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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) for CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

Tuesday, June 11, 2024: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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A. **Call to Order at: 6:05PM**

1. **Board members in attendance:**

Bob Lewis (Chair) – cclcac9@yahoo.com

Jeremiah Dockray (Vice Chair) – cclcac3@yahoo.com

Tim Honadel (Secretary) – cclcac1@yahoo.com

Gary Horton – cclcac10@yahoo.com (absent)

Sandra Cattell – cclcac11@yahoo.com

David Thompson – cclcac6@yahoo.com

Sandia Ennis – cclcac12@yahoo.com (absent)

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved

3. **Approval of Minutes for 5/14/24:** Approved

- **Request by Board Member to add names reporting be added to the minutes.**

B. **Old Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:**

1. None

C. **New Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:**

1. **Focus Group - Preliminary Survey for the Community Benefit Fund** (Dept. of Regional Planning).

- Report by Alex Garcia, Assistant Deputy Director – LA County Planning
- Fund: \$4.9M
- Preliminary survey conducted with meeting audience
- Using the preliminary survey results the survey will be expanded to the community as a whole



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2. **Chiquita Canyon Landfill** (A Waste Connection Company) - Update on odor complaints, Notice of Violations, and mitigation. - Steve Cassulo & John Perkey; **SCS Engineers** - Update on monitoring and mitigation - Ray Huff; **CTEH** - (Chiquita Canyon Landfill 3rd.party consultant) update on health assessment.

Presentation by Steve Cassulo, District Manager, and John Perkey, VP/
Council, Waste Connections

- Liner is in place in areas of concern for capture of gas and prevention of water intrusion
- Dewatering/gas wells and temperature probes are in place
- Liner diverting water/leachate in place in the problem area
- Tank farm in place for carbon treating of liquids before offsite disposal of liquids
- Additional ground water monitoring well placements in evaluation process
- Logistics for Community Relief Fund described
- Application count, type of applications, and funding released described

Questions/Comments by Board Members:

- Sandra Cattell about well temperatures, seeps in landfill, water treatment, and river impacts. Comment about Relief Fund payouts per household. Requested information about the matrix used to determine the eligibility amount for relocation and why it cannot be made public.
- Dave Thompson about reaction area movement and visual inspections.
- Bob Lewis about relocation process, funds, and count of recipients. Website shows map of covered areas.
 - Request for presentation on covered areas.

Stelpe Naraotic – SCS Engineers

- Air monitoring data is being evaluated
- Staff is on-site conducting monitoring and calibrations
- Calibration techniques are being evaluated and approved
- All data is availed on the CCL website



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3. **R-MAC – Response Multi-Agency Coordination Group** (USEPA, CalEPA, and LA County Fire) on-scene response team.

Michael Brogan, USEPA, Lead for Joint Information Center
brogan.michael@epa.gov

- R-MAC website is up: <https://www.cclresponse.com>
- Air quality information, leachate disposal, capping progress

4. **MCAT - Multi-Agency Coordination Task Force** (USEPA, CalEPA and four of its entities (CalRecycle, DTSC, LA County Waterboard, CARB).

Thanne Berg, USEPA

- Violations issued

Emel Wadhwani, CAEPA

- No update

Jenny Newman, LARWQCB

- Letter denied approval of a construction report for use of cell 8B.
- Workplan on wells is under review

Questions/Comments by Board Members:

- Jeremiah Dockray asked for clarification on locations of cells 8A and 8B and the reaction area
- David Thompson asked about reaction area effects on cell 8B. Asked about recommendations for what needs to be addressed concerning slope stability.



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5. AQMD - Updates on odor complaints received, Notice of Violations (NOV), "Order of Abatement".

Larry Israel, Andrea Polidori – SCAQMD

- Reported on count and type of odor complaints, nuisance violations, and NOVs issued
- Read to the audience very graphic descriptions of complaint comments and inspection results
- Status hearings are being scheduled

Questions/Comments by Board Members:

- Dave Thompson stated that the descriptions read by Larry Israel warrant a hearing sooner rather than later
- Bob Lewis requested information concerning what is actually in the air and what monitoring stations are reporting at the moment of complaint
 - SCAQMD states that it is not possible to know what is in the air. SCAQMD is using SCS data. The public health assessment is looking at that issue.
 - Ambient air sampling is conducted at point of complaint.
 - Bob Lewis, Board President has a transcript of Larry Israel's complaint description report
- Sandra Cattell asked for clarification on why SCAQMD does not station an inspector in the community



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6. L.A County Task Force - (Dept. of Public Health, Local Enforcement Agency DPH, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Regional Planning).

Mikki Esposito – LA County Public Works

- LEA report by Shikari Nakagawa-Ota, LA County Public Health
- CCL on list of companies not in compliance
- Weekly survey done by LEA inspectors

Questions/Comments by Board Members:

- Sandra Cattell asked for clarification on why an inspector wouldn't be stationed on-site. Shikari Nakagawa-Ota states that they do not have the authority to do that.

D. Public Comments on items on the agenda C1 thru C6

1. Public comments heard (14 in-person, 6 online)
2. Responses to questions made

Follow-up:

- Bob Lewis agreed that Middle School monitoring information should be made available at the next meeting

Questions and Comments from Board Members:

- Sandra Cattell requested that Thanne Berg answer the question about who has the authority to solve the issue.

E. Public Comments on items not on the agenda

1. No comments

F. Next meeting: July 09, 2024

G. Adjournment at: 9:01PM