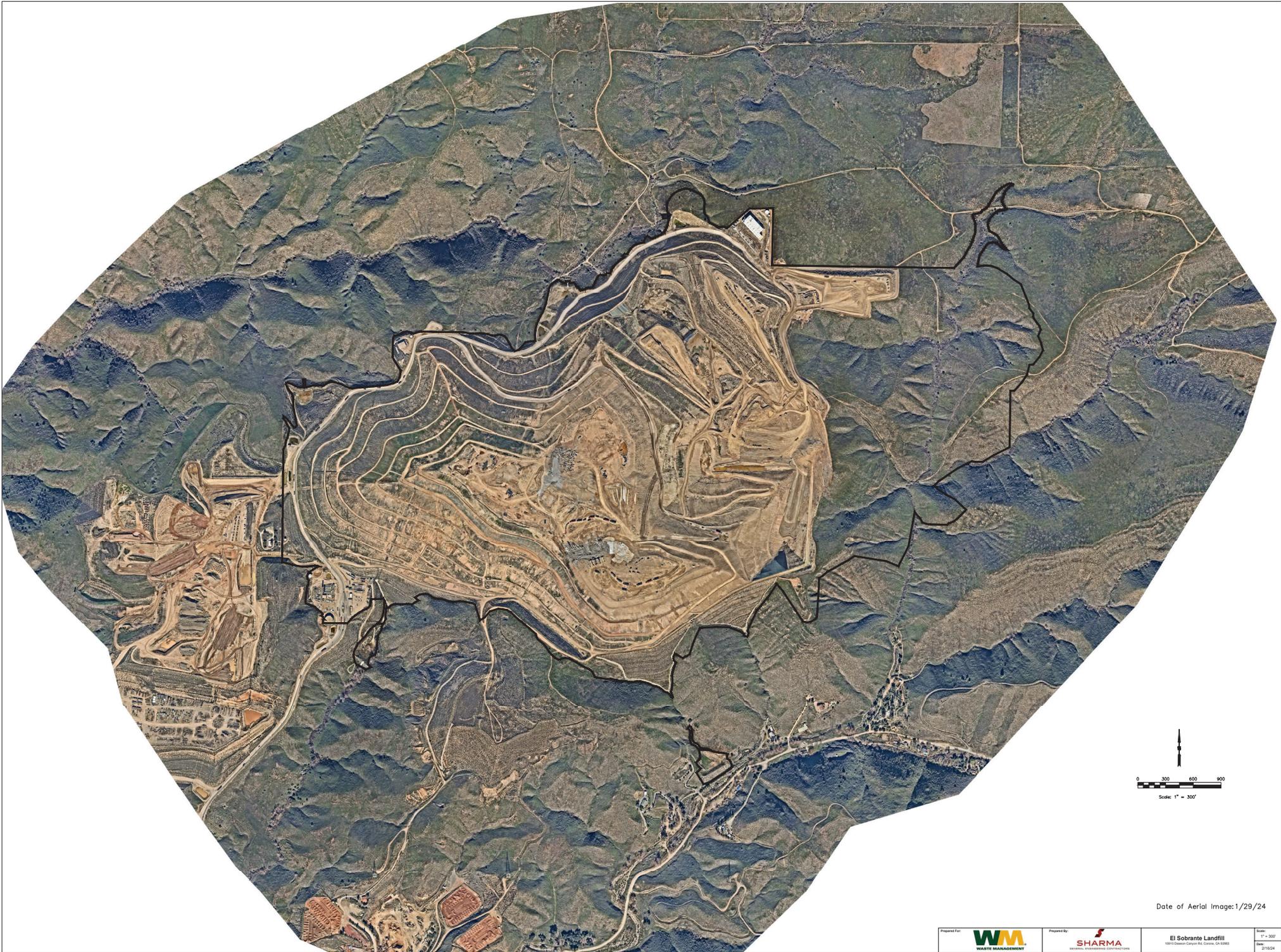
Typical View of the Landfill West of the I-15



Photo 8

'No Right Turn' Sign





Date of Aerial Image: 1/29/24

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## El Sobrante Landfill Announcements and Events

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024

## El Sobrante Landfill Operations Update:

- We continue to fill across the Top Deck moving from the south to the north. We are currently in lift 11 (each lift is approximately 25 feet in height). We are becoming more visible to the community and public as we have risen above the sloped berm. We will continue filling on the top deck until July - August 2024 when cell 13B is completed.
- We are currently running 24 hours and 6 days a week. The landfill is receiving about 11-12,000 tons a day, which is averaging about 65,000 tons a week.
- The sprinkler system was operated once in November.
- Construction on cell 13B began on the last week of November.
- Attended the Spring Fling Easter event at Terramor which sprouted about 200 guests.



1Q2024 DATA SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

MONTH	YEAR	TYPE	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	DESCRIPTION
January	2024	Odor	6	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 1/08, 1/10, 1/15, 1/29, and 1/31(x2).</p> <p>Odor neutralizer system was down on 1/11.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter checks and no unusual odor detected offsite at the time of inspection. The odor neutralizer system was on during the complaints and the gas collection and control system was working properly.</p>
February	2024	Odor	4	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 2/13, 2/16, 2/23, and 2/28.</p> <p>Odor neutralizer system was down on 2/23.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter checks and no unusual odor detected offsite at the time of inspection. The odor neutralizer system was on during the complaints and the gas collection and control system was working properly.</p>
March	2024	Odor	10	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 3/05 (x3), 3/09 (x2), 3/11, 3/12, 3/15, 3/18, and 3/21.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter checks and no unusual odor detected offsite at the time of inspection. The odor neutralizer system was on during the complaints and the gas collection and control system was working properly.</p>

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LEA Mitigation Report

Monthly Inspection Reports



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

P.O. BOX 7909 • RIVERSIDE, CA 92513-7909

El Sobrante Landfill  
Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Report

**Date:** 4-12-2024

**Completed by:** Sandi Salas

**Quarterly Report Covering:** January- March 2024

**FINDINGS**

**Inspections** (A-5)(A-6)(A-7)(AQ-2)(G-11)(G-12)(G-24)(N-1)(N-7)(U-7)(U-8)(U-9)(U-10)(W-1)(W-5)

- Three unannounced routine inspections were conducted on January 18th, February 9th and March 15th.
  - One violation was issued on the March 15<sup>th</sup> report for the operator not complying with terms and conditions of their permit and not conducting the required number of load check inspections for the first week of February. See report for more details.
- An unannounced inspection of the cover system was completed on March 18th.
  - No Violations or Areas of Concern were documented.
  - All lighting onsite appeared to be operated within the standards set forth by the CEQA mitigations.

**PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring** (AQ-3)(AQ-4)(AQ-11)

- PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring will stay in place during all active construction and excavation.
- PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring is in place and will be monitored as Cell 13B is being constructed. The latest PM<sub>10</sub> workplan is dated 1/19/24.
- Wheel wash station is available if needed.
- Water truck in used for control dust. Leachate/condensate will not be used to wash roads or equipment.
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**Out of County Transfer Station Inspections** (T-2) (T-7)

- No out of county transfer station inspections were conducted during this past quarter. completed during the quarter.

**Landfill Gas Monitoring** (AQ-1)(W-11)

- The LEA received 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Landfill Air Emissions Monitoring report in February 2023 which showed no gas probe readings in exceedance of 5% methane.
- The LEA conducted gas monitoring on 2/29/24 and all probes measured had readings less than 5% methane by volume.

**Quarterly Aerial** (A-2)

- An updated aerial was taken on January 29, 2024 and showed no areas of offsite grading or operations.



**Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)**  
**El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)**  
1/18/2024

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 58 degrees, partly cloudy skies with mild winds.

**The following records were reviewed for the month of December 2023:**

- **Tonnage:** Tonnage records for this period were provided via email by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limits of 70,000 tons. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- **Vehicles/Traffic:** Vehicle/traffic records are included in the provided tonnage and traffic report. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. The traffic reports are attached to this inspection report for additional information.
- **Load Check:** RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. At least 10 load check inspections were conducted on three days per week in the month of December. This site conducted at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections during this period. See load check summary report for additional information.
- **Accidents/Injuries:** No accidents or injuries were reported during this period.
- **Complaints:** A total of 4 complaints were documented in the complaint log for this reporting period. Each of these complaints were related to landfill/trash odors in the nearby Terramor housing community. Complaints were received on the following days during this period: 12/4, 12/6, 12/25 and 12/26.
- **Special Occurrences:** Other than inspections and complaint investigations by regulatory agencies, no other special occurrences were reported during this period.
- **Employee Training:** Training topics during this reporting period included the following: Critical 9 Rules in Rule Book, E-CAP: Prohibited and Special Waste, Slips, Trips and Falls, and Cold Stress.

**Site Observations:**

Required signage was posted at the front entrance gate and scale house areas upon the start of the inspection. A Permit Modification Public Notice was also observed posted at the front scale house. The leachate/condensate storage reservoir areas were maintained clean. E-waste storage containers and recycling transfer pad were observed organized and clean. Paved and unpaved roadways at the landfill were maintained in good repair to allow for safe access to the site. A falconer was on site during this inspection, and was able to display some of the bird abatement measures being utilized, including the use of a hawk, remote controlled glider plane and cannons. Minimal bird activity was observed near the working face of the landfill.

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WM employees were safely directing residential, self haul and commercial customers to and from the designated waste disposal areas. WM employees and customers were safely wearing proper personal protective equipment throughout the site. Two residential customers were reminded by WM staff to wear their safety vests at the working face area of phase 12. Phase 12 and 13A are both being utilized as working faces. Four tippers were observed staged at phase 13A to aid in commercial waste disposal. Excavation activities were observed actively occurring in an upcoming phase location. Water trucks were observed in excavation and working face areas of the landfill for dust control. Ash material was observed in small piles in the working face areas of phase 12. Staged tarps were observed in both residential and commercial working face locations to prepare for daily cover use. The odor neutralizer misting system at the main fence line and green waste transfer pad were observed on. The operator stated that since the previous inspection, no changes have been made to odor mitigation measures performed on site.

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report please contact (951)955-8980 or email [AMian@rivco.org](mailto:AMian@rivco.org).

## Attachments

El Sobrante Landfill- Load Check Inspection Summary  
El Sobrante Landfill- Tonnage and Traffic Report

Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)  
El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)  
2/9/2024

**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County **Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 2/9/2024 **Time In:** 12:45 PM  
**Inspection Type:** Periodic **Time Out:** 2:45 PM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 2 hours  
**Operator:** USA Waste Services of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Jose Gonzalez

**Facility/Activity Information**

**Enforcement Agency:** County of Riverside **SWIS Number:** 33-AA-0217  
**Facility:** **El Sobrante Landfill**  
10910 Dawson Canyon Road  
Corona, CA 91719  
**Activity:** Solid Waste Landfill  
**Operational Status:** Active **Regulatory Status:** Permitted  
**Land Owners(s):**  
USA Waste Services of California, Inc.

*The above facility was inspected for compliance with applicable sections of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) and Title 14 and Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR).*

**No Violations**

**No Areas of Concern**

**Inspection Report Comments**

- The purpose of this visit was to conduct a routine inspection. Present during this inspection was Jose Gonzalez of WM.

This site is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day, 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday; Closed Sunday).

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 57 degrees F, mostly cloudy skies with mild 3 mph winds.

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2/9/2024

**The following records were reviewed for the month of January 2024:**

- Tonnage: Tonnage records for this period were provided via email by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limits of 70,000 tons or daily permitted limits of 16,054 tons. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- Vehicles/Traffic: Vehicle/traffic records are included in the provided tonnage and traffic report. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. The traffic reports are attached to this inspection report for additional information.
- Load Check: RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. At least 10 load check inspections were conducted on three days per week in the month of January. This site conducted at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections during this period. See load check summary report for additional information.
- Accidents/Injuries: No accidents or injuries were reported during this period.
- Complaints: A total of 6 complaints were documented in the complaint log for this reporting period. Each of these complaints were related to landfill/trash odors in the nearby Terramor housing community. For each of the complaints, documentation on the time of day, as well as whether the landfill was receiving unusual or odorous waste loads were documented. Complaints were received on the following days during this period: 1/8, 1/10, 1/15, 1/29 and 1/31.
- Special Occurrences: On 1/22/2024, the LEA was notified via written letter received by email, that an indeterminate amount, estimated to be less than 10 tons of expired hand sanitizer, was allegedly deposited in the El Sobrante Landfill around 12/14/2023 and 12/15/2025. Additionally, the LEA was notified of this verbally on 1/18/2025. The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board provided concurrence to WM's response and resolution, and further stated there is no objection to leaving material in place.
- Employee Training: Training topics during the month of January included the following: Tipping Floor, E-CAP: Housekeeping, Emergency Response and Slips/Trips/Falls.

**Site Observations:**

Upon entry to the site, proper signage was observed at entrance and scale house locations. Both flares at the flare station were observed in operation. The transfer pad, e-waste storage and leachate/condensate tank areas of the site were maintained clean and organized. Water trucks were observed actively watering roads near the scale house for dust control purposes. The wheel wash station was observed being serviced by WM employees, and was in operation earlier in the week due to rainy conditions. The working face of the landfill was muddy due to recent heavy rain, but commercial and residential customers/vehicles were observed safely navigating to and from unloading/tipping areas. Crushed rock piles were

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staged in various locations along dirt roads to aid in road improvements where needed. A small amount of water accumulation was observed at the working face, but not enough to warrant a violation or area of concern. Informed operator to monitor any areas of ponding/water accumulation at the working face areas to ensure proper drainage occurs. Four tippers were observed in operation during this inspection. WM employees and customers were observed wearing safety vests and other personal protective equipment where applicable. WM employees were also observed safely operating heavy equipment and vehicles. Excavation activities were observed in preparation and development of phase 13B during this inspection. The main fence line odor neutralizer system was in operation during this visit, and all odor mitigation measures listed in previous inspection reports continue to occur where applicable. The green waste transfer pad was observed clean and organized. The fence screening material was observed in good repair and odor neutralizer system was operational at the green waste transfer pad. No accumulated windblown litter, erosion, or nuisance conditions were observed during this inspection.

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## Attachments

El Sobrante Landfill- Load Check Inspection Summary

El Sobrante Landfill- Tonnage and Traffic Report



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3/15/2024

conduct the minimum required amount of 10 load check inspections per day, on at least three random days during this week. The scale house and load check inspection program is overseen by RCDWR at this landfill. RCDWR stated that this was an oversight issue due to staffing during this time period. This violation was further discussed with WM staff, who indicated that they would work more closely with RCDWR to ensure compliance with load check inspections moving forward.

## No Areas of Concern

## Inspection Report Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a routine monthly inspection. Present during this inspection was Richard Carpenter and Jose Gonzalez of WM.

This site is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day, 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday; Closed Sunday).

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 62 degrees F, mostly cloudy skies with 9 mph winds.

### **The following records were reviewed for the month of February 2024:**

- **Tonnage:** Tonnage records for this period were provided via email by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limits of 70,000 tons or daily permitted limits of 16,054 tons. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- **Vehicles/Traffic:** Vehicle/traffic records are included in the provided tonnage and traffic report. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. The traffic reports are attached to this inspection report for additional information.
- **Load Check:** RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. See violation section and load check summary report for additional information.
- **Complaints:** A total of 4 complaints were documented in the complaint log for this reporting period. Each of these complaints were related to landfill/trash odors in the nearby Terramor housing community. WM staff responded to these complaints once they were received. Complaints were received on the following days during this period: 2/13, 2/16, 2/23 and 2/28.
- **Special Occurrences (including accidents/injuries):** Other than site visits by regulatory agencies, no other special occurrences were reported during this period.
- **Employee Training:** Training topics during this reporting period included the following: Fire Extinguishers, E-CAP: E Waste, Pushing and Pulling and HECP: Lock Out Tag Out.

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3/15/2024

**Site Observations:**

Required signage was posted at the front entrance gate and scale house areas upon the start of the inspection. Both flares were observed in operation at the flare station upon entering the site. The leachate/condensate storage reservoir areas were maintained clean. E-waste storage containers and recycling transfer pad were observed organized and clean. Paved and unpaved roadways at the landfill were maintained in good repair to allow for safe access to the site and unloading areas. A falconer was on site performing bird abatement services during this inspection. Minimal bird activity was observed near the working face of the landfill.

WM employees were observed safely navigating residential, self haul and commercial customers to and from the designated waste disposal areas. WM employees and customers were safely wearing proper personal protective equipment throughout the site. Four tippers were observed staged at commercial waste disposal area of the working face of the landfill. Excavation activities were observed actively occurring in an upcoming phase location. An area where ponding was observed on the 2/29/2024 focused inspection was observed to be drained and improved. Water trucks were observed on roadways of excavation and working face areas of the landfill for dust control purposed. Staged tarps were observed in the working face area in preparation for daily cover use. The odor neutralizer misting system at the main fence line and green waste transfer pad were observed on. The green waste transfer pad area was observed clean with minimal physical contaminants.

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3/18/2024

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**Inspection Date:** 3/18/2024 **Time In:** 1:15 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Focused **Time Out:** 2:15 AM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 1 hour  
**Operator:** USA Waste of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Julia Anderson and Eddie Botello

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**Inspection Report Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a quarterly focused inspection to assess the efficacy of daily cover and alternative daily cover (ADC) use. Present during this inspection was Julia Anderson of Riverside County Department of Environmental health- Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and Eddie Botello of WM.

Materials used as ADC at this landfill may include ash from Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) in Long Beach, and tarps.

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3/18/2024

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 49 degrees F, clear skies with 3 mph wind.

**Site Observations:**

In addition to soil/dirt, tarps were observed deployed over the working face areas of the landfill. Ash was not being used as ADC during this inspection. WM staff were observed at the working face of the landfill to perform litter picking activities and to aid in tarp pulling to prepare for the upcoming operational day. A small amount of litter was observed near deployed tarps at the working face, but WM laborers were actively collecting this material during the inspection. The tarps used as ADC were observed in good condition without rips or tears. No violations or areas of concern were noted during this inspection.

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