

# SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

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

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Browning-Ferris Industries of California (BFI) and Sunshine Canyon Landfill produce and distribute this quarterly newsletter to keep the community informed of current events at the landfill. Each newsletter is posted on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Web site [www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com).

## **Cityside Landfill Operations**

The Cityside landfill continues to operate five days per week. As of February 28, 2007, approximately 137,692 tons of municipal solid waste has been disposed of this year. The average daily disposal tonnage is approximately 3,129 tons.

### *Litter Control*

BFI patrols areas within one mile of Sunshine Canyon Landfill for litter control. Crews are sent out daily to assess and maintain the area. If you see litter within 1½ miles of Sunshine Canyon, please call (818) 833-6500 and report your observation to the Administrative Assistant or the Operations Supervisor.

### *Treated Leachate*

All tests show that leachate leaving the site is in compliance with standards set by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City of Los Angeles.

### *Revegetation Status*

As required by the City of Los Angeles Conditions of Approval, BFI continued to hydroseed areas disturbed during the 2006/2007 construction that are expected to be inactive for greater than 180 days. Areas impacted by the current ongoing construction also will be hydroseeded when the related construction work ends.

### *Groundwater Monitoring*

Consistent with previous monitoring periods, the most recent quarterly groundwater monitoring data indicates low level concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and 1,4-dioxane in several of the shallow groundwater monitoring wells. This data is consistent with previous results and the unlined, closed City Landfill (Unit 1) is the likely source of the readings. The cutoff wall pump system, located near the mouth of the canyon, continues to effectively limit off-site migration. During the reporting period of January 1 through March 20, 2007, the facility pumped, treated and removed more than 1.8 million gallons of groundwater at the cutoff wall.

### *Landfill Gas Monitoring*

Perimeter gas monitoring probes and surface monitoring results for January, February and March of 2007 indicate the landfill is in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations governing landfill gas control.

### *Stormwater Controls*

At least once a month and following each significant storm event, the landfill stormwater controls are inspected to evaluate performance and determine if any repairs or maintenance are required. To date, the permanent stormwater controls have performed as designed with no significant repairs required. The sedimentation basin recently went through preventative maintenance including removing sediment. Temporary stormwater controls such as silt fences, straw bales and sand bags have been implemented and are continually maintained.

There is a comprehensive surface water management system at Sunshine Canyon that includes four permanent sedimentation basins and several temporary basins to remove sediment from surface water leaving the site. There is also a concrete perimeter drainage channel system that prevents surface water from running onto the landfill, collects surface water running off the landfill and conveys all of this surface water into the sedimentation basins.

### *Notices of Violation (NOV)*

On January 23, 2007, the City of Los Angeles LEA issued an NOV for litter control. The LEA inspection report noted wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph as well as BFI's litter control measures including strategically placed litter fences, groups of litter pickers and small working areas. The landfill stopped accepting trash at approximately 10:17 a.m. due to windy conditions.

## **Hotline Report — (800) 926-0607**

The hotline is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week to receive calls about landfill operational concerns.

## **Countyside Landfill Extension Permits**

Currently, BFI is working on approval of new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the extension of landfilling within the County portion of Sunshine Canyon Landfill. On February 6, 2007, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gave final approval for a Replacement Conditional Use Permit (CUP). On February 13, 2007 the California Integrated Waste Management Board approved a Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Extension area. The Extension area is entirely within the currently-operating and fully permitted County side of the landfill.

## **BFI Donates Trees to Bee Canyon Park**

On January 22 and 23, eight 15 to 20-foot tall coast live oak trees donated by BFI and Sunshine Canyon Landfill were planted in Bee Creek Canyon Park under the supervision of registered forester Douglas Nix of LandWatch, Inc. On hand to watch the excavation and planting were residents who frequently enjoy the beauty of the park grounds. The trees will be carefully supervised and maintained to ensure their healthy establishment in their new location.



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## Resources & Information for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

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**24 Hour Sunshine Canyon Landfill Hotline: 800-926-0607**

*We encourage you to take a guided tour of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to see first hand how the landfill operates on a daily basis. Tours begin with an informal question and answer period, and then a trip through the landfill. For general information or to schedule a tour call 818-833-6500.*

Community Advisory Committee Meetings\*:

County CAC: Meets on the second Thursday of every other month.

City CAC: Meets the second Monday of every month.

*\* More information about the CAC meetings can be found at [www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)*

**SCAQMD 24 Hour Hotline 800-288-7664 ■ City of Los Angeles LEA (8:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F) 213-978-0892**

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