Dear Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) members: For this issue, our featured segment highlights several County programs that are available to all Riverside County residents. These programs help with increasing sustainable practices and keeping waste out of landfills. If there are any issues or topics you would like to see addressed in future newsletters, please send your suggestions to Ryan Ross via email at rmross@rivco.org. As always, thank you for your continued service on the COC!

Department of Waste Resources Community Outreach Classes
Learn how to divert waste away from landfills by attending a FREE class. No registration is required. Simply show up and learn. Check www.rcwaste.org/outreach to search for a class near you or call 951-486-3200 if you have any questions.

**BACKYARD COMPOSTING**
Use your landscape waste to make compost in your own backyard. Compost is great for your garden and the environment. Plus, we sell compost bins to county residents for $12/each (limit 3/household; cash and MC/V accepted; service fee for MC/Visa).

**VERMICOMPOSTING**
Learn how to turn your food waste into the best plant food money can buy – using worms! Vermicomposting is clean, easy and does not require a lot of space. Kits are sold at our classes for $26/each (limit 3/household; cash and MC/V accepted; service fee for MC/Visa) or come with your own materials and attend our Make Your Worm Bin Workshop after the class.

**GREEN CLEANING**
Learn how to make all of your household cleaning supplies without toxic materials. That means no hazardous waste under your sink or in your garage! It’s simple to make and it saves you money on all those expensive kitchen and bath cleaning supplies.

**SCHEDULE A SPEAKER**
If you can’t make it to one our classes, but still want a live instructor, we can come to you. Our classes can be scheduled for any group of 15 or more, anywhere in the county. You find the location, Schedule a Speaker and we’ll be there. Speakers are available to youth groups, senior groups, schools, clubs, civic groups, businesses, homeowners associations, church groups, garden clubs etc. Pick a topic, time and location and we’ll be there. Topics include the classes listed above as well as Recycling, Food Waste/Wasted Food, Household Hazardous Waste, and Sharps, Needles, and Medication. To Schedule a Speaker, visit www.rcwaste.org/outreach/speaker

Backyard Composting and Vermicomposting classes are now available ONLINE. Learn at your convenience at www.rcwaste.org/classes.
Community Assessment

RCDWR conducted its quarterly inspection on September 13, 2019, reporting on aesthetics, traffic, signage, drainages, air quality, and other community issues. The inspection report along with photographs are attached. As with the newsletter, we welcome your suggestions!

El Sobrante Landfill Updates

Waste Management Inc. (WMI) has provided updates for the El Sobrante Landfill—see attachment highlighting their habitat conservation area and educational programs.

LEA Corner

Site Inspections

The LEA conducts monthly inspections of the landfill and also prepares quarterly mitigation monitoring reports (3rd quarter report is attached). Various inspection reports (from LEA and CalRecycle) for June, July, and August 2019 are attached. In addition to standard periodic monthly inspections, focused inspections were conducted addressing daily cover procedures and landfill gas monitoring and control.

Monthly inspections for the landfill can also be accessed here: https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/Directory/33-AA-0217/Inspection

Landfill Tonnage and Traffic

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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 (June-August), the maximum daily vehicles was 1,192 and the maximum daily tonnage was 13,976 tons.
3. The average weekly tonnage was 65,241.

Next Meeting

The next COC meeting is estimated to take place in November/December 2019.

Date/Time: TBD

2018 Annual Reports

- Draft Reports have been reviewed by the ARC and COC in June and August, respectively.
- The Final Reports will be presented to the ARC, COC, and ultimately filed with the Board of Supervisors.
El Sobrante Landfill Announcements and Events
Our corporate team wanted to make a video and highlight the ongoing projects that the El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve manages in order to remain a Certified Gold site. This past year at the Conservation Conference in Baltimore, El Sobrante was nominated for two awards that recognized our educational tour program and our Riversidian Sage Scrub habitat. A special thank you to Temescal Valley Community Leaders, Robert Hafner and Tracey Davis who helped us accomplish an amazing video of the El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve. We work with the Wildlife Habitat Council to maintain and grow the wildlife that live on El Sobrante. For example, the Many-stemmed Dudleya (Dudleya multicaulis) is one of 31 Covered Species under the El Sobrante Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Our site is very proud to contribute to the Wildlife Preservation of this region.
This was the first year that the Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill 2019 Scholarship Program was offered to Temescal Valley High School Seniors and College Students. There was a total of four $1,500 scholarships being offered and Temescal Valley did not disappoint with all its highly qualified applicants. All four winners were exceptional in community involvement, academics, extracurriculars, and have gone up and beyond in some way to make a difference.

Congratulations to these future leaders! Also thank you to Tricia Almiron from Supervisor Jeffries Office and Samantha Stillwell from Assemblywomen Melissa Melendez office for their assistance presenting the certificates.
El Sobrante continued its annual Summer Day Camp this year and it was a huge success! The day camp was filled with environmental learning and plenty of fun! The children toured the El Sobrante Landfill, met our operations manager, engineer, gas technician, and learned about what it takes to safely manage the area’s waste. They also visited the El Sobrante Wildlife Preserve with our site biologist and observed animal bones, snake skins, and protected habitats. They ended the day with learning about the area’s sensitive wildlife such as California gnatcatchers, Stephen’s kangaroo rats and Western burrowing owls. The kids were all smiles especially when they were racing their recycled race cars, made from recycled water bottles. They also loved our Recycle bingo game, which they easily won.

Follow-up to LEA inspections for the Landfill Gas Collection System
An exceedance of methane was detected on our routine perimeter gas probe monitoring program and that was before the inspection on July 16th. As a result, expansion of the Landfill Gas Collection System immediately began with the installation of 4 gas extraction wells. For the next couple of months, 13 more gas extraction wells were installed and effectively cut off any exceedance of methane. The Landfill Gas Collection System is actively operating.
Community Perspective Assessment
I. Aesthetics
   • Pond 4 visual inspection:
     o Fencing- good condition, no litter, dry vegetative cover (photo 1).
     o Gate vandalized (photo 2); repairs are forthcoming.
   • Drainage channel/culverts:
     o No debris.
   • Dawson Canyon Road condition:
     o Serviceable.
   • Community Amenities condition (park bench, gate/fencing, signage):
     o All amenities were clean; bench weathered; overall in good condition.
   • Berm 10/11:
     o No visible litter, good vegetative cover/growth (photo 1- Berm 10; 3- Berm 11).
   • Landfill operations:
     o Not visible from Dawson Canyon Area.
     o Operations visible from communities west of I-15 (photo 4)
     o No detectable odors or visible off-site litter.
   • Signage:
     o Inspected landfill address and directional signs. 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:
     o No violations observed.
     o “No Right Turn” sign is posted and visible.

III. Miscellaneous
   • Reviewed September 2019 site aerial (see attached).
   • Damage to the former hydro-conduit access road and side slopes along TCR, within Cold Water Wash was repaired (before/after photos 5-9). Rip-rap remains displaced and requires repair. County will discuss with new property owner when appropriate. Note- this area is not part of the landfill and USA Waste/WMI is not responsible for any maintenance or repairs of this property.
Photo 1 - Pond 4 outer slope and Phase 10 Berm

Photo 2 - Vandalized gate

Photo 3 - Phase 11 Berm

Photo 4 - View from communities west of I-15
Photo 9- Damaged rip-rap
LEA Mitigation Report and Site Inspections
El Sobrante Landfill  
Quarterly Mitigation Monitoring Report

Date: 9-23-19

Completed by: Greg Reyes

Quarterly Report Covering: July – September 2019

FINDINGS

- Three unannounced routine inspections were conducted on July 16th, August 8th and September 4th. Violations were noted on all three reports for exceedance of methane detected within probes in the monitoring network installed around the landfill.
  - The site notified the LEA of the exceedance on June 25th.
  - The site was actively working on possible solutions to lower the methane being detected by the probes.
- An unannounced inspection of the cover system was completed on July 29th. No violations were noted.
  - All lighting onsite appeared to be operated within the standards set forth by the CEQA mitigations.

PM$_{10}$ Monitoring (AQ-3)(AQ-4)(AQ-11)
- The site is in the middle of two constructions projects, a partial final closure of some of the outward slopes of the landfill and the grading and installation of new area of landfill liner. Monitoring is occurring during these jobs and the LEA was not notified of any exceedance reading.

Out of County Transfer Station Inspections (T-2) (T-7)
- Out of County inspections will occur next quarter as part of the bi-annual checks by LEA staff.

Landfill Gas Monitoring (AQ-1)(W-11)
- Landfill gas exceedances that were reported on June 25th have continued throughout the quarter.
- El Sobrante staff have notified the LEA of repair plans as per code and have been working to find a solution that reduces the methane noted at the probes.

Quarterly Aerial (A-2)
- An updated aerial was taken on September 9th and showed no areas of offsite grading or operations.
This is a routine monthly inspection. This facility is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day Monday through Saturday. Tarps are used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) and deployed Saturday at closing through Monday morning. In addition to the tarps the landfill also utilizes ash waste from a Covanta facility located in Long Beach as ADC.

The County of Riverside Department of Waste Resources oversees the load check program and scale house at this site.

The weather at time of inspection was 85°F, clear, with little to no winds.

USA waste employees Dave Hillyer and Miriam Cardenas assisted the LEA with this inspection.

Records reviewed for the previous month of May:

1. Special Occurrences:
   5/6 – A hot load was received at the landfill. The load was set aside, monitored, and allowed to cool before being worked into the active face. No injuries or property damage occurred.
   5/16 – Previous LEA inspection.
   5/31 – CUPA inspection.

2. Complaints:
   5/15 – A complaint was received from a resident in the Temescal Valley area regarding a waste hauler using damaged tarps to cover incoming loads. USA Waste personnel contacted the hauler regarding the issue.
   5/23 – A complaint was received from a resident of the Dawson Canyon community regarding high numbers of seagulls over his / her property. The falconer was onsite at that time and was made aware of the situation.
   5/24 – Another complaint regarding gulls from the Dawson Canyon community. The falconer was onsite at that time and was made aware of the situation.

3. Training: Heat injury and illness, ECAP – Asbestos Manifesting, and proper vehicle spacing.

4. Tonnage: The tonnage report is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. The site has been running very close to its established weekly limit of 70,000. Every effort should be taken to monitor the flow of material and to resolve data issues in a timely manner.

5. Load Check: The load check summary is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. There was a total of 406 load check inspections conducted in the month of May. In 295 of these checks nothing was found, in 37 universal / designated waste was found, and in 74 Hazardous waste was found. If possible, the landfill returns the prohibited wastes to the responsible party. If the responsible party cannot be located the landfill assumes responsibility for the material.
Manifests were available for review showing the shipment of paint, thinners, compressed gas cylinders, and other chemicals from the site.

Site Observations:

All accessible roads were well maintained, observed proper drainage and no ponding.

The active face has two discrete unloading areas. Residential customers, along with other large vehicles not compatible with the tippers, are directed to the hand unloading area at the bottom of the active face. Transfer trucks that are compatible with the tippers are directed to the top deck, above the active face, where the tippers are staged.

Observed activities at the hand unload area for approximately 15 minutes.

There were multiple dozers and compactors along with four tippers working at time of observation. Observed good traffic flow, good signage and proper PPE on site staff. Also observed the upper deck for an additional 15 minutes where commercial trucks were dumping.

The odor neutralizing system was working at time of inspection.

White goods and metals are pulled from the waste for recycling. These materials are staged off to the side of the active face. This area is maintained by the same personnel that conducts litter picking throughout the site. Observed no active litter picking during inspection and no significant amounts of fugitive litter either.

Observed very few birds throughout the entire inspection even though the falconer was not present at time of inspection.

The flare was also active.

The recyclables bunker and e-waste area were inspected. E-waste materials are stored in boxes / bins and affixed with the proper labels. The recyclable bunker was found to be structurally sound. No nuisance levels of odors were detected, and no vermin were observed there.

Other notes:

An offsite inspection was conducted in the Dawson Canyon community adjacent to the landfill. The community was evaluated for odors along Dawson Canyon Rd from Park Canyon to Rim Canyon Rd. No fugitive litter that could be attributed to landfill activity was observed. No nuisance level odors were detected, and no seagulls were observed at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, you can email me at DYoung@rivco.org or call (951) 955-8980.
This was a focused inspection, conducted by Sandi Salas and Ogga Oforah of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health LEA, intended to evaluate the effectiveness of the daily cover procedures for the site. El Sobrante staff Dave Hillyer was onsite during inspection.

Ambient weather at time of inspection was approximately 50F, clear, with no significant winds.

No violations were observed at time of inspection.

Inspection Observations/Notes:

This facility only closes one day per week. As such cover is only applied to the active face once a week. Currently large tarps and ash trucked in from a Covanta facility in Long Beach are used as Alternate Daily Cover (ADC) instead of dirt. The top and lower decks of the active face were both inspected. Both decks were found to be clean and free from fugitive litter / windblown waste. The tarps were applied in a manner that ensured the entire active face was sufficiently covered. All tarps were observed to be in good operable condition, free from holes and tears, and also free from fugitive waste.

Did not observe any signs of coyote activity at this inspection.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report please contact me at Ssalas@rivco.org or call (951) 955-8980.
### V A Regulations

| X | 20921 - Gas Monitoring and Control |

Comments: 27 CCR § 20921(a)(2) states:

“(a) To provide for the protection of public health and safety and the environment, the operator shall ensure that landfill gas generated at a disposal site is controlled in such a manner as to satisfy the following requirements:

(2) The concentration of methane gas migrating from the disposal site must not exceed 5% by volume in air at the disposal site permitted facility boundary or an alternative boundary approved in accordance with §20925.”

According to gas monitoring reports provided by this facility a number of probes detected methane concentrations greater than 5% in the month of June. These probes are:

- 24B with a max of 5.6%
- 25A with a max of 13.9%
- 25B with a max of 24.0%

Upon discovery of these exceedances landfill staff began adjusting the gas recovery system. Gas wells that were previously deactivated were also brought back online.

If current measures do not prove to be effective at controlling methane concentrations landfill staff will conduct a gas well assessment to determine if additional gas wells are needed.

### Inspection Report Comments:

This is a routine monthly inspection.

This facility is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day Monday through Saturday. Tarps are used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) and deployed Saturday at closing through Monday morning. In addition to the tarps the landfill also utilizes ash waste from a Covanta facility located in Long Beach as ADC.

The County of Riverside Department of Waste Resources oversees the load check program and scale house at this site.

The weather at time of inspection was 90°F, clear, with little to no winds.

USA waste employees Dave Hillyer and Miriam Cardenas assisted the LEA with this inspection.

Records reviewed for the previous month of June:

1. Special Occurrences:
   - 6/7 – A hot load was received at the landfill. Corona Fire Dept was contacted to provide fire suppression if needed. No injuries or property damage occurred.
   - 6/24 – Daily cover inspection by LEA.
   - 6/25 – High concentrations of methane were detected in probes 24B, 25A, and 25B.
2. Complaints:
6/11 – A complaint was received from a resident in the Dawson Canyon area regarding odors from the landfill. The odor neutralization system output was temporarily increased in response.

3. Training: Asbestos, CFC containing appliances & e-wastes safe backing, and tipper safety.

4. Tonnage: The tonnage report is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. The site has been running very close to its established weekly limit of 70,000.

5. Load Check: The load check summary is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. There was a total of 386 load check inspections conducted in the month of June. In 290 of these checks nothing was found, in 35 universal / designated waste was found, and in 61 Hazardous waste was found. If possible, the landfill returns the prohibited wastes to the responsible party. If the responsible party cannot be located the landfill assumes responsibility for the material.

Manifests were available for review showing the shipment of paint, thinners, compressed gas cylinders, and other chemicals from the site.

Site Observations:

All accessible roads were well maintained, observed proper drainage and no ponding.

The active face has two discrete unloading areas. Residential customers, along with other large vehicles not compatible with the tippers, are directed to the hand unloading area at the bottom of the active face. Transfer trucks that are compatible with the tippers are directed to the top deck, above the active face, where the tippers are staged.

Observed activities at the hand unload area for approximately 15 minutes.

There were multiple dozers and compactors along with four tippers working at time of observation. Observed good traffic flow, good signage and proper PPE on site staff.
Also observed the upper deck for an additional 15 minutes where commercial trucks were dumping.

The odor neutralizing system was working at time of inspection.

White goods and metals are pulled from the waste for recycling. These materials are staged off to the side of the active face. This area is maintained by the same personnel that conducts litter picking throughout the site. Observed no active litter picking during inspection and no significant amounts of fugitive litter either.

Observed very few birds throughout the entire inspection.

The flare was also active.

The recyclables bunker and e-waste area were inspected. E-waste materials are stored in boxes / bins. The recyclable bunker was found to be structurally sound. No nuisance levels of odors were detected, and no vermin were observed there.

The odor neutralization system was upgraded in mid June.

Other notes:

An offsite inspection was conducted in the Dawson Canyon community adjacent to the landfill. The community was evaluated for odors along Dawson Canyon Rd from Park Canyon to Rim Canyon Rd. No fugitive litter that could be attributed to landfill activity was observed. No nuisance level odors were detected, and no seagulls were observed at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, you can email me at DYoung@rivco.org or call (951) 955-8980.
## Disposal Facility Inspection Report (52)

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| 33-AA-0217                             | 7/29/2019       | LEA Focused  |

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**Inspection Report Comments:**

This was a focused inspection, conducted by Dan Young and Ogga Oforah of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health LEA, intended to evaluate the effectiveness of the daily cover procedures for this landfill. El Sobranne staff Jose Gonzales and Dave Hillyer were onsite and assisted the LEA with the inspection.

Ambient weather at time of inspection was approximately 60°F, clear, with no significant winds.

No violations were observed at time of inspection.

### Inspection Observations/Notes:

This facility only closes one day per week. As such cover is only applied to the active face once a week. Currently large tarps and ash trucked in from a Covanta facility in Long Beach are used as Alternate Daily Cover (ADC) instead of dirt. The top and lower decks of the active face were both inspected. Both decks were found to be clean and free of fugitive litter / windblown waste. The tarps were applied in a manner that ensured the entire active face was sufficiently covered. All tarps were observed to be in good operable condition, free from holes and tears, and also free from fugitive waste.

No signs of coyote activity were observed during this inspection.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report please contact me at DYoung@rivco.org or call (951) 955-8980.

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**X No Violations or Areas of Concern**

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THE ABOVE FACILITY WAS INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF DIVISION 30 OF PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) AND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 27 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR)
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According to gas monitoring reports provided by this facility a number of probes detected methane concentrations greater than 5% in the month of July and August. Upon discovery of these exceedances landfill staff began adjusting the landfill gas recovery system. Gas wells that were previously deactivated were also brought back online. Since the initial exceedance, three new landfill gas wells have been installed. If current mitigation measures are not successful additional wells may be installed as well as more extensive tuning of the existing landfill gas recovery system.

### Inspection Report Comments:

This is a routine monthly inspection.

This facility is an active landfill which operates 24 hours per day Monday through Saturday. Tarps are used as Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) and deployed Saturday at closing through Monday morning. In addition to the tarps the landfill also utilizes ash waste from a Covanta facility in Long Beach as ADC.

The County of Riverside Department of Waste Resources oversees the load check program and scale house at this site.

The weather at time of inspection was 82°F, clear, with little to no winds.

USA Waste employee Cody Cowgil assisted the LEA with this inspection.

Records reviewed for the previous month of June:

1. Special Occurrences:
   7/15 – High concentrations of methane were detected in a small number of gas probes.

2. Complaints:
   7/25 – A complaint was received from a resident in the Dawson Canyon area regarding odors from the landfill. The odor neutralization system output was temporarily increased in response.
   7/31 – An inspection from South Coast AQMD was conducted.

4. Tonnage: The tonnage report is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. This facility has not exceeded its maximum permitted tonnage for the month of July.

5. Load Check: The load check summary is sent to this department via email by County Waste Resources and is attached to this report. There was a total of 278 load check inspections conducted in the month of July. In 198 of these checks no prohibited wastes were found, in 30 universal / designated waste was found, and in 50 hazardous waste was found. If possible, the landfill returns the prohibited wastes to the responsible party. If the responsible party cannot be located the landfill assumes responsibility for the material.

Site Observations:

All accessible roads were well maintained.

Typically the active face has two discrete unloading areas with residential customers, along with other large vehicles not compatible with the tippers, being directed to the bottom of the active face with transfer trucks and tippers up top. However, during the present configuration both unloading areas are staged at the hinge of the active face. Activities at the active face were observed for approximately 20 minutes.

There were multiple dozers and compactors along with four tippers working at time of observation. Observed good traffic flow, good signage and proper PPE on site staff.

White goods and metals are pulled from the waste for recycling. These materials are staged off to the side of the active face. This area is maintained by the same personnel that conducts litter picking throughout the site. Observed no active litter picking during inspection and no significant amounts of fugitive litter either.

Observed a moderate number birds on site today. According to Cody the falconer is not regularly on site during the summer. The warmer weather draws the gulls back to the coast.

The odor neutralizing system, which was upgraded in June, was active as well as the flare at time of inspection.

The recyclables bunker and e-waste area were inspected. E-waste materials are stored in boxes / bins. The recyclable bunker was found to be structurally sound. No nuisance levels of odors were detected, and no vermin were observed there.

Other notes:

An offsite inspection was conducted in the Dawson Canyon community adjacent to the landfill. The community was evaluated for odors along Dawson Canyon Rd from Park Canyon to Rim Canyon Rd. No fugitive litter that could be attributed to landfill activity was observed. Some low level odors were detected however, this was communicated to landfill staff.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, you can email me at DYoun@gmail.com or call (951) 955-8980.