

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

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

Community Outreach

Meetings and Public Hearings

Since 1988, there have been approximately 70 public hearings and meetings regarding the development of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. During these meetings, the community was able to provide productive input and helped shape the design of the landfill and the conditions of approval.

Community Advisory Committee's (CACs)

There are presently two CACs that review the operations at Sunshine Canyon.

The County CAC was established in 1997 and has hosted meetings on a consistent bi-monthly schedule ever since. The County CAC members are appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The City CAC was appointed by the Los Angeles City Council and started conducting monthly meetings in early 2004.

The CACs are conducted as open forum, public meetings to allow the committee members and the public an opportunity to hear agency reports, ask questions and have open discussions about the operation and development of Sunshine Canyon. The information presented at these meetings is also sent to the Board of Supervisors' offices, City Council offices and to the community.

24 Hour Facility Hotline

(800) 926-0607

Site tours and visits

Since June 2000, Sunshine Canyon has given over 200 site tours, visits and educational speaking engagements. Sunshine Canyon has extended a standing invitation to the public to visit the site and learn more about its operations, efforts to protect the environment, and ways to reduce waste.

Presentations

BFI has been invited to speak at several community groups. Most recently, presentations were given to the Economic Alliance of San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. BFI also hosted several business community breakfasts to discuss the facility and proposed expansion

Neighborhood Councils – BFI has already briefed the Greater Griffith Park and Bel Air Neighborhood Councils (as of September 2004). BFI is making a concerted effort to reach all the neighborhood councils to educate them about the waste disposal challenges and opportunities facing the greater Los Angeles area.

Informational Programs

BFI maintains a Web site (in Spanish and English), www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com, dedicated to keeping the public informed about Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It contains contact information for the facility, South Coast Air Quality Management, the City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department, and the County Department of Health Services. It also provides names and contact numbers for City and County Community Advisory members, meeting dates, times and locations.

The first issue of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Quarterly Newsletter was distributed on September 1, 2004 to the surrounding community and other interested parties. It is also posted on the Web site.

BFI has also placed advertisements in the *Daily News*, *La Opinión* and the *LA County Almanac* telling area residents and businesses about the operations at and services provided by Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Charitable Donations and Community Contributions

BFI and Sunshine Canyon have always been good corporate citizens as demonstrated by their extensive support of the communities in the San Fernando Valley. Thus far in 2004, Sunshine Canyon has contributed more than \$70,000 to various local causes including the Valley Family Center, the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club, the North Valley YMCA, and the Children's Museum of Los Angeles. Most recently, they committed \$200,000 to the Providence Holy Cross Foundation for the expansion of their trauma unit at the Holy Cross Medical Center.

Giving history:

- 2004 – more than \$270,000
- 2003 – more than \$129,000
- 2002 – more than \$85,000
- 2001 – more than \$128,000

Support for Sunshine Canyon

In recent years, Sunshine Canyon has received hundreds of letters of support from cities, private businesses, business and civic organizations, environmental groups, elected officials and residents. Some of these include:

- American Waste Industries
- City of Artesia
- Capital Commerce
- Chatsworth / Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce
- Greater San Fernando Chamber of Commerce
- California Legislators
- Environment Now
- Flip's Tire Center
- Joseph Gray Financial Advisors
- Korek Land Company Inc.
- City of La Puente
- Los Angeles City Council Members Hon. Jan Perry, Hon. Cindy Miscikowski, Hon. Bernard Parks, Hon. Ed Reyes
- Los Angeles County Supervisors Hon, Gloria Molina, Hon. Don Knabe, Hon. Yvonne B. Burke
- Metropolitan Water District
- Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Northridge / Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce
- Reseda Chamber of Commerce
- Southern California Leaders for Responsible Waste Disposal (elected leaders from 17 Los Angeles area cities)
- Teamsters Local No. 396
- United Chambers of Commerce
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA)
- Valley Community Clinic
- Valley Family Center