



# El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024

## Community Assessment



RCDWR conducted an inspection on June 6, 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 April, May, and June 2024 are attached. The modified Solid Waste Facility Permit was issued on 4/2/24. No areas of concern or violations issued during this quarter.



## Landfill Tonnage and Traffic



Landfill Totals (Daily Average)		
2024	Tonnage	Traffic
April	10,566	1,081
May	10,191	1,089
June	9,889	1,085

The average weekly tonnage was 60,535 tons and maximum was 64,837 tons (week of 4/08/24).

## Quarterly Complaint Summary



For details, see complaint logs from the LEA and WM.

	Odor	Site Condition	Other
LEA	0	0	2
WM- El Sobrante	28	0	4

## Next Meeting



The next COC is meeting on September 11, 2024, 10:00 AM

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



## 2023 Annual Reports

- The COC reviewed the draft annual reports on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Administrative Review Committee (ARC) will review the Final Reports during the ARC meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Final Reports will be provided to the COC before submittal to the Board of Supervisors.

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## Community Assessment



## **El Sobrante Landfill: Community Assessment**

Date: June 6, 2024    Arrival time: 10:00 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 park table and bench - good condition (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 was observed; no new signs of graffiti (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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on June 11, 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, however graffiti was observed on the top left corner of the sign (photo 8).

### **III. Miscellaneous**

- Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024 site aerial (see attached).



Photo 1

Phase 10 Berm

Pond 4 Gate

Photo 2

Park Table with Bench

Photo 3

Drainage Channel/Culverts

Photo 4

Phase 11 Berm

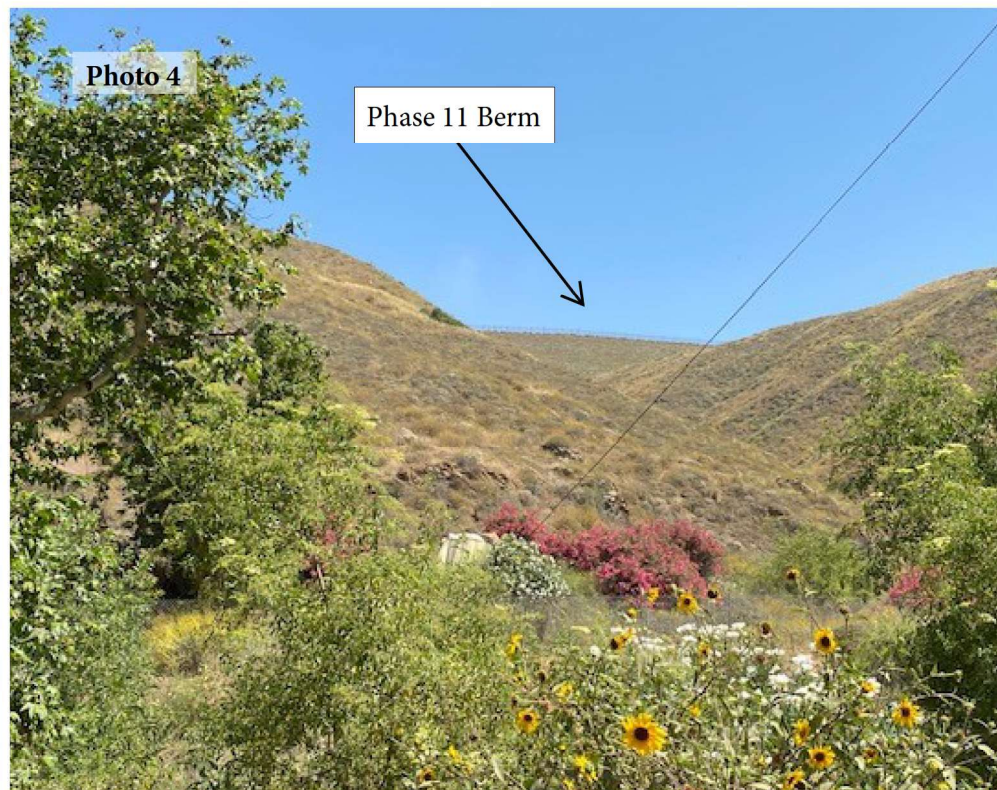
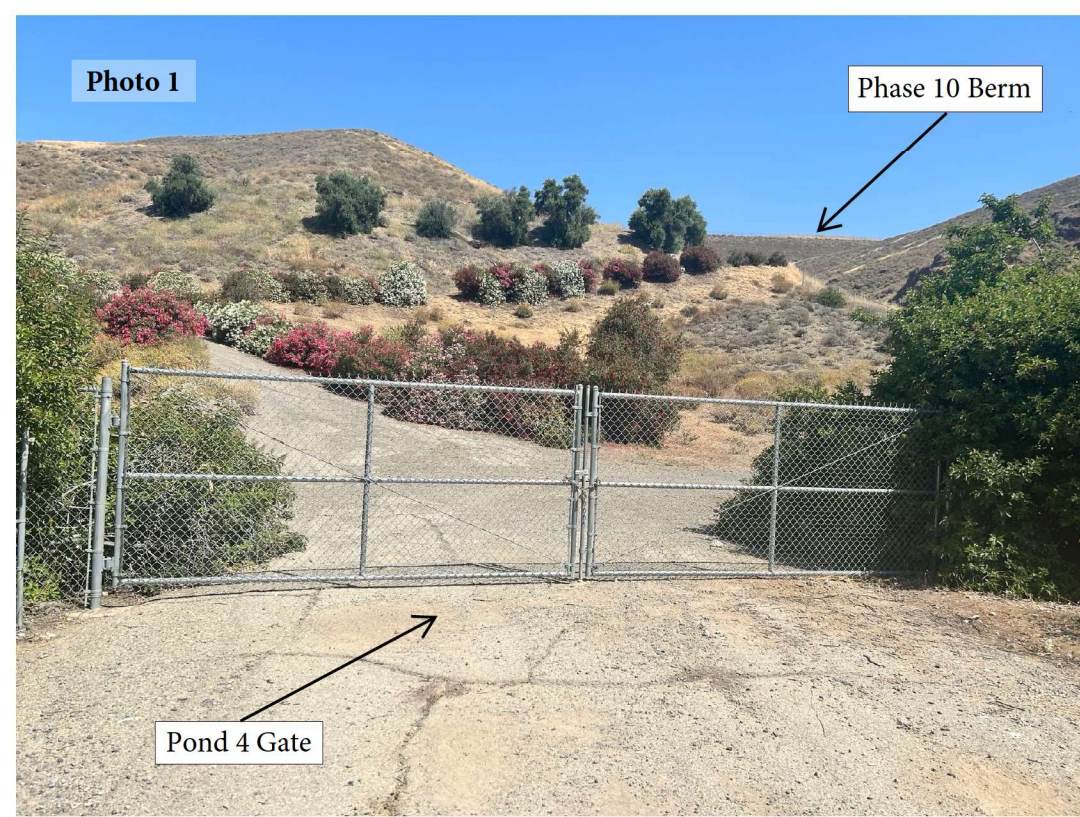




Photo 5

View of the Landfill from the Terramor Community



Photo 6

View of the Landfill West of the I-15



Photo 7

View of the Landfill West of the I-15

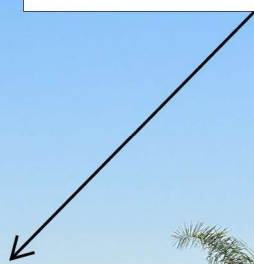
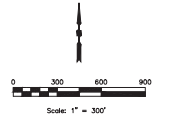


Photo 8

'No Right Turn' Sign







Date of Aerial Image: 5/7/24



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## El Sobrante Landfill Announcements and Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024

## El Sobrante Landfill Operations Update:

- We continue to fill across the Top Deck moving from the North to South. We are currently in lift 12 (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 August/September 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 61,000 tons a week.
- The sprinkler system was operated once in November.
- Excavation on cell 13B is complete. Starting liner construction in July 2024

April 25, 2024

## Revitalizing Community School Tours on Earth Day!

El Sobrante Landfill welcomed over 60 first-grade students from Luiseno Elementary School for an eye-opening tour of their expansive 707-acre Nature Preserve and 468-acre landfill. The aim was to educate the young minds and surrounding community about the critical importance of wildlife habitat conservation and recycling efforts. Mrs. Chavez, one of the attending teachers, expressed her surprise, saying, 'I didn't know there was such a focus on preservation and maintaining a positive impact on the environment.' A parent chaperone remarked, 'This (El Sobrante) is a lot cleaner than I had expected for a landfill to be.' Their observation underscores the meticulous care and dedication to environmental stewardship evident at El Sobrante Landfill. The event served as a testament toward education and community engagement helping to foster a culture of sustainability and environmental responsibility. El Sobrante Landfill continues to inspire and empower individuals to make a positive difference in the world around them.





May 16, 2024

### **Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Tour**

The Executive Leadership Roundtable (ELR), a 10-month program by the Corona Chamber, offers participants a behind-the-scenes look at various industries through guided tours, including a visit to the El Sobrante Landfill. Our tour provided an in-depth understanding of waste management processes, environmental sustainability practices, and wildlife habitat conservation efforts.



May 18, 2024

### **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Temescal Valley Fair**

WM El Sobrante Landfill participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Temescal Valley Fair. Over 2,500 people attended the fair most of which stopped over to our booth to get a glimpse of and take a seat in our WM Mini-truck.



June 5, 2024

## Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) Awards

The El Sobrante Landfill and Wildlife Preserve was recognized by the WHC as the *Gold Program of the Year* for its active management of more than 1,000 acres through avian, engagement, grasslands, mammals, and other wildlife projects.

“WM is committed to protecting the environment and building a more sustainable future. We are proud to be recognized for our conservation efforts by an organization like the Wildlife Habitat Council,” said David Meyer, Senior District Manager at WM. Our efforts at El Sobrante have transformed this area into a thriving wildlife preserve and give residents an opportunity to learn more about the threatened and endangered species that call Temescal Valley – and El Sobrante – home.

WHC’s *Gold Program of the Year* award specifically recognized WM’s efforts to remove invasive weeds, shelter burrowing owls, protect the Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat, and engage youth in education. The El Sobrante site was also awarded the *WHC’s Rocky Areas Project Award* for its efforts to grow the population of the *Many-stemmed Dudleya*, a rare plant in Southern California.

In addition to the site-specific El Sobrante awards, WM was also awarded the *WHC Corporate Conservation Leadership Award* for the company’s overall achievement in conservation across the country.





2Q2024 DATA SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS				
MONTH	YEAR	TYPE	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	DESCRIPTION
April	2024	Odor	5	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 4/08, 4/17, 4/20, 4/21, and 4/29.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted perimeter 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>
May	2024	Odor	20	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/12, 5/13 (x6), 5/15, 5/17, 5/18, 5/20 (x2), 5/26 (x2), 5/28, and 5/31.</p> <p>Odor neutralizer system was down on 5/13.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted perimeter 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>
		Traffic	1	<p>Spanish Hills Community registered a traffic concern on 5/5.</p> <p>A notification was sent to third party carriers regarding truck limitations for vehicles entering and leaving El Sobrante Landfill. WM also follow-up with the identified responsible customers to correct the behavior.</p>
June	2024	Odor	3	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 6/1, 6/11, and 6/15.</p> <p>Odor neutralizer system was down on 6/12.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted perimeter 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>
		Traffic	2	<p>Trilogy Community registered traffic concerns on 6/11 and 6/24.</p> <p>A notification was sent to third party carriers regarding truck limitations for vehicles entering and leaving El Sobrante Landfill. WM also follow-up with the identified responsible customers to correct the behavior.</p>
		View	1	<p>Trilogy Community registered a viewshed concern on 6/11.</p> <p>During the time of complaint, the landfill was filling in waste around the outer slope areas. Cover soil was stockpiled near the outer slope so that it can be deployed as rapidly as possible to reduce visual impacts of the working face. Daily cover was placed on any disposed waste that did not receive new waste within a 12-hour period. WM responded to the complainant via email explaining the current filling operations at the landfill.</p>

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LEA Mitigation Report

Monthly Inspection Reports





County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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El Sobrante Landfill  
Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Report

**Date:** 7-8-2024

**Completed by:** Sandi Salas

**Quarterly Report Covering:** April- June 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 April 12th, May 10th, and June 6th
  - No Area of Concern or Violations were issued during these inspections.
- An unannounced inspection of the cover system was completed on June 10th, 2024.
  - No Area of Concern or Violations were issued at time of cover inspection.
  - 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)

- No issues noted regarding PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring. PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring is to be in place during active construction. The landfill is still preparing cell 13B.
- Water trucks are being used for dust control.

**Out of County Transfer Station Inspections** (T-2) (T-7)

- 24 Out of County Transfer station inspections were conducted during this past quarter. All transfer stations appear to be following their permitted hazardous materials load check programs.

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

- The LEA received a first quarter 2024 Landfill Air Emissions monitoring report dated May 2024 which showed no readings in which methane gas readings were above 5%.

**Quarterly Aerial** (A-2)

- An updated aerial was taken on May 7th and showed no areas of offsite grading or operations.

Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)  
El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)  
4/12/2024

**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County **Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 4/12/2024 **Time In:** 9:30 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Periodic **Time Out:** 12:30 PM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 3 hours  
**Operator:** USA Waste of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Hilario Venoya and 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 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 monthly inspection. Present during this inspection was Hilario Venoya of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, 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 64 degrees, overcast skies with 6 mph SE

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winds.

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

- Tonnage: Records for this period were provided via email from Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limit of 70,000 tons or daily permitted limit of 16,054 tons. See attached report for additional information.
- Vehicles/Traffic: Records were included in email from RCDWR. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. See attached report for additional information.
- Load Check: RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. This site has returned to compliance since the violation was issued on the 3/15/2024 routine monthly inspection report. Continue to ensure compliance with the load check inspection program. See attached load check summary report for additional information.
- Complaints: A total of 10 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 and documented that no unusually odorous loads were received during the time of the received complaints. Complaints were received on the following days: 3/5, 3/9, 3/11, 3/12, 3/15, 3/18 and 3/21. Community inspections related to the received odor complaints were performed by WM staff on five (5) of these dates.
- Special Occurrences (including accidents/injuries):
  - On 3/6/2024, a small fire was reported at the active face of the landfill. WM operations staff were able to separate the affected material to an area on the west side of phase 13A. The load was covered with dirt and fire was extinguished. Material was monitored for hot spots before being cleared. The source of the fire was unknown, but material was covered and monitored overnight. No injuries or property damages was resulted from this incident.
  - This site also recorded site visits by regulatory agencies in the special occurrences log for this reporting period.
- Employee Training: Training topics during this reporting period included the following: Fall Prevention, ECAP: Storm Water, Ladder Safety, and Wheels Up.

**Site Observations:**



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Signage was observed at the scale house and front entrance gate areas of this site at the beginning of this inspection. The recently issued Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) was observed posted in a bulletin board display case in the main office. Both flares were observed on at the flare station during this visit. Five new, but yet to be installed tanks were observed staged near existing leachate/condensate tank storage areas of the site. Operator stated three of the five tanks will be installed at/near the location where they were observed to be staged, and the other two will be utilized elsewhere. Due to the placement of the storage tanks, the e-waste storage bins are expected to be relocated to a different area of the landfill. The relocated area for e-waste, metals, and appliances will be where the old maintenance shop used to be. The recycling transfer pad was maintained and free from accumulated windblown litter. Roadways in paved and unpaved areas were observed in good condition to allow for access to and from disposal areas. Water trucks were also observed applying water for dust control purposes on multiple instances during the inspection. A falconer was on site to provide bird abatement services during this inspection. Minimal bird activity was observed at the working face of the landfill, but not enough to warrant a violation or area of concern.

WM staff were observed removing physical contaminants from green waste material at the green waste transfer pad. Per operator, litter picking activities have commenced to ensure contaminants are removed prior to hauling it to green waste processing sites. The odor neutralizer system at the green waste transfer pad was in operation during this visit. WM was observed wearing personal protective equipment in all required areas of the landfill. WM employees were also observed navigating and communicating with both residential and commercial customers. Four tippers were observed in operation at the working face of the landfill during this inspection. The main fence line odor neutralizer system was observed in operation. No changes to the in place odor mitigation measures were reported. The operator estimated that the working face is currently in the area of phase 12. Excavation activities were observed in phases being developed for future landfilling. The wheel wash station was observed clean, and ready for use in the event that rainy conditions occur.

Immediately prior to this landfill inspection, an off-site inspection was conducted in the Terramor and Dawson Canyon communities. No odors, windblown litter or other nuisance conditions were detected during these visits. Communities near the landfill will continue to be monitored during future inspections.

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)  
5/10/2024

**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County **Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 5/10/2024 **Time In:** 9:15 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Periodic **Time Out:** 11:15 AM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 2 hours  
**Operator:** USA Waste of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Linda Lockhart

**Facility/Activity Information**

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**No Violations**

**No Areas of Concern**

**Inspection Report Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a routine monthly inspection. Present during this inspection was Linda Lockhart 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 69 degrees F, with clear skies and 3 mph SE wind.

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**El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)**  
5/10/2024

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

- **Tonnage:** Records for this period were provided via email from Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limit of 70,000 tons or daily permitted limit of 16,054 tons. See attached report for additional information.
- **Vehicles/Traffic:** Records were included in email from RCDWR. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. See attached report for additional information.
- **Load Check:** RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. These records indicate that this site performed at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections of 10 per day, 3 times per week, during this period. See attached load check summary report for additional information.
- **Complaints:** A total of 5 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 and documented that no unusually odorous loads were received during the time of the received complaints. Complaints were received on the following days: 4/8, 4/17, 4/20, 4/21 and 4/29. Community inspections related to the received odor complaints were performed by WM staff on one these dates.
- **Special Occurrences (including accidents/injuries):**

On 4/12/2024, a hot load was reported at the landfill. Upon delivery, the hot load was discharged onto the ground in a designated area of phase 13A. Water was applied to the affected material to eliminate the smoldering. Dirt was applied to the affected municipal solid waste (MSW). The fire department applied water to the inside of the WM trash truck that was carrying the affected MSW as a precautionary measure. The material was further monitored and covered overnight for observation. No damage or injuries were reported from this special occurrence.

This site also recorded site visits by regulatory agencies in the special occurrences log for this reporting period.

- **Employee Training:** Training topics during this reporting period included the following: Fire Prevention, ECAP: Asbestos, Seat Belts, and Severe Weather.

**Site Observations:**

Upon entry to the site, the roads leading to the scale house were observed in good condition. Signage was posted at the entrance gate and scale house areas. Both flares were operating



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at the flare station. Three of the five newly received tanks near the office were observed installed and operational. Of the three newly installed tanks, two of them are used for dewatering, and the other is used for condensate. The areas at and near leachate, condensate and dewatering tanks was observed clean and free from accumulated water or litter. The recycling transfer pad was also observed clean and well maintained. Fully closed areas of the landfill at phase 8 and 9 were observed well maintained without any evidence of erosion, exposed waste, ponding or nuisance conditions. Side slope areas in between the working face and perimeter fencing had a small amount of windblown litter, but WM staff were observed actively litter picking at the time of inspection. Mobile litter fencing was observed staged at the working face to effectively capture windblown litter from recent windy conditions. Some bird activity was observed at the landfill, but a falconer was on site actively performing bird abatement services.

Throughout the site and at the working face, WM staff were observed safely operating heavy equipment and vehicles. WM staff were also observed wearing proper personal protective equipment, while ensuring customers safely accessed designated unloading areas at residential and commercial working face areas. The commercial area was equipped with four functioning tippers. Numerous tarps were staged at the working face in preparation for daily cover usage. Excavation and construction activities were observed in areas of the landfill being developed for future waste disposal. The main fence line odor neutralizer system was in operation. Per operator, odor mitigation measures have not changed since the previous monthly routine inspection. The green waste transfer pad was well maintained, with several WM employees removing physical contaminants from the staged material. The odor neutralizer system at the litter fencing at the green waste transfer pad was operating. Water trucks were observed actively applying water to unpaved roadways within the site. The newly located appliance and e-waste storage area was organized, maintained clean and accessible to customers.

Following this landfill inspection, an off-site inspection was conducted in the Terramor, Dawson Canyon and Spanish Hills communities. No odors, windblown litter or other nuisance conditions were detected during these community visits. Communities near the landfill will continue to be monitored during future inspections.

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Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)  
El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)  
6/6/2024

## Inspection Information

**Inspected By:** Riverside County

**Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436

**Inspection Date:** 6/6/2024

**Time In: 9:30 AM**

**Inspection Type:** Periodic

**Time Out: 12:00 PM**

**Inspector:** Adam Mian

**Inspection Duration:** 2 hours 30 minutes

**Operator:** USA Waste of California, Inc.

Received By:

**Also Present (Name):**

Ting Hsiung, Eddie Botello and Linda Lockhart

### Facility/Activity Information

**Enforcement Agency:** County of Riverside

**SWIS Number:** 33-AA-0217

**Facility:** El Sobrante Landfill  
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## No Violations

## No Areas of Concern

## Inspection Report Comments

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6/6/2024

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 80 degrees F, with clear/sunny skies and 7 mph wind.

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

- Tonnage: Records for this period were provided via email from Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limit of 70,000 tons or daily permitted limit of 16,054 tons. See attached report for additional information.
- Vehicles/Traffic: Records were included in email from RCDWR. This site is permitted to receive waste from up to 1,305 vehicles per day. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. See attached report for additional information.
- Load Check: RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. These records indicate that this site performed at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections of 10 per day, 3 times per week, during this period. See attached load check summary report for additional information.
- Complaints: A total of 19 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 and documented that no unusually odorous loads were received during the time of the received complaints. Community inspections by WM staff were performed on at least three different dates during this period. Complaints were received on the following days: 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/12, 5/13, 5/15, 5/17, 5/18, 5/20, 5/26, 5/28 and 5/31.

Of the 19 complaints, 6 were received on 5/13, when the landfill's main fence line odor neutralizer system was down for a portion of the day. During the period of the day when the odor neutralizer system was down, the landfill increased the frequency of spraying the active face areas with water mixed with concentrated odor neutralizer solution. The main fence line odor neutralizer system restored to normal operations by 12:00 PM on 5/13.

- Special Occurrences (including accidents/injuries):

On 5/12/2024, a condensate spill was reported in the area where condensate storage tank #116 is located. About 200 gallons of gas condensate liquid was estimated to have spilled out of the tank. About 40 gallons of that was estimated to have traveled into nearby v-ditch and rip rap scour area. Condensate liquid did not enter storm water basin #3, and all affected liquid was contained on the landfill property. All affected dirt was removed and transported to the active face. In accordance with WDR Order No. R8-2016-0034, the Water Board and LEA were notified of this occurrence in an appropriate time.

On 5/20/2024, a leachate seep was discovered by WM staff in phase 8. The leachate seep was located at the toe of the landfill through final cover soil. Leachate also seeped from a



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6/6/2024

horizontal crack in a nearby v-ditch. Soil was added to the v-ditch to prevent leachate from leaving the site. All affected liquid was contained on the property and did not enter any waterways.

This site also recorded site visits by regulatory agencies in the special occurrences log for this reporting period.

- Employee Training: Training topics during this reporting period included the following: Heat Injury and Illness, Universal Waste Materials/Large Quantity Generator, Backing, Asbestos and Southern California Fire Prevention and Inspection Training.

**Site Observations:**

The roadways leading to and within the site were observed to be in good condition. Signage at the front entrance gate and scale house areas was in good repair. Both flares at the flare station were operating. The area around the condensate, leachate, and dewatering storage tanks near the main office was clean, with no evidence of the spill that occurred on 5/12/2024, as mentioned in the special occurrences section. The recycling transfer pad was being used safely by WM staff and vehicles. The closed section of the landfill at Phase 8, where the leachate seep occurred on 5/20/2024, was clean and free of leachate liquid. The 5/20/2024 special occurrence was discussed with the operator and advised them to monitor the Phase 8 area closely, and ensure that the paved v-ditch is repaired to eliminate cracks. WM employees were observed in this area performing weed abatement and litter collection activities. A falconer was on-site providing bird abatement services, and very few birds were observed at or above the landfill. Side slopes in both closed and active areas of the landfill were maintained free from erosion, windblown litter, or exposed waste. The main fence line odor neutralizer system was in operation, as was the green waste transfer pad odor neutralizer fence line at the time of inspection. Odor mitigation measures have remained unchanged since the last routine inspection. A small pile of green waste material was observed at the green waste transfer pad. Despite some physical contaminants in the pile, the green waste transfer pad area was clean and organized for safe loading and unloading.

WM staff were observed wearing proper personal protective equipment at the working face and other applicable areas of the landfill. They were also seen safely directing commercial and residential customers to and from designated unloading areas. Construction activities continue in future landfill phases. According to the operator, Phase 13B is currently being prepared and is awaiting liner installation. The operator also mentioned that ash has not been delivered for alternative daily use for some time, as the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) has discontinued operation. Numerous tarps were observed staged in designated areas of the working face, ready for deployment. A small amount of windblown litter was observed at the working face, but mobile litter fencing and screens were effectively capturing it. Four functioning tippers were in operation at the commercial area of the working face. WM staff ensured that customers adhered to safety vest requirements in unloading areas. Water trucks were observed applying water to unpaved roadways near the working face for dust control purposes. No customers were observed at the appliance and e-waste storage area, which was clean and organized. A liquid waste pumping truck was observed on site to perform

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portable toilet servicing and pumping.

Following this landfill inspection, an off-site inspection was conducted in the Terramor, Dawson Canyon and Spanish Hills communities. No odors, windblown litter or other nuisance conditions were detected during inspections in these communities. Communities near the landfill will continue to be monitored during future inspections.

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

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**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County **Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 6/10/2024 **Time In:** 1:00 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Focused **Time Out:** 2:00 AM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 1 hour  
**Operator:** USA Waste of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Irene Goodman and Eddie Botello

**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 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 quarterly focused inspection to assess the efficacy of daily cover and alternative daily cover (ADC) use. Present during this inspection was Irene Goodman 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. Since SERRF has discontinued operation, this site no longer receives ash for ADC use.

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Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 58 degrees F, clear skies with 3 mph wind.

**Site Observations:**

This site is currently using a combination of tarps and dirt for purposes of daily cover at the active face of the landfill. During this visit, WM employees were observed litter picking and preparing for daily landfill operations to begin. Bags of litter were observed at the working face near the daily cover and ADC locations. A small amount of litter was observed on a side slope area, but WM staff were directed to that location to collect it. The tarps being used as ADC were observed in good condition with no rips or tears and no exposed waste. No violations or areas of concern were observed during this inspection.

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**No Attachments**