

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MEETINGS:

In 2022, the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) met in July and October. COC activities are summarized below, with the meeting minutes attached.

ACTIVITIES:

July 13, 2022

1. Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR) provided updates on the Local Mitigation Trust Fund, staff updates, and held illegal dumping signage discussions.
2. Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) provided inspection updates, relayed that there were no outstanding violations at the landfill, and provided an update that they accepted a permit amendment to upgrade the chip and grind facility at the landfill.
3. Waste Management Inc. (WMI) provided landfill operation updates, including that the chip and grind equipment was updated to meet AQMD, California Air Resources Board, and Senate Bill 1383 requirements.
4. COC provided comments on the Draft 2021 El Sobrante Landfill Annual Report.
5. COC Chair and Vice Chair appointments were made.

October 6, 2022

1. RCDWR provided updates on the Local Mitigation Trust Fund and illegal dumping signage recommendations.
2. LEA provided landfill inspection and odor investigation updates.
3. WMI provided landfill operation updates.
4. COC approved the action item relating to funding for installation and replacement of illegal dumping signs within portions of Temescal Valley.

COC Members	Representing	July 13, 2022	October 6, 2022	Term Ends
Fred Myers	1 st District	✓	✓	6/30/23
Ruth Brissenden	1 st District	✓	✓	6/30/23
Jerome Sincich	1 st District	✓	✓	6/30/23
Lee Wilson	2 nd District	✓	✓	6/30/23
Tracy Davis	2 nd District	✓	✓	6/30/23
County Staff				
Aaron Gettis	County Counsel	✓	✓	
Hans Kernkamp	RCDWR	✓		
Andy Cortez	RCDWR		✓	
Ryan Ross	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Diane Sloan	RCDWR	✓		
Misty Randall	RCDWR		✓	
Kinika Hesterly	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Scott Kraak	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Greg Reyes	Environmental Health		✓	
Sandi Salas	Environmental Health	✓	✓	
Fritzy Devera	Environmental Health	✓		
Brent Casey	Environmental Health		✓	
Dottie Ellis-Merki	Environmental Health		✓	
Lizbet Limon	BOS 1 st District	✓		
Jason Farin	Executive Office	✓	✓	
WMI Staff				
David Meyer	WMI	✓	✓	
Linda Lockhart	WMI		✓	
Art Marquez	WMI	✓	✓	
Jayna Morgan	WMI	✓	✓	

✓= Attended

July 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 13, 2022

The following were present:

Committee Members

Ruth Brissenden
Tracy Davis
Lee Wilson
Fred Myers
Jerry Sincich

Committee Members Absent

WMI/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Art Marquez, El Sobrante Landfill
Jayna Morgan, El Sobrante Landfill

Guests/Interested Parties

Jannlee Watson

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
Jason Farin
Lizbet Limon
Sandi Salas
Fritzy Devera
Hans Kernkamp
Ryan Ross
Scott Kraak
Kinika Hesterly
Diane Sloan

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BOS 1st District
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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson Ruth Brissenden.

Paul Rodriguez resigned from the COC Board. Tracy Davis, Fred Myers and Jerry Sincich were introduced as new COC members.

Ruth Brissenden motioned to move agenda item 4A, Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02, a Resolution of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the El Sobrante Landfill Authorizing the Virtual Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361, to the beginning of the meeting. Jerry Sincich seconded the motion. Approved by a 5-0 vote.

Tracy Davis moved to adopt agenda item 4A, Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02, a Resolution of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the El Sobrante Landfill Authorizing the Virtual Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Jerry Sincich seconded the motion. Approved by a 5-0 vote.

II. APPROVAL OF September 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Ruth Brissenden recommended that Waste Resources staff file the minutes as written. There were not enough COC members present from the last meeting to approve the minutes.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Staff Update

Ryan Ross reported:

Jose Merlan with the Planning Department replaced Steven Jones on the Administrative Review Committee (ARC).

B. Local Mitigation Trust Fund

Ryan Ross reported:

There is approximately \$77,000 in the Local Mitigation Trust Fund.

County staff met with Lee Wilson and Jerry Sincich in October 2021 and identified locations for new/replacement illegal dumping signs in Temescal Valley.

The COC will need to recommend funding for new/replacement signage which will be approximately \$3000 to \$4000 including parts and labor.

Meeting participants discussed mitigation funds and signage placement.

Jerry Sincich motioned to add the Mitigation Fund Balance to the next COC agenda and Lee Wilson seconded the motion. Approved by a 5-0 vote.

C. Local Enforcement Agency Update

Sandi Salas reported:

LEA inspectors conduct monthly inspections at the El Sobrante Landfill. Reports are included in the quarterly newsletter and are also available on the CalRecycle website.

LEA staff accepted a permit amendment to upgrade the El Sobrante landfill chip and grind facility.

There are currently no outstanding violations at the El Sobrante Landfill.

D. El Sobrante Landfill Update

1. General Site Operations

David Meyer reported:

Operations continue in Phase 12.

Filling began on June 13, 2022 in Phase 13A. Most operations will be in Phase 13A by the end of July 2022.

There have been no violations identified by LEA to date in 2022.

CUPA inspections took place and no violations were found.

Jana Morgan reported:

The chip and grind equipment has been updated to meet AQMD, California Resources Board and SB-1383 requirements.

Meeting participants discussed the grinding facility equipment and possible effects on the surrounding community.

The grinding material is not currently used as landfill daily cover.

2. Supplemental Irrigation- Outside Landfill Slopes

David Meyer reported:

No irrigation system has been installed.

Nitrogen was added to the soil to promote growth.

Drought conditions have contributed to slow vegetation growth.

Meeting participants discussed the irrigation system plan and slope vegetation.

Meeting participants discussed agenda items and follow up procedures.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Comments on 2021 El Sobrante Annual Report

Overview:

Meeting participants discussed:

2021 Waste Disposal Volumes, Out of County Waste Volumes and Landfill Capacity

Conditions of Approval:

Meeting participants discussed:

14a. Citizen Oversight Committee Member Boundary Criteria

15a. Environmental Impairment Trust Balance

20b. Alternative Fuel Transfer Trucks

23a. Litter Reporting Call in Number Accessibility

Mitigation Monitoring Report:

Meeting participants discussed:

A-3 - Flare installation location and utilizing methane gas emitted from the flare

A-6 - Visual screening annual review by the Citizens Oversight Committee

A-7 - Spanish Hills and Dawson Canyon roll off bin exceedance

AQ-1 - Landfill gas volume increases

AQ-13 - Emissions Decrease

B-3 - Number of Dudleya impacted by salvaging

B-5 - Type of vegetation restoration in 13B

B-6 - Phase 17 riparian/wetland habitat

B-10 - Habitat Conservation Plan and Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Trust Fund

B-13 - Predator Monitoring - Fire Ants and Cowbirds

C-3 - Artifact Monitoring

T-3 - Private property truck parking concerns along Temescal Canyon Road
Peak hour truck trip infractions

W-2 - Pollution Source Assessment process

W-4 - Leachate Collection and Removal System process

W-10 - Final Cover

W-11 - Gas well 24 methane limits

C. Chairman and Vice Chairman Elections

Jerry Sincich nominated Lee Wilson for Chairman. Tracy Davis seconded the nomination. Passed 5-0.

Jerry Sincich nominated Ruth Brissenden for Vice Chairman. Tracy Davis seconded the nomination. Passed 5-0.

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

Jannlee Watson commented on:

- Funding for road improvements in Temescal Valley resulting from the landfill's acceptance of incinerator ash as ADC;
- Corporate funding to the Local Mitigation Trust Fund;
- June 2022 fire at the landfill;
- Lack of an irrigation system for the outside slopes;
- Road conditions leading up to the landfill;
- Landfill odors in surrounding communities.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jerry Sincich asked how long incinerator ash will be used at the landfill.

Fred Myers discussed potable water use at the landfill.

Tracy Davis suggested that WMI reach out to new residents.

David Meyer invited COC members to tour the El Sobrante Landfill.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

HK:RR:ds

**October 6, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

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October 06, 2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Lee Wilson.

Lee Wilson moved to adopt Agenda Item 2, Adopt Resolution No. 2022-02, a Resolution of the Citizens Oversight Committee for the El Sobrante Landfill Authorizing the Virtual Committee Meetings Pursuant to AB 361. Tracy Davis seconded the motion.

Approved by a 5-0 vote.

II. APPROVAL OF July 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Jerry Sincich motioned to approve the minutes as written, Tracy Davis seconded the motion.

Approved by a 5-0 vote

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Staff Update

Ryan Ross reported:

In August the ARC approved the Annual Report. The Annual Report is being presented to the COC today for any additional comments by the committee for the Board of Supervisors when the report is submitted to them.

Fred Myers Noted:

Page 7, under “Projected Waste in 2022” a typo currently says increase should read decrease

Ryan Ross acknowledged the error and will make note of it before it’s presented to the Board.

B. Local Mitigation Trust Fund

Ryan Ross stated that there was nothing new to report.

C. Local Enforcement Agency Update

Greg Reyes reported:

LEA did an inspection on site on September 12, 2022. No issues were found with the cover system.

LEA staff are aware of odor complaints reported by the community. The LEA has is searching for a pattern to investigate if the odor is coming from/by the landfill. The source of the odor has not yet been substantiated.

Lee Wilson commented that he received 13 emails from Terramor, Spanish Hills, Painted Hills, & Sycamore Creek residents regarding odor, mainly in the morning or evening.

D. El Sobrante Landfill Update

1. General Site Operations

Dave Meyer reported:

Filling has stopped in Phase 12.

Currently filling in Phase 13 A, which is a new lift started back in June. The landfill is receiving about 12,000 tons of waste daily.

AQMD, CalRecycle, and LEA inspected the site and no violations were issued.

Regarding odor complaints, El Sobrante is currently investigating, there has been no change of tonnage, waste consistency, or waste mix that could have contributed.

Odor neutralizer system is running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Misting rate increased and a new 250-gallon tank to replace a 55-gallon tank to ensure odor neutralizer product does not run out.

Meeting participants discussed odor causes.

Jayna Morgan updates on the chip and grind operation:

Pending approval for funds for new all electric grinder and install est. cost is \$8 Million.

Not expecting any type of operation until late Q1 or early Q2 of 2023.

Currently no green waste chip & grind processing.

Meeting participants discuss chip & grind process as a response to SB1383 and keeping organic waste out of the landfill.

2. Supplemental Irrigation- Outside Landfill Slopes

Funds for supplemental irrigation have been approved, and a contractor is in place for the end of December. The system should be up and running early January.

Meeting participants discussed irrigation & vegetation growth.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Comments on Final 2021 El Sobrante Annual Report

Overview:

Meeting participants discussed:

Impacted number of Dudleya plants resulted from expansion of landfill.

The route of intended litter clean-up along the I-15 freeway.

Conditions of Approval:

Meeting participants discussed:

B-3 Dudleya salvaging and restoration

A-7 removal of litter along I-15

B. Local Mitigation Project Recommendation to Board of Supervisors

Ryan Ross reported:

Lee Wilson and Jerry Sincich, along with RCDWR staff and Code Enforcement, met onsite in October 2021 and identified approximately 12 locations for new “No Dumping” signs.

The estimated cost to install 12 signs is roughly \$3000.00. Staff recommends that the committee approves a total of \$5000.00 which would allow for replacement of signs washed out or damaged.

Meeting participants discussed possible additional sign locations.

Motion to Approve by Jerry Sincich, and Ruth Brissenden seconded the motion.

Approved by a 5-0 vote.

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

Jannlee Watson inquired about:

- Funding received from the landfill accepting incinerator ash.
- Current balance and use of the funds to date.

Ryan Ross provided a summary of funding requirements and will coordinate with TLMA-Transportation to provide updates on the funding at the next COC meeting.

Keith Boyle inquired:

- What is the best way of reporting odors and to whom should they be addressed to?
- Technical information on the misting system & odorizing equipment.

Greg Reyes replied that odor comments/complaints can be emailed to the LEA solid waste general email at: solidwaste@rivco.org

Jayna Morgan offered to provide the requested technical documentation for the misting system.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fred Myers asked for an update on El Sobrante tour for committee members. Art Marquez offered to coordinate a site visit with members.

Tracy Davis would like to strengthen community outreach and increase education for residential bin sorting.

Jerry Sincich inquired if the COC would be notified, if in the future, the landfill permit changes to allow any new type of material. Ryan Ross confirmed that the COC, as well as the ARC, would be notified.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD- Seeking to meet in early 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.