

# NEED FOR WASTE DISPOSAL CAPACITY

*Managing today's waste while protecting tomorrow's environment.*

## Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill

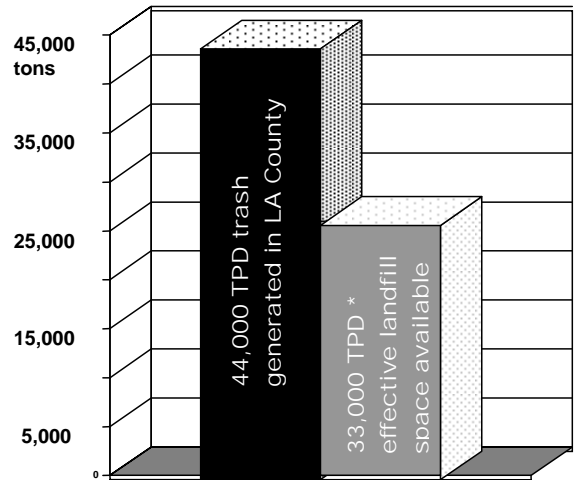
Even with extensive recycling programs, County residents and businesses currently generate **42,000 tons per day (TPD)** of waste needing disposal. In order for LA County to manage its daily waste generation and disposal needs, it is currently necessary for the County to export approximately 8,000 TPD of trash to Orange, Riverside and Ventura Counties.

The anticipated closure of Bradley Landfill in Sun Valley in the near future (estimated) will add to the County's disposal challenge.

Waste generation will continue to rise steadily matching the projected population growth rate of one percent each year. By 2014, LA County residents and businesses will be generating an estimated **44,000 TPD** of waste.

With Bradley closed and Puente Hills Landfill closing in 2014, there will be a significant daily capacity reduction of 13,000 TPD.

It is risky for Los Angeles County to continue its reliance on nearby counties for waste disposal because these counties must also meet their own growing waste disposal needs. They may not be able or willing to continue handling Los Angeles County's trash. Orange County has indicated that they will stop accepting out-of-County waste by 2015.



**The waste disposal picture in the Year 2014**

\* with 2004 levels of export

It is imperative to maximize currently permitted capacity and approve any additional capacity available at local landfills. By maximizing in-County disposal capacity, the County will have the necessary time to finance and build the required infrastructure for alternative disposal options. Alternatives such as long-haul and rail-haul will demand the development of inter-modal facilities and transfer stations to handle, process and transport refuse to proposed outlying landfills. It could take approximately 10 to 15 years to obtain permits for these landfills; to site and permit materials recovery and rail loading facilities; and to finance the higher cost of waste-by-rail. During the 10 to 15 years potentially needed to establish an alternative waste disposal solution, the County's waste must continue to have a safe, long-term in-county disposal system.

It is estimated that alternatives to in-County landfilling will cost taxpayers up to 300 percent more than is currently paid for waste disposal. Businesses will feel the burden of rising costs from waste haulers to cover increased transportation, handling and tipping fees.

***Currently Los Angeles County must export 8,000 tons of waste per day in order to manage its daily waste generation and disposal needs.***

***Operating Sunshine Canyon as a combined City/County Landfill will maximize the available landfill capacity for County residents and businesses. This will: (1) maximize and stabilize revenues to the County; (2) assist cities in LA County to meet their AB939 goals by offering short- and long-term disposal capacity; (3) provide on-site recycling services; (4) assist the County to be more self-sufficient in meeting its waste disposal needs for the next 25 years; and (5) provide the needed time – estimated 10 to 15 years – to find and build an alternative waste disposal solution.***