

Sunshine Canyon Landfill Newsletter

Community Updates and Environmental Insights

WINTER 2024

Winterization Efforts

Earlier this year, Los Angeles experienced an unusually heavy rainy season, leading to erosion of isolated areas of the landfill's intermediate cover. Our team has been hard at work repairing the damage and has increased proactive preparation efforts throughout the year and especially for the winter season with activities such as:

- Visually inspecting the landfill intermediate cover and taking steps to prevent erosion rills
- Adding jute mats, straw wattles and lighter-weight HDPE as moisture and erosion barriers
- Re-grading areas of the landfill to prevent ponding
- Enhancing protocols to ensure additional protections for local water bodies
- Repairing the terminal basin's riser standpipe
- Cleaning basins and channels so stormwater can flow freely

Progress Reports/Annual Reports

We're excited to share that several important reports were submitted in Q3 and Q2 and are easily accessible on our website. Visit SunshineCanyonLandfill.com to find the latest Vegetation report, Groundwater Monitoring report and Wet Weather Preparedness report.



Geomembrane Downdrains



Erosion Control Wattles



Track-Walked Slopes

Hotline

During Q3, 10 calls were received on the hotline, 8 of which were from a South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) inspector.

- **July:** 4 calls (3 were SCAQMD)
- **August:** 4 calls (all SCAQMD)
- **September:** 2 calls (1 SCAQMD)

Regulatory and Permitting Activities

The landfill received 14 Notices of Violations (NOV) for odor nuisance and 4 NOVs for track-out issued by SCAQMD. There were no other NOVs issued by any other agencies.

- **July:** 1 odor, 1 track-out
- **August:** 9 odor, 2 track-out
- **September:** 4 odor, 1 track-out

Third Quarter Findings of Conformance

Month	Total Non-Buried, Recyclable and Beneficial Reuse Material (Tons)	Total Landfilled Material (Tons)	Averages (TPD)	
			Mon. – Fri.	Sat.
July	6,831.18	192,411.87	8,633.11	3,949.94
August	4,456.17	207,685.14	8,266.70	4,387.50
September	5,147.46	186,044.95	8,319.91	3,929.34



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Gas Infrastructure Improvements

As of the end of Q3, Sunshine Canyon Landfill has installed 49 new vertical gas extraction wells and more than 8,400 feet of horizontal gas collection wells year to date. These wells have been strategically placed to reduce the potential for gas odors in areas impacted by liquids. We're continuously installing additional gas wells to make sure we are effectively collecting and utilizing the gas coming from the landfill. Also, an additional 21 new liquids pumps have been installed to increase liquids removal and facilitate increased gas collection.

Did You Know?

In 2012, Sunshine Canyon Landfill initiated a pilot study to assess three different planting methods to establish native coastal sage scrub vegetation on an approximately 4-acre portion of the landfill that reached its capacity and had been capped. Within 2 years, coastal sage scrub vegetation was successfully established throughout the pilot study area. Today, the area provides habitat to an array of native wildlife, including nesting birds, reptiles, foraging bats and rabbits.



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SunshineCanyon@RepublicServices.com

Committee Meetings:

A joint city-county Community Advisory Committee meets bimonthly (January, March, May, July, September and November). Visit SunshineCanyonLandfill.com for more information.

Phone List:

SCAQMD 24-Hour Hotline
800.288.7664

SCL 24-Hour Hotline
800.926.0607 | 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., M–F

Sunshine Canyon Landfill LEA
213.252.3939 | 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., M–F



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