

# SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

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

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In 1958, Sunshine Canyon Landfill began handling the waste disposal needs of the City of Los Angeles when the City formally authorized operations on the City side of the landfill property. In 1996, the County of Los Angeles authorized operations on the County side of the Landfill. And, in 1999 the City of Los Angeles approved the permits to create a joint City-County landfill that will meet the waste disposal needs of area residents and businesses for next 25 years.

## Pre-Construction Requirements

Before BFI could begin any construction at the new site, the City of Los Angeles mandated that a variety of City and State regulatory requirements had to be met. These requirements encompassed surveys to protect various natural resources; solutions/mitigation to address traffic concerns; and implementation of plans to protect, engage and inform the community.

## Natural Resources

Plant and animal resources are considered environmental assets by BFI, State and City agencies. Protecting these assets is a priority for everyone associated with Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Pre-construction activities included:

- Retaining biologists to examine the area for potential impacts to wildlife.
- Safe relocation of wildlife that might be impacted.
- The development and approval of a comprehensive plan to create a plant and wildlife habitat at Chatsworth Nature Preserve.
- Surveys to find any protected or endangered bird species on site. None were found. However, to protect nesting birds and their young, BFI did not start land clearing activities until biologists and the California Dept. of Fish and Game verified that young birds in active nests have fledged.

## Traffic

BFI has constructed or bonded for street improvements on roads that will be affected by the extension. These include Roxford St., Sierra Highway and San Fernando Road.

## Community

- More than 60 public meetings have been conducted, which resulted in 34 new or modified City conditions and mitigation measures being implemented.
- 200+ public tours have been conducted and the Landfill staff invites everyone interested to tour the site.
- BFI and Sunshine Canyon Landfill have donated:
  - more than 1,000 acres of land for open spaces and recreational areas; and
  - more than 25,000+ trees for planting in and around communities.
- BFI and Sunshine have the largest charitable giving budget in San Fernando Valley with a \$1 million trust fund for local community improvements.

## The Approval Process

After the City of Los Angeles gave BFI its formal approval to restart landfilling operations on the City side of Sunshine Canyon Landfill, BFI conscientiously and systematically worked to obtain all necessary permits and approvals required by City, State and Federal agencies. These included:

- **Solid Waste Facilities Permit** on 5/21/03  
California Integrated Waste Management Board /  
LA City Environmental Affairs
- **Waste Discharge Requirements** on 12/17/03  
LA Regional Water Quality Control Board
- **401 Certification** on 2/6/04  
LA Regional Water Quality Control Board
- **404 Permit** on 2/26/04  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **1603 Agreement** on 3/11/04  
State of California Department of Fish and Game
- **1150.1 Permit** in 9/03  
South Coast Air Quality Management District
- **Oak Tree Removal Permit** on 5/3/04  
City of LA Department of Public Works

## Recycling at Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Beyond safe waste disposal, Sunshine Canyon Landfill works to increase recycling in Los Angeles.

On-site recycling services that are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Landfill include:

- Public drop-off for:
  - Cans and bottles
  - Paper
  - Cardboard
- Used Oil
- Greenwaste
- Holiday trees
- Construction and demolition waste
- Woodwaste



## Resources & Information

### Sunshine Canyon Landfill

14747 San Fernando Road ■ Sylmar, CA 91342

General information/tours: 818-833-6500

[www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)

**24 Hour Hotline: 800-926-0607**

**SCAQMD 24 Hour Hotline** 800-288-7664

**City of Los Angeles LEA** 213-978-0892  
(8:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F)

*Sunshine Canyon Landfill is operated in an environmentally-safe manner that meets or exceeds all federal, state and local standards for solid waste disposal, water quality, air quality and seismic.*

**City of Los Angeles Citizens Advisory Committee  
Sunshine Canyon Landfill**

**Contact:** Robert Norris, president, 818-363-3600

Citizens Advisory Committee meetings are held each month at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month.

**Next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting:  
Monday, September 13, 2004 at 10 a.m.**

at the  
North Valley Jewish Community Center  
16601 Rinaldi Street  
Granada Hills, CA 91344



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