

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

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

MEETINGS:

In 2021, the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) met in June and September. COC activities are summarized below, with the meeting minutes attached.

ACTIVITIES:

June 1, 2021

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.
3. Waste Management Inc. (WMI) provided landfill updates.
4. COC provided comments on the Draft 2020 El Sobrante Landfill Annual Report.

September 13, 2021

1. RCDWR provided updates on the Local Mitigation Trust Fund and 1st District COC appointment.
2. LEA provided inspection updates.
3. WMI provided landfill updates.
4. COC provided comments on the Final 2020 El Sobrante Landfill Annual Report.

COC Members	Representing	July 1, 2021	September 13, 2021	Term Ends
Paul Rodriguez ¹	1 st District	✓	✓	6/30/23-resigned
Ruth Brissenden	1 st District	✓	✓	6/30/23
Jerome Sincich ²	1 st District	NA	NA	6/30/23
Lee Wilson	2 nd District	✓	✓	6/30/23
County Staff				
Aaron Gettis	County Counsel	✓	✓	
Hans Kernkamp	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Joe McCann	RCDWR		✓	
Ryan Ross	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Diane Sloan	RCDWR	✓	✓	
Cameron Cramer	RCDWR	✓		
Jose Merlan	RCDWR	✓		
Greg Reyes	Environmental Health	✓		
Sandi Salas	Environmental Health	✓	✓	
Fritzy Devera	Environmental Health		✓	
Jason Farin	Executive Office	✓		
WMI Staff				
Joe Walstrom	WMI	✓	✓	
Art Marquez	WMI	✓	✓	
Cindy Daverin	WMI	✓		

✓ = Attended

¹ Resigned February 2022.

² Appointed to COC on September 14, 2021.

July 1, 2021
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 1, 2021

The following were present:

Committee Members

Paul Rodriguez
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden

Committee Members Absent

Guests/Interested Parties

Joe Walstrom, El Sobrante Landfill
Cindy Daverin, El Sobrante Landfill
Art Marquez, El Sobrante Landfill
Jannlee Watson, Resident
Jerry Sincich, Resident
Tracy Davis, Resident

County Staff

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Jason Farin
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Jose Merlan
Ryan Ross
Diane Sloan
Cameron Cramer

Representing

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Ruth Brissenden.

II. APPROVAL OF November 4, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Lee Wilson motioned, and Paul Rodriguez seconded the motion to approve the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Approved 3-0.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Staff Update

Ryan Ross reported:

The Administrative Review Committee (ARC) met on June 10, 2021 to review the 2020 annual reports.

Steven Jones replaced John Hildebrand as the Planning Department's representative on the ARC.

A Local Enforcement Agency Update was added as a new COC agenda item to allow the LEA to provide updates and address questions.

B. Local Mitigation Trust Fund

Ryan Ross reported:

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

A video on illegal dumping and COC signage was presented. Meeting participants discussed illegal dumping and signage in Temescal Valley.

Staff from Waste Resources will coordinate with the COC to identify current signage and explore options for new locations.

C. Local Enforcement Agency Update

Sandi Salas reported:

Inspectors perform routine monthly site inspections. Cal Recycle was involved in the February 2021 inspection. There was a violation for an exceedance in gas probe methane measurements which was corrected in June 2021. Routine landfill cover inspections are also performed.

B. El Sobrante Landfill Update

General Site Operations

Joe Walstrom reported:

Operations continue in Phase 12. Construction is nearly complete in 13A and filling operations are expected to start late 1st quarter or early 2nd quarter of 2022.

The gas probe exceedance has been corrected. A 2nd landfill gas flare was placed online in late April 2021.

Road striping, vegetation trimming the addition of no parking signs have taken place on Temescal and Dawson Canyon Roads.

El Sobrante is at 90% of tonnage capacity on a weekly basis.

Supplemental Irrigation – Outside Landfill Slopes

Joe Walstrom reported:

Joe Walstrom presented the Supplemental Irrigation Plan with meeting participants.

The irrigation system, costs, location, and timing were discussed.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Draft 2020 El Sobrante Annual Report

Overview:

Lee Wilson and Joe Walstrom discussed cement treated ash used as landfill cover.

Ruth Brissenden, Paul Rodriguez, and Joe Walstrom discussed volume decrease, landfill capacity decrease, out of county waste and projected waste.

Conditions of Approval:

15A - Ruth Brissenden pointed out that the Environmental Impairment trust needs the balance inserted.

20A – Ruth Brissenden, Lee Wilson and Joe Walstrom discussed natural gas transfer trucks.

Mitigation Monitoring Report:

AQ-1 – Ruth Brissenden and Joe Walstrom discussed landfill gas increase.

AQ-4 - Ruth Brissenden inquired about the PM10 report.

B-3 – Ruth Brissenden and Ryan Ross discussed the need for more clarity regarding Dudleya status.

B-4 – Ruth Brissenden, Ryan Ross and Cindy Daverin discussed the dry stream bed mitigation.

B-14 – Ruth Brissenden inquired about brush clearing completion.

Cultural Resources - Ruth Brissenden expressed concern about the significant increase in trash on the hillside.

T-3 – Paul Rodriguez and meeting participants discussed peak hour trips.

W-2 – Ruth Brissenden expressed concern regarding an error in perimeter drainage channels and retention pond sampling data. WMI will clarify the data in the final report.

W-4 - Ruth Brissenden expressed concern regarding leachate measurement and dust control.

W-9 – Ruth Brissenden and Joe Walstrom discussed the correct number of active wells.

W-11 – Ruth Brissenden asked for the 2020 count of probes with methane concentrations above 5%.

W-15 – Ruth Brissenden asked that the balance of the Environmental Impairment Trust be inserted.

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

Jannlee Watson expressed concern over methane leaks at the El Sobrante Landfill and the effect the flare stations have on birds flying over the landfill.

Jannlee Watson expressed concern about the lack of road cleaning and trash pickup on Dawson Canyon Road and Spanish Hills.

Tracy Davis inquired about the start date of the Irrigation Project and what type of fertilizer will be used.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lee Wilson would like to commend the work done on landscaping efforts and the Irrigation Plan.

Ruth Brissenden announced that there are two open positions on the COC Board.

Aaron Gettis announced that Executive Orders N2920 and N3520 that allowed for virtual meetings are set to expire on September 30, 2021.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

HK:RR:ds

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Meeting Minutes

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Ruth Brissenden.

II. APPROVAL OF July 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Paul Rodriguez motioned, and Ruth Brissenden seconded the motion to approve the July 1, 2021, meeting minutes as written.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Staff Update

Ryan Ross reported:

The Administrative Review Committee met on September 8, 2021, to review the final annual report. The ARC found Waste Management Inc. (WMI) in compliance with the 2020 reporting year with substantial conformance for T-3.

The 1st District will appoint Jerry Sincich to the COC Board.

Chairman and Vice Chairman nominations can be postponed to the first meeting in 2022 to ensure a wider body of candidates.

B. Local Mitigation Trust Fund

Ryan Ross reported:

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

In 2009, COC funded illegal dumping signs that were installed in the 1st and 2nd Districts. County staff will work with Lee Wilson on updating signs in the 1st District along Temescal Canyon Road.

C. Local Enforcement Agency Update

Sandi Salas reported:

Violation-

LEA inspectors found that El Sobrante went over by one daily allowed vehicle in June 2021.

D. El Sobrante Landfill Update

1. General Site Operations

Joe Walstrom reported:

El Sobrante is running at about 93% of permitted capacity which is roughly 66,000 to 68,000 tons per week.

Operations continue in Phase 12.

Excavation is complete in 13A. Liner installation in 13A will start in Q4 2021. Filling will begin in early 2022.

Violation - Automatic notifications will go out to haulers that the daily vehicle threshold is almost met.

Irrigation Plan – More nutrients will be added to the southern facing slopes to allow vegetation to naturally progress through dryer months.

Joe Walstrom and meeting participants discussed generation and control of landfill gas at the site.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Comments on Final 2020 El Sobrante Annual Report

Overview:

None

Conditions of Approval:

None

Mitigation Monitoring Report:

B-3

Ruth Brissenden expressed the need for more clarity regarding Dudleya status.

T-3

Paul Rodriquez praised combined efforts on T-3 peak hour trip improvements.

Lee Wilson discussed potential traffic concerns from a proposed warehouse project along Dawson Canyon Road.

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

Tracy Davis inquired about the Irrigation Plan as it relates to drought conditions.

Jerry Sincich and Joe Walstrom discussed incidental waste that is delivered to the landfill from areas outside of the typical service area.

Jerry Sincich and Joe Walstrom discussed the volume of cement treated ash used for daily cover.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lee Wilson requested that the El Sobrante Landfill COC contact list on the Department's website be updated.

Paul Rodriquez expressed the importance of a well-rounded COC and meeting participants discussed the requirements for COC members.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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