

## Community Assessment



RCDWR conducted an inspection on July 26, 2023, 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 July, August, and September 2023 are attached. No areas of concern or violations were issued during this period. Four (4) odor complaints received.



## Landfill Tonnage and Traffic



	Landfill Totals (Daily Average)		In-County (Daily Average)		Out-of-County (Daily Average)	
	Traffic	Tonnage	Traffic	Tonnage	Traffic	Tonnage
2023						
July	1,116	9,884	784	3,546	332	6,338
August	1,098	10,462	754	3,509	344	6,953
September	1,145	11,120	778	3,585	367	7,535

1. The landfill is permitted for a maximum of 70,000 tons per week, with a daily tonnage limit of 16,054 tons, and 1,305 daily vehicle trips.
2. During this period (July – September), the maximum daily vehicles was 1,280 and the maximum daily tonnage was 13,398 tons.
3. The average weekly tonnage was 61,696 tons and maximum was 68,821 tons (week of 8/28/23).

## Next Meeting

The COC is meeting on  
November 8, 2023, 10:00 AM

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



## 2022 Annual Reports

- On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Final Annual Report was reviewed by the Administrative Review Committee (ARC) and WM was found in compliance for the 2022 reporting year.
- 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: July 26, 2023 Arrival time: 9:45 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 with bench is still damaged (photo 2).
- Drainage channel/culverts:
  - Vegetation has grown in the drainage channel but does not cause major debris or blockage.
  - Culvert chipping and graffiti (photo 1).
- Dawson Canyon Road condition:
  - The dirt section subject to quarterly grading by WMI is serviceable. The road was graded for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter on September 19, 2023.
- Berm 10/11:
  - No visible litter, good vegetative cover (photo 1 - Berm 10; photo 3 - Berm 11).
- Landfill operations:
  - Not visible from Dawson Canyon area.
  - No major odor in Dawson Canyon (near Pond 4); no odor in Spanish Hills/Trilogy area.
  - No major odor in the Terramor Community. Landfill operations visible from the Terramor Community, located south of the Landfill (photo 5).
  - Landfill operations not visible from communities west of I-15 (photos 6, 7, and 8); bare outside slopes; USA Waste/WMI implementing plan to address the bare slopes.
  - 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 Right Turn' sign is fully visible and in good condition (photo 4).

### III. Miscellaneous

- Reviewed 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023 site aerial (see attached).

Photo 1

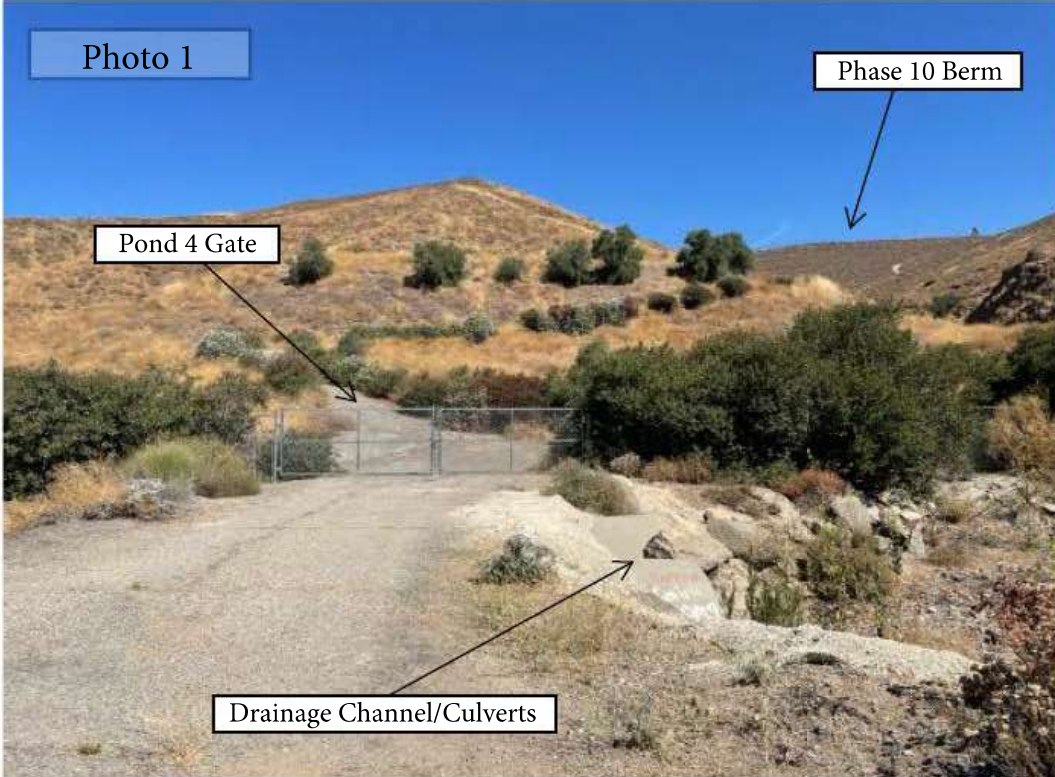


Photo 2



Photo 3

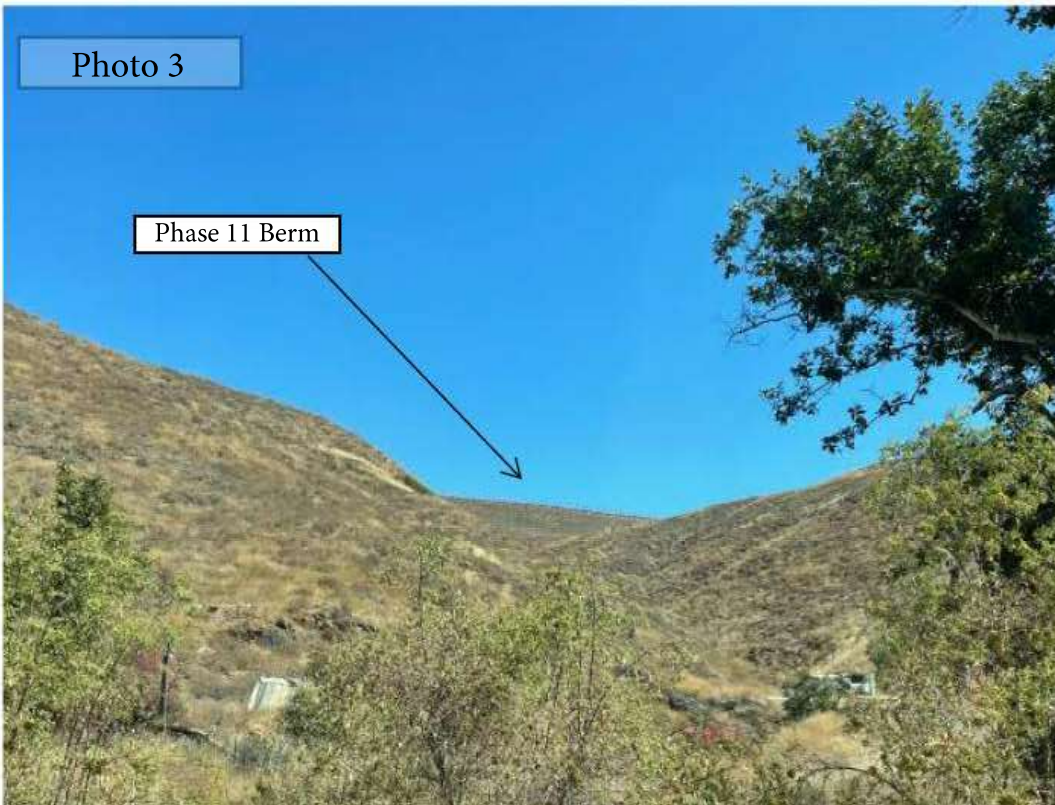


Photo 4



Photo 5

View of the Landfill from the Terramor Community



Photo 6

Typical view of the Landfill West of the I-15



Photo 7

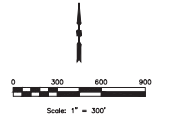
Typical view of the Landfill West of the I-15



Photo 8

Typical view of the Landfill West of the I-15





Date of Aerial Image: 9/8/23

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## El Sobrante Landfill Announcements and Events

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023

## El Sobrante Landfill Operations Update:

- We continue to fill in cell 13A (started in June 2022). We are currently in lift 10 (each lift is approximately 25 feet in height) and the filled area is approximately 20 acres. We are becoming more visible to the community and public as we rise above the sloped berm. We anticipate reaching the top deck by October 2023 and will continue filling on the top deck until May/June 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 65,000 tons a week.
- The sprinkler system was installed and ready to operate when needed for the upcoming rain season.

EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL IS HAPPY TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST RICHARD CARPENTER (PICTURED ON LEFT BELOW).



**Richard Carpenter**  
Community Relations Specialist  
El Sobrante Landfill  
[Rcarpen3@wm.com](mailto:Rcarpen3@wm.com)  
C: (619) 496-7724



3Q2023 DATA SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

MONTH	YEAR	TYPE	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	DESCRIPTION
July	2023	Odor	2	<p>Terramor Community registered a odor concern on 7/10.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter checks and no unusual odor detected offsite at the time of inspection. The odor neutralizer system was on during the complaint and the gas collection and control system was working properly.</p>
Aug	2023	Odor	8	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 8/2, 8/7, 8/10, 8/15, 8/26, and 8/31.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter 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>
Sep	2023	Odor	3	<p>Terramor Community registered odor concerns on 9/26 and 9/28</p> <p>The odor neutralizer system was off due to system upgrades on 9/14.</p> <p>No unusual/odorous loads disposed at the landfill. The landfill team conducted permitter 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>

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## LEA Mitigation Report and Site Inspections

### Monthly Inspection Reports



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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El Sobrante Landfill  
Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Report

**Date:** 10-23-2023

**Completed by:** Sandi Salas

**Quarterly Report Covering:** July -September 2023

**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 over this past quarter:
  - July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and September 15<sup>th</sup>
  - No Violations or Areas of Concern were issued during this quarter's inspections.
- An unannounced inspection of the cover system was completed on August 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - No violations were documented.
  - 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 violations noted regarding PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring. The landfill is still filling in cell 13.
- Water trucks are being used for dust control. Odor neutralizing solution added to water trucks for odor mitigation.

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

- No Out of County transfer station inspections were conducted this past quarter. These are conducted twice a year and are set to be complete during the fourth quarter.

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

- The LEA received a second quarter Second Quarter 2023 Landfill Air Emissions Monitoring Report which showed all gas probe readings for the second quarter were below 5% methane by volume.

**Quarterly Aerial** (A-2)

- An updated aerial was taken on September 8<sup>th</sup> and showed no areas of offsite grading or operations.

**Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)**  
**El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)**  
7/6/2023

**Inspection Information**

<b>Inspected By:</b> Riverside County	<b>Local Inspection ID:</b> PR0001436
<b>Inspection Date:</b> 7/6/2023	<b>Time In:</b> 10:30 AM
<b>Inspection Type:</b> Periodic	<b>Time Out:</b> 11:45 AM
<b>Inspector:</b> Adam Mian	<b>Inspection Duration:</b> 1 hour 15 minutes
<b>Operator:</b> USA Waste Services of California, Inc.	
<b>Received By:</b>	
<b>Also Present (Name):</b> David Meyer & Miram Cardenas	

**Facility/Activity Information**

<b>Enforcement Agency:</b> County of Riverside	<b>SWIS Number:</b> 33-AA-0217
<b>Facility:</b> <b>El Sobrante Landfill</b> 10910 Dawson Canyon Road Corona, CA 91719	
<b>Activity:</b> Solid Waste Landfill	
<b>Operational Status:</b> Active	<b>Regulatory Status:</b> Permitted
<b>Land Owners(s):</b> USA Waste Services 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 in conjunction with a complaint investigation. The Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) received numerous complaints from the nearby housing communities, alleging trash odors from the landfill. Present during this inspection was Miriam Cardenas and David Meyer of Waste Management (WM).

This site is an active landfill that operates 24 hours a day, 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday; closed Sundays).

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Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 74 degrees F, sunny skies with 4 mph SE winds.

**The following records were reviewed for June 2023:**

- **Tonnage & Traffic:** Tonnage and traffic records were received via email from Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR), which indicated that daily and weekly tonnage permitted limits (16,054 tons daily; 70,000 tons weekly) were not exceeded during the month of June. This site did not exceed the daily vehicle limit of 1,305 vehicles during the month of June. The greatest day of traffic was on 6/2/2023, where 1,301 incoming vehicles were reported. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- **Load Check:** Load check summary reports were obtained via email from RCDWR. These records indicated that this site exceeded the minimum required amount of load check inspection during this period. At least 10 load check inspection were conducted on three days per week in the month of June. See attached load check summary report for additional information.
- **Accidents & Injuries:** No accidents or injuries were reported during this period.
- **Special Occurrences:** On 6/9/2023 a fire was reported at the recycling material transfer pad. Riverside County Fire Department was dispatched and extinguished the fire. Minor damage to the mobile office trailer and loader equipment was sustained. No injuries were reported due to this fire incident. The LEA was properly notified of this incident. The source of the fire was unable to be identified.
- **Employee Training:** Training topics in the month of June included the following: Asbestos, ECAP: CFC Containing Appliances, Vehicle Spacing and Electrical.
- **Complaints:** A total of 20 odor complaints were documented in a complaint log for this period. Each of these complaints were related to landfill/trash odors in the nearby Terramor housing community. Documentation included: the time of the day and status of the odor neutralizer system were noted, as well as any other related information such as operational status of the landfill at the time of receiving the complaint, receiving unusual or particularly odorous waste loads, mitigation measures being implemented, and follow up investigations conducted with residents within the Terramor community. Complaints were received on the following days during this period: 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/5, 6/7, 6/8, 6/10, 6/12, 6/15, 6/19, 6/21, 6/24, 6/29 and 6/30.

**Site Observations:**

Proper signage was observed upon entry to the landfill and at scale house areas. Both flares were observed in operation at the time of this inspection. The recycling pad and e-waste storage area closest to the main office were observed clean and organized. Lane delineators and speed bumps were recently installed at the roadway approaching the scale house, as well

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as on paved roads further past the scale house, to improve driver and vehicle safety. Green waste transfer area was observed maintained clean. Odor neutralizer system was functioning and fencing/screening was in good repair in this area of the site. No falconer was on site during this visit due to seasonally low amounts of bird activity. Four tippers were observed in operation at the working face of the landfill. WM employees were observed safely directing commercial and residential customers to and from waste tipping areas. Customers and employees were both seen wearing proper personal protective equipment in applicable areas of the landfill.

Due to the increased number of odor related complaints, additional mitigation measures were observed being implemented during this visit. These measures include applying odor neutralizer solution into water trucks about four times a day. These trucks apply the mixture to dirt roads at and near the working face for dust control. An additional mister line has recently been installed along the landfill fence line about three (3) feet above the existing odor neutralizer mister line. Both misting lines were functioning at time of inspection. The working face area of the landfill was observed slightly reduced in size, and tarps/dirt have been added to areas that were not being landfilled. Per the operator, changes in the time of night where potentially odorous waste loads are received have been recently implemented. Wind socks were observed installed on the fence line to aid in identifying wind direction. No windblown litter or debris accumulation was observed in areas away from the working face.

Immediately prior to the on-site routine inspection of the landfill, inspection/investigations of the Terramor, Dawson Canyon and Spanish Hills communities were conducted. Mild trash odors were detected in two locations within Terramor and at a portion within the Dawson Canyon communities. No other litter, debris accumulation or nuisance conditions were observed. The locations of the mild odors were discussed with landfill staff during the routine inspection. Additional investigations on-site and within the community may be conducted as it relates to odor complaints.

*Note: This facility submitted a 5-year permit review package to the LEA on 6/2/2023. The LEA will keep the operator informed throughout the permit review process. The 5-year permit review is to be completed by 11/1/2023.*

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- Load Check Report  
El Sobrante- Tonnage and Vehicle Report

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El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)

8/9/2023

## Inspection Information

**Inspected By:** Riverside County  
**Inspection Date:** 8/9/2023  
**Inspection Type:** Periodic  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian  
**Operator:** USA Waste Services of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Jose Gonzales, Eddie Botello, David Meyer & Celeste Alvarado

**Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Time In:** 11:30 AM  
**Time Out:** 1:00 PM  
**Inspection Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes

## Facility/Activity Information

**Enforcement Agency:** County of Riverside  
**Facility:** El Sobrante Landfill  
10910 Dawson Canyon Road  
Corona, CA 91719  
**Activity:** Solid Waste Landfill  
**Operational Status:** Active  
**Land Owners(s):**  
USA Waste Services of California, Inc.

**SWIS Number:** 33-AA-0217  
**Regulatory Status:** Permitted

*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. This inspection was conducted with Celeste Alvarado of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health. Also present during this inspection was Eddie Botello and Jose Gonzalez of Waste Management (WM).

Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 83 degrees F, partly cloudy skies (with intermittent sprinkling/light rain) and 5 mph SE winds.

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This site is an active landfill that operates 24 hours a day, 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday).

**The following records were reviewed for the month of July 2023:**

- **Tonnage:** Tonnage records for this period were provided via email by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the daily or weekly permitted limits. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- **Vehicles/Traffic:** Vehicle/traffic records were included in the provided tonnage and traffic report for this period. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted limits. The traffic report is attached to this inspection report for additional information.
- **Load Check:** RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. At least 10 load check inspections were conducted on three days per week in the month of July. This site conducted at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections during this period. See load check summary report for additional information.
- **Accidents/Injuries:** No accidents or injuries were reported during this period.
- **Complaints:** A total of 2 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. For each of the complaints, documentation on the time of day and status of the odor neutralizer system were noted, as well as any other related information such as operational status of the landfill at the time of the complaint, receiving unusual or odorous waste loads, additional mitigation measures, and follow up investigations into the Terramor housing community and nearby areas by WM employees. The two documented complaints were both received on 7/10. WM records indicated that these complaints were received on the same day that the site began recirculating condensate to the working face, while only using leachate for dust control.
- **Special Occurrences:** Other than inspections and complaint investigations by regulatory agencies, no other special occurrences were reported during this period.
- **Employee Training:** Training topics during the month of July included the following: Blood Borne Pathogens, ECAP: Process Water, Slips Trips, Falls, Tipper Safety and Incident Reporting.

**Site Observations:**

Upon entry to the site, proper signage was observed at the lower gate and scale house areas. Per WM staff, one of the scales was not in operation, and is expected to be repaired within the next two weeks. Both flares were observed in operation at the time of this visit. The recycling pad and e-waste storage area closest to the office were observed organized and clean. The



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green waste transfer pad was observed clean, organized and free from any windblown litter. The odor neutralizer system at the green waste transfer area was in operation along the litter fencing. WM employees were observed safely navigating residential and commercial customers to and from tipping areas of the working face of phase 13A (lift 8). WM employees and customers were observed wearing safety vests and other personal protective equipment in required areas during the inspection. Other than a minimal amount at the working face, no windblown litter or debris accumulation was observed in other areas of the landfill. No Falconer was on site due to the seasonally low amount of birds in the region. The main fence line along a portion of the landfill perimeter was in good repair. The odor neutralizer system attached to the fence line was functioning properly during the inspection. This site is continuing to implement odor mitigation measures that were noted on the previous routine inspection report while also exploring other options as well.

Immediately following the inspection of the landfill, an off-site inspection of the nearby community of Terramor was conducted for odors. No odors were detected during the investigation within the neighborhood, but the LEA will continue to monitor the areas at and near the landfill for odors and other nuisance conditions.

*Note: This facility submitted a 5-year permit review package to the LEA on 6/2/2023. The LEA will keep the operator informed throughout the permit review process. The 5-year permit review is to be completed by 11/1/2023.*

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact (951)955-8980 or email AMian@rivco.org.

## Attachments

El Sobrante- Load Check Report  
El Sobrante- Tonnage and Vehicle Report

Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)  
El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217)  
8/28/2023

**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County **Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 8/28/2023 **Time In:** 1:30 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Focused **Time Out:** 2:30 AM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian **Inspection Duration:** 1 hour  
**Operator:** USA Waste Services of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Julia Anderson & 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 Services 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 focused inspection to assess the efficacy of the alternative daily cover (ADC) used at this site. Present during this inspection was Julia Anderson of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health- Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and Eddie Botello of Waste Management (WM).

Materials used as ADC at this site include ash from Southeast Resource Recovery Facility (SERRF) and tarps.

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Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 78 degrees F, clear skies with 2 mph NW winds.

In addition to soil used as daily cover, a combination of tarps and ash were observed at the working face of lift 7 at phase 13A of the landfill. The tarps used as ADC were observed in good condition to prevent exposure of waste. A portion of the working face was also observed with ash applied to it. No exposed waste was observed in all areas of the working face, including where ash was used. Several heavy equipment vehicles were in operation at and near the working face in preparation for opening to the public for the day. No violations or areas of concern were noted during this visit.

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9/15/2023

**Inspection Information**

**Inspected By:** Riverside County  
**Local Inspection ID:** PR0001436  
**Inspection Date:** 9/15/2023  
**Time In:** 10:15 AM  
**Inspection Type:** Periodic  
**Time Out:** 12:45 PM  
**Inspector:** Adam Mian  
**Inspection Duration:** 2 hours 30 minutes  
**Operator:** USA Waste Services of California, Inc.  
**Received By:**  
**Also Present (Name):**  
Jillian VanStockum & Jose Gonzales

**Facility/Activity Information**

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**No Areas of Concern**

**Inspection Report Comments**

This monthly routine inspection was conducted with Jillian Van Stockum of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health- Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and Jose Gonzales of WM.

This site is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day, 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday; Closed Sunday).

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Ambient weather at the time of this inspection was 74 degrees F, cloudy skies with 4 mph SE winds.

**The following records were reviewed for the month of August 2023:**

- Tonnage: Tonnage records for this period were provided via email by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR). These records indicated that this landfill did not exceed the weekly permitted limits of 70,000 tons and daily permitted limits of 16,054 tons. See attached tonnage and traffic report for additional information.
- Vehicles/Traffic: Vehicle/traffic records are included in the provided tonnage and traffic report. This site is permitted to receive up to 1,305 incoming vehicles per day. Documentation showed that this site operated within the permitted vehicle limits during the month of August. See traffic reports attached to this inspection report for additional information.
- Load Check: RCDWR provided load check summary reports via email. At least 10 load check inspections were conducted on three days per week in the month of August. This site conducted at least the minimum required amount of load check inspections during this period. See load check summary report for additional information.
- Accidents/Injuries: No accidents or injuries were reported during this period.
- Complaints: A total of 8 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. For each of the complaints, documentation on the time of day and status of the odor neutralizer system were noted, as well as any other related information such as operational status of the landfill at the time of the complaint, receiving unusual or odorous waste loads, additional mitigation measures, and follow up investigations into the Terramor housing community and nearby areas by WM employees. Complaints were received on the following days during this period: 8/2, 8/7, 8/10, 8/15, 8/26 and 8/31.
- Special Occurrences: A hot load was reported as a special occurrence on 8/22/2023. The fire department followed a WM recycling truck to the landfill, where the hot load was watered and monitored for a few hours. No smoldering, fire, injuries or damage was reported as a result of the hot load.
- Employee Training: Training topics during the month of August included the following: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Oil Spill Prevention and Response, Treated Wood Waste, Site Specific SWPPP, Safe Lifting and Critical 9 Rules Review.

**Site Observations:**

At the beginning of this inspection, proper signage was observed at the entrance and scale house areas. Per WM staff, all scales are now operational, with repairs completed since the previous monthly inspection. Both flares were observed in operation during this visit. Recycling transfer pad and e-waste storage bin areas were maintained organized and clean. The green waste transfer area of the site was safely being used by WM staff. The odor neutralizer system in the green waste area of the landfill was functional at the time of this visit. WM staff throughout the landfill were wearing proper personal protective equipment while safely directing residential and commercial customers to their designated areas of the

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site. Water trucks were observed applying water to dirt roads within the landfill site for dust control. No falconer was on site during this inspection, but very few birds were observed at the working face and surrounding areas. WM staff suggested that the falconer services may resume in the coming month or two. Minimal wind blown litter was observed throughout the site. The odor neutralizer system was observed functional at the main landfill fence line, with about 1,000 feet of additional mister lines added since the previous inspection. Four tippers were observed at the working face of phase 13A.

Immediately prior to the inspection of the landfill, an off-site inspection/investigation of the nearby communities of Dawson Canyon and Terramor was conducted for odors, windblown litter and other nuisances. A mild trash odor was detected at the top of the Terramor community near the water reservoir/tank. This information was provided to the landfill staff during the on-site inspection for them to further investigate.

*Note: This facility submitted a 5-year permit review package to the LEA on 6/2/2023. The LEA will keep the operator informed throughout the permit review process. The 5-year permit review is to be completed by 11/1/2023.*

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