

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

**March 12, 2025**

**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 December 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Public Comments are permitted for these items)**
  - A. Staff Update**
    - 1. Site Improvements**
  - B. Renewable Natural Gas Facility**
    - 1. Project Updates**
  - C. Local Mitigation Trust Fund**
  - D. Landfill Updates**
    - 1. General Site Operations**
    - 2. Elevated Sub-Surface Temperatures**
    - 3. Fire Debris Disposal**
    - 4. Leachate and Condensate**
    - 5. Odor Control**
    - 6. Community Relations**
  - E. Local Enforcement Agency Update**
    - 1. Site Inspections**
    - 2. Complaints**
- 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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CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 11, 2024**

The following were present:

**Committee Members**

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

**Committee Members Absent**

**WM/USA Waste**

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill  
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill

**County Staff**

Aaron Gettis  
Ryan Ross  
Kinika Hesterly  
Mariela Aguilar  
Kathryn Aguilar

**Representing**

County Counsel  
Waste Resources  
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**Guests/Interested Parties**

Jessie Milligan, Waste Management

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jerry Sincich.

**II. APPROVAL OF October 9th, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

Fred Myers discussed the Annual RNG payment on page 2 of the meeting minutes. Ryan Ross clarified that the annual payment is not in perpetuity, but it is tied to the Agreement and the site's landfill gas being processed by the RNG facility. Lee Wilson moved to approve the minutes as written, Fred Myers seconded the motion. Approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. STAFF UPDATES**

**1. Site Improvements**

Ryan Ross reported no new activity on the three projects listed below.

- Landfill Gas Flare
- Scale House Improvement
- Leachate Tank Farm Expansion

**2. Site Fire Update**

Dave Meyer presented updates on the Fire:

- Possibility that the fire was ignited due to a battery within a side slope.
- The Fire Department was able to contain the fire, the operation took approximately 2 hours.
- Landfill operations stopped during the incident which resulted in the landfill access road being backed up with trucks for a few hours. For future incidents, WM will implement a plan for traffic control.

## **B. RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) FACILITY**

Ryan Ross reported:

- On November 5, 2024, the Board approved the RNG project and a timeline for construction to start has been established.
- Phase 1A and 1B have been approved to break ground and a grading permit was issued on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.
- Expected to break ground by the end of the year for Phase 1A/1B.

COC members:

- Inquired what the earliest targeted date that gas would be pumped to SoCal Gas. Ryan Ross stated that Toro mentioned first or second quarter of 2026.
- Inquired when COC should expect their first stipend. Ryan Ross responded early 2027 (January 2027).
- Fred Myers expressed concern for Phase 1B POR site and potential erosion from the Cold-Water Creek. Fred to discuss the grading plans with Flood Control.
- Discussed the Revenue Share Agreement and compounding growth rate.

## **C. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND**

Ryan Ross reported:

- Able to identify the funds that were allocated by the COC to certain programs.
- In 2006 approximately 80K was allocated for:
  - Sheriff/ Code
  - Illegal dumping
  - Clean money program
- 75 sites for Illegal dumping signs
  - 2022 signage improvements/replacements.
- Funds held by the Executive Office with other Habitat Mitigation Funds.
- Jerry Sincich inquired, if possible, to have one account. Ryan Ross informed COC that he must work with Executive Office to form separate accounts.
- Jerry Sincich mentioned that he would like to see more programs like the Clean Money program for youth-based organizations.

## **D. LANDFILL UPDATES**

### **1. General Site Operations**

David Meyer reported:

- The landfill is currently on Lift 13 and will continue filling top deck until Phase 13B is done. Phase 13B delayed and is expected to begin filling in early January.
- The landfill is operating 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and receiving approximately 11,000-12,000 tons of MSW a day/63,000 ton a week.
- The leachate & condensate are being shipped offsite to Avalon and Mecca.
  - Working on different processes.

### **2. Green Waste Processing**

David Meyer reported that green waste continues to be transferred offsite. No on-site processing is occurring.

### **3. Processed C&D Material as ADC**

David Meyer reported no change. C&D material from Moreno Valley Transfer Station is primarily new construction which is not suitable for ADC.

### **4. Odor Control**

David Meyer and Richard Carpenter reported:

- David Meyer reached out to Ollotech and Pima County but has not received further information regarding the odor detection equipment.
  - Richard mentioned that after researching the machines that were forwarded by Martin Labombarda, they seem to be weather machines, not odor detector machines.
- Four complaints in October and four complaints in November.
- El Sobrante Landfill Community email – only received 10 emails since its conception.
- No traffic concerns for October and November.

## **5. Community Relations**

Richard Carpenter mentioned:

- Fall Festivals, Calendar Art Contest, and Girl Scouts Project (Pollinator Garden).
- Lee Wilson and Fred Myers complimented WM for the Calendar Art Contest Event.

## **E. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE**

### **1. Site Inspections**

Update from Kinika Hesterly on behalf of Sandi Salas:

- Violations for gas exceedance in September, October, and November.
- One violation for methane in November.
  - Ruth Brissenden shared concern for the recurring methane violation. David Meyer confirmed the violation is on Probe 22 and WM is working to get back into compliance.

### **2. Complaints**

Update from Kinika Hesterly:

- LEA received five complaints- three odor and two traffic.

COC Members:

- Tracy Davis inquired if a well is being drilled in Dawson Canyon. Dave Meyer confirmed and informed COC that the well is used to measure the ground water
- Dave Meyers confirmed that WM will be running supplemental irrigation in December.

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

Jerry Sincich nominated Tracy Davis as Chair and Lee Wilson as Vice Chair. Ruth Brissenden seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Public Commentors: None.

## **VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- **Tracy Davis** acknowledged WM for the calendars and the Calendar Art Project. Acknowledged the progress made in the community on behalf of the landfill through community events.
- **Lee Wilson** commended WM for their response and attention to the odor complaints.
- **Fred Myers** thanked WM and Waste Resources. Informed staff that he would like to know the progression of the condensate and leachate industrial standards and how they will be disposed.
- **Jerry Sincich** thanked WM and Waste Resources for the activities, events, and tours within the community. Thanked WM for the calendar and for addressing questions and concerns and providing answers to issues from the community.
- **Lee Wilson** thanked Jerry Sincich for serving as Chair.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, 10:00 am.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.