

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.

Before Construction Began ...

In the months leading up to construction, BFI's biologists implemented a comprehensive trapping program to capture and relocate small animals. This conservation effort went above and beyond what is required by State and federal agencies. More than 750 rodents, lizards, snakes, and large spiders were relocated to protected habitat. In this, BFI has set a higher standard of conservation for future developments.

Construction Status

During construction of the landfill, and before BFI is permitted to accept waste in the new cell – the area that will receive waste – City and State agencies require compliance with numerous regulations. These requirements include: occupational- and environmentally-safe construction practices; quality assurance management and approvals; professionally engineered, state-of-the-art cell design; wildlife protection; and mitigation for impacted natural resources.

The cell design report was submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on August 16, 2004. This report included details for a double composite liner, construction phasing, and the Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan. Approval of this report has been received.

Construction of the City Landfill began on September 1, 2004. To date, excavation and grading of the bottom and sides of the new cell are nearly complete, and installation of the components of the double liner will follow.

Biological monitors were on site during construction hours throughout the land clearing and earth movement phases. These monitors were responsible for counting trees, protecting wildlife, monitoring construction equipment, and ensure all construction was in compliance with permit conditions.

Archeological monitors were on site throughout land clearing and earth movement until digging reached a depth where finding artifacts was unlikely. These monitors watched for any artifacts that might need protecting. They also trained equipment operators on procedures to follow if a potential archeological resource was found. There were no major archeological resources uncovered.

Paleological monitors were on site during all earth moving activities. Their duties were the same as the archeological monitors. There were no major paleological resources found.

Natural Resource Mitigations:

- 922 trees are being planted to replace trees removed
- 250 cubic yards of Coastal Sage Scrub seed soils have been gathered from the site to be used to recreate 69.5 acres of Coastal Sage Scrub habitat on site. This will also provide habitat for the San Diego Horned Lizard.
- One Slender Mariposa Lily was salvaged and will be relocated to a location approved by Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game.

What Happens After Construction ...

Construction is scheduled for completion during the first quarter of 2005. Operations will begin in Spring 2005. Before BFI is allowed to accept waste, these clearances must be obtained:

- Construction Quality Assurance Report (LARWQCB)
- Pre-operation Technical Advisory Committee determination verifying all conditions have been met (City of LA)
- Certificate of Occupancy (LA Dept. of Building and Safety)

Hotline Report – (800) 926-0607

Sunshine Canyon Landfill's 24 hour hotline has been up and running with live operators since August 12, 2004. From August 12 to December 1, we have received eight calls, all concerning operating hours and the types of waste accepted at Sunshine.

In response to these information requests, we have provided the hotline operators with landfill operating hours, tipping fees, recycling program details and prohibited waste lists. This information is also posted on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Web site www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com.

County Replacement CUP

Among the stipulations in the 1993 County Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which approved landfilling on the County side of Sunshine Canyon, the LA County Board of Supervisors directed BFI to obtain City of LA approval to restart landfilling operations on the City portion of Sunshine Canyon. The Board also requested that BFI return to the Regional Planning Commission after City approval was received to begin the process of issuing a replacement CUP that will allow the operation of a joint City/County landfill. The first public hearing about the replacement CUP was on December 1, 2004. A second is scheduled for January 12, 2005 in Granada Hills.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill and the Community

BFI has been active in the community for more than 15 years. In addition to participating and supporting numerous community events and projects, two of BFI's major projects for 2004 have been working with Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and the Valley Family Center.

The company contributed \$200,000 to *The Golden Hour* capital campaign for Providence Holy Cross's expansion and enhancement of Emergency and Trauma Services. For more information or to offer your support, please call (818) 898-4576.

It also gave a \$50,000 grant to the Valley Family Center, which offers counseling and tutorial services to the community. For more information or to offer your support, please call (818) 365-8588.

Recycling at Sunshine Canyon Landfill

On-site recycling services are available at the Landfill from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday include: cans and bottles, paper, cardboard, used oil, greenwaste, construction and demolition waste, and woodwaste.

Resources & Information for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

14747 San Fernando Road ■ Sylmar, CA 91342

www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com

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*

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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