

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

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

Community Benefits

Land Use

- A single entrance and a single working face, as opposed to separate City-side and County-side entrances and working faces, provide a more efficient and less intrusive traffic pattern for trucks. A single working face eliminates redundant operations and creates an overall efficient and more environmentally sound waste disposal site.
- The replacement CUP for a combined City/County Landfill will not expand the footprint of the Landfill; but it allows BFI to fully utilize all available capacity within the approved footprint. A maximized capacity will in turn maximize and stabilize revenues to the County.

Ecological/Environmental

- BFI dedicated 426 acres of East Canyon, an area immediately west of Sunshine Canyon to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for permanent open space and park and recreational uses.
- BFI purchased 490 acres in Upper Bee Canyon, an area just south of Sunshine Canyon, and immediately transferred ownership of the property to the County of Los Angeles. The County will transfer this property to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for permanent open space, and park and recreation use.
- BFI granted approximately 80 acres of easements for hiking trails along the perimeter of Sunshine Canyon and in East Canyon, Bee Canyon, and Weldon Canyons. This grant also included \$50,000 to the County for the acquisition of trail access into East Canyon.
- Sunshine Canyon has provided and/or planted more than 50,000 oak trees: 7,500 oaks trees planted on ridges and in open space surrounding Sunshine Canyon; 850 earmarked as replacement trees for future removal of oak trees in LA County; and 25,000 are being used for planned off-site mitigation and as donations to various causes.
- Chatsworth Nature Preserve – BFI has developed a comprehensive plan to create more than 40 acres of wetlands, riparian and wildlife habitat at Chatsworth Reservoir, and is working with the Department of Water and Power and the City of Los Angeles to enhance the designated Nature Preserve at that site.
- Bull Creek – BFI is developing a plan to restore a stream zone from Balboa to the property line of the North Valley Jewish Center (off Rinaldi). To bring the creek back to its natural state, non-native and invasive plants will be replaced with native species. Plaques will identify native species to be used as an educational tool by local schools and the community at large.
- Since 1994, BFI has funded studies to determine the remaining Significant Ecological Areas in L.A. County, including providing \$432,000 prior to the commencement of County Landfill construction in 1994 and \$81,000 annually since January 1997 (\$648,000 through January 2004).

Economic Benefits

- Your city will have a cost-effective, in-county waste disposal option for the next 25 years. Businesses in the County using Sunshine Canyon Landfill potentially could experience costs 40 to 60 percent less than other presently available disposal alternatives.
- Sunshine Canyon Landfill assists the cities in Los Angeles County in meeting their AB939 requirements by offering long-term disposal capacity as well as on-site recycling services including beverage containers, cardboard, used oil, construction demolition materials and green/wood waste.
- Sunshine Canyon offers low-cost and environmentally safe disposal to all Los Angeles County residential and commercial haulers and customers.
- Los Angeles County will receive over \$80 million in business taxes over the anticipated life of the County landfill and the joint City/County facility.
- Sunshine Canyon Landfill has provided more than \$200,000 to Los Angeles County Public Works in support of hazardous waste roundups.
- The City of Los Angeles will receive in excess of \$150 million in franchise fees over the life of the City-only Landfill and the City/County facility.
- Under prior agreements with the City of LA, BFI has already paid the City more than \$2.5 million for various community and environmental programs, including \$1 million to establish a Community Amenities Trust Fund.