

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 15.3
(ID # 27437)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 06, 2025

FROM : DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES: El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) 2024 Annual Report, District 2. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the 2024 Annual Report of the El Sobrante Landfill COC.


ACTION:Policy


Andrew Cortez 3/19/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 6, 2025
xc: Waste

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Waste Resources Enterprise Fund			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In accordance with Resolution No. 2005-148 Adopting Uniform Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees, Board and Commissions of the County of Riverside and Board Policy A-21, advisory groups to the Board are required to file an annual report of their activities. The 2024 Annual Report of the El Sobrante Landfill COC, which includes the meeting minutes for the 2024 reporting year, is attached.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The motion to receive and file the 2024 El Sobrante Landfill COC Annual Report will not result in impacts to citizens or businesses.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A. 2024 El Sobrante Landfill COC Annual Report


Jason Farin, Principal Policy Analyst 4/30/2025


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 4/9/2025

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MEETINGS:

In 2024, the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) met in March, June, October, and December. COC activities are summarized below, with the meeting minutes attached.

ACTIVITIES:

March 13, 2024

1. Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR) provided updates on the proposed Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility, site improvements, and the Local Mitigation Trust Fund.
2. Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) provided a presentation on the process for changing a Joint Technical Document (JTD)/Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) and provided details regarding monthly inspections of the landfill.
3. Waste Management Inc. (WM) provided landfill operation updates.

June 12, 2024

1. RCDWR provided updates on the Local Mitigation Trust Fund, site improvements, and the proposed RNG facility.
2. LEA provided landfill inspection and odor investigation updates.
3. WM provided landfill operation updates and an update about processed Construction & Demolition (C&D) material as ADC (Alternative Daily Cover).
4. The 2023 Annual Report was introduced and discussed, along with the proposed RNG facility.

October 9, 2024

1. RCDWR provided updates on the proposed RNG facility and the Local Mitigation Trust Fund.
2. LEA provided landfill inspection and odor investigation updates.
3. WM provided landfill operation updates.
4. COC provided comments on the Final 2023 El Sobrante Annual Report.

December 11, 2024

1. RCDWR provided updates on the proposed RNG facility and the Local Mitigation Trust Fund.
2. LEA provided landfill inspection and odor investigation updates.
3. WM provided landfill operation and site fire updates.
4. COC members elected a new Chair (Tracy Davis) and Vice-Chair (Lee Wilson).

COC Members	Representing	March 13, 2024	June 12, 2024	October 9, 2024	December 11, 2024	Term Ends
Fred Myers	2 nd District	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/30/25
Ruth Brissenden	2 nd District	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/30/25
Jerry Sincich	2 nd District	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/30/25
Lee Wilson	2 nd District	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/30/25
Tracy Davis	2 nd District	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/30/25
County Staff						
Aaron Gettis	County Counsel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ryan Ross	RCDWR	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mariela Aguilar	RCDWR		✓	✓	✓	
Kathryn Aguilar	RCDWR			✓	✓	
Kinika Hesterly	RCDWR	✓			✓	
Sandi Salas	Environmental Health	✓	✓	✓		
Kristine Kim	Environmental Health	✓		✓		
Fritzy Devera	Environmental Health	✓	✓	✓		
	BOS 2 nd District			✓		
WMI Staff						
David Meyer	WM	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Linda Lockhart	WM	✓	✓			
Cindy Daverin	WM		✓	✓		
Cody Cowgill	WM		✓			
Jason Rolfsness	WM			✓		
Richard Carpenter	WM	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Miriam Cardenas	WM	✓				
Jessie Milligan	WM				✓	

✓ = Attended

March 13, 2024
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL CITIZENS
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 13, 2024

The following were present:

Committee Members

Jerry Sincich, Chair
Tracy Davis, Vice Chair
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden
Fred Myers

Committee Members Absent

WMI/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Linda Lockhart, El Sobrante Landfill
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill
Miriam Cardenas, El Sobrante Landfill

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
Ryan Ross
Kinika Hesterly
Sandi Salas
Fritzy Devera
Kristine Kim

Representing

County Counsel
Waste Resources
Waste Resources
Environmental Health
Environmental Health
Environmental Health

Guests/Interested Parties

David Harich, Geologic Associates, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m. by Jerry Sincich.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Fred Myers motioned to approve the minutes as written, Tracy Davis seconded the motion.
Approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STAFF UPDATES

1. Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility

Ryan Ross reported:

- Toro, WM, and the County are working on a Revenue Sharing Agreement to provide ongoing funding for local road and bridge maintenance, and community benefits in the Temescal Valley.
- The Landfill Agreement between the County and WM will be amended to include the Revenue agreement.
- The COC will have an opportunity to review the new environmental analysis prior to Board consideration.

2. Site Improvements

Ryan Ross informed the COC about the following new site improvements:

- Office conversion to a scalehouse for the County.
- Leachate Tank Farm Project (for the landfill, not the proposed RNG facility).
- New landfill gas flare for the landfill.

COC members discussed:

- Concerns with erosion near the proposed RNG Point of Receipt (POR) site.
- Birds potentially affected by heat from the flare.
- The COC inquired whether the JTD would require updating prior to allowing the additional flare. Sandi Salas confirmed a JTD update would be required.

B. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND

COC inquired about and Ryan Ross reported:

- Remaining fund balance: approximately \$72,000. The fund started at \$150,000 about 20 years ago. Funds were most recently used for signage.

C. LANDFILL UPDATES

1. General Site Operations

David Meyer and Richard Carpenter reported:

- The landfill is currently filling Lift 11 (top deck of the landfill). Estimated to be there until August/September. Excavation in 13B estimated to be complete in April.
- The landfill is receiving approximately 62,000 tons of MSW per week.
- The landfill is receiving small amounts of incinerator ash for ADC.
- WM is attending/sponsoring more community events and hosting more tours.
- WM received the distinguished honor of obtaining a Wildlife Habitat Certification for their work protecting wildlife habitat at the landfill.

2. Processed C&D Material as ADC

David Meyer reported:

- Upon approval, C&D fines will be used for daily cover. Sandi Salas said this operation can occur once the LEA obtains concurrence from Cal Recycle, and the modified permit is issued. David Harich discussed the highly regulated process to prevent hazardous C&D material from entering the landfill system.

COC members relayed:

- A desire to observe the C&D material prior to the landfill regularly accepting it. Dave Meyer agreed and will coordinate with interested COC members once the material is approved for use as ADC.
- Their pleasure with the job Richard Carpenter is doing regarding responsiveness and community outreach.

3. Supplemental Irrigation

WM Staff and the COC discussed:

- The irrigation system on the outside slopes.
- Due to above average rainfall, supplemental irrigation was only used one time in November to provide 2 inches of water.

4. Odor Control

Richard Carpenter reported:

- He conducts morning odor inspections daily, collecting data to track any issues.

Fred Myers reported:

- The Temescal Valley Water District (TVWD) identified blockage of the sewer system in the Terramor construction areas, which is a potential odor source in the community. To address this, TVWD has increased inspections and maintenance of the system.

5. Complaint Protocols

Richard Carpenter reported:

- Odor complaints in the 4th quarter- four (4) concerns coming from the Terramor community. Seventeen odor concerns in the first quarter from four residents in the Terramor community.
- An email was created (ESLcommunity@wm.com) for the public to email feedback or complaints. The email goes to several WM staff members.
- The LEA will continue to be notified of odor complaints via the special occurrence log.

D. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

1. Site Inspections

Update from Sandi Salas

- The LEA conducts monthly inspections at the landfill - no violations or areas of concern at the landfill since the last COC meeting in November.

2. Complaints

Update from Sandi Salas

- Three (3) odor complaints received by the LEA during the 4th quarter, none yet this year. Two of the complaints were confirmed by the LEA that there were mild trash odors detected in Terramor; all odor prevention measures were operational at the landfill.

3. Joint Technical Document/Solid Waste Facility Permit Review Process (JTD/SWFP)

Update from Sandi Salas

- Provided a presentation about the LEA and process for changing a JTD/SWFP. A copy of the presentation is attached.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)

Public Commentors: None.

VI. COMMENT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Jerry Sincich** thanked County staff and WM for addressing questions and providing information and data to the COC.
- **Fred Myers** requested an update on the green waste operation at the next COC meeting.
 - Ryan Ross committed to adding this to the June 12th agenda.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024, 10:00am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

June 12, 2024
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

June 12, 2024

The following were present:

Committee Members

Jerry Sincich, Chair
Tracy Davis, Vice Chair
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden
Fred Myers

Committee Members Absent

WMI/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Linda Lockhart, El Sobrante Landfill
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill
Cody Cowgill, El Sobrante Landfill
Cindy Daverin, El Sobrante Landfill

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
Ryan Ross
Sandi Salas
Fritzy Devera

Representing

County Counsel
Waste Resources
Environmental Health
Environmental Health

Guests/Interested Parties:

Jannlee Watson, We Are TV
Martin Lange, Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. by Jerry Sincich.

II. APPROVAL OF March 13, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Jerry Sincich offered edits to the minutes under item C.2, requesting clarification that C&D fine material would be used as ADC. Jerry motioned to approve the minutes as revised. Lee Wilson seconded. Approved as amended by a 5-0 vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STAFF UPDATES

1. Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility

Ryan Ross reported:

- The CEQA environmental document from Toro is still pending and in preparation.
- The draft environmental document will be reviewed by the County internally and then if ready, provided to the COC in September, before going to the Board of Supervisors.
- Fred Myers requested details on the revenue sharing agreement negotiations. David Meyer stated the draft agreement should be ready by July, with details provided to the COC in September.
- An amendment to the landfill agreement will be included as part of the RNG project presented to the Board of Supervisors that addresses administrative clean-up.

2. Site Improvements

Ryan Ross provided updates on current site improvement projects:

- Scale House: Renovation of office trailer to new scale house. Plan check approved and pending construction.
- Leachate Tank Farm: Replacement of current tanks; Plan check approved and pending construction.
- Landfill Gas Flare: Third flare to be installed in parking area. Pre-plan check.

B. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND

Ryan Ross reported:

- Current fund balance: \$74,000 remaining.
- Fred Myers inquired about whether a portion of revenue generated from the RNG facility could backfill the loss of funding from incinerator ash.
- Ryan Ross clarified that the funding received from non-hazardous incinerator ash is separate from the Trust Fund but the plan is to allocate a portion of the of RNG funding to maintaining local roads and the Dawson Canyon Bridge.

C. LANDFILL UPDATES

1. General Site Operations

David Meyers and Richard Carpenter report:

- Currently filling lifts 11 and continuing with 13B through September.
- Receiving approximately 62,000 tons of MSW per week.
- Currently working on the top deck and visible to surrounding areas.
- El Sobrante Landfill received multiple awards for wildlife habitat conservation efforts.

COC Members:

- Inquired if work can be less noticeable to residents and suggested WM include notification about the visibility of landfill operations in the quarterly COC newsletter.
- David Meyer replied that it's difficult to avoid visibility due to work on the outside edge but once the edges are constructed, landfill operations will be less visible.

2. Processed C&D Material as ADC

David Meyer reported:

- ADC material from the Moreno Valley Transfer Station is expected in the next few weeks. Not much material is expected.
- COC members will be contacted for inspection upon arrival.
- LEA will also inspect and approve ADC material before use.

3. Supplemental Irrigation

WM Staff and the COC discussed:

- Current Status, summer rainstorm has resulted in significant plant growth.
- Reseeding scheduled for the end of October 2024
- First quarter of 2024: approximately 2 inches of rainfall per month
- D1 area received an additional 1.5 inches of water.

4. Odor Control

Richard Carpenter reported:

- Second-Quarter: Five complaints in April, 19 in May, and two in June so far.
- Implemented increased water trucks: two per shift.
- A water truck with a water cannon had been added to assist with odor control.
- Resulted in a significant reduction in complaints from 19 to 2.

COC Requests to WM:

- Track complaints and mitigation measures.
- Reports should reflect these measures for residents to review.

5. Green waste Processing

Richard Carpenter and Dave Meyer discussed:

- Green waste and community outreach efforts.
- Community tours and the Temescal Valley Fair.

D. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

1. Site Inspections

Update from Sandi Salas

- Monthly visits to the sites.
- One violation in March; no violations in April and May.

Complaints:

- One resident reported two complaints (May 13th and 14th).

2. Complaints

- Fred Myers and residents have witnessed, and reported incidents regarding trucks turning right onto Temescal Canyon Road (TCR) despite restrictions.

Response from Sandi Salas:

- Uncertain if trucks are adhering to no-right-turn policy.

WM (Dave/Richard) reported:

- Actively addressing the issue.
- Encouraging companies that use the landfill to comply with no-right-turn restriction.
- Requests residents to photograph violations for prompt resolution.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Introduction of 2023 El Sobrante Annual Report

- COC members and staff discussed the draft Annual Reports. Items not clarified during the meeting will be listed in Attachment A of the Staff Report for the final Annual Reports.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)

Public Commentors: Martin Lange

- Martin addressed trucks turning right onto TCR, road damage near the hot dog vendor on Dawson Canyon Road, and problems with WM road blading in Spanish Hills.

VI. COMMENT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lee Wilson

- Commended WM on receiving wildlife habitat awards and recognition.

Jerry Sincich

- Requested updates on the bridge and Dawson Canyon Road, relating to the Proficiency Capital Temescal Valley Commerce Center project.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024, 10:00am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm

October 9, 2024
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 9, 2024

The following were present:

Committee Members

Jerry Sincich, Chair
Tracy Davis, Vice-Chair
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden
Fred Myers

Committee Members Absent

WMI/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill
Cindy Daverin, El Sobrante Landfill
Jason Rolfsness, WM

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
Ryan Ross
Mariela Aguilar
Sandi Salas
Fritzy Devera
Kristine Kim
Phil Paule

Representing

County Counsel
Waste Resources
Waste Resources
Environmental Health
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Environmental Health
BOS 2nd District

Guests/Interested Parties

Tatiana Arnaout, Origins Engineering Co.
Jane Chang, AECOM
Jasmine Bakker, Artemis Environmental
Michael Menjiuar, Resident
Martin Lange, Resident
Dave Davis, Resident
Martin Labombarda, Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jerry Sincich.

II. APPROVAL OF June 12th, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Lee Wilson motioned to approve the minutes as written, Fred Myers seconded the motion. Approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STAFF UPDATES

1. Site Improvements

Ryan Ross reported on the following site improvements:

- Landfill Gas Flare Station
- Leachate Tank Expansion
- Scale House Improvements

COC members:

- Inquired if the leachate tanks will be replacing the existing ones and if they are increasing capacity to meet the requirements for the RNG Project.
- Dave Meyer confirmed that the plan is to replace the current storage facility and increase capacity. Jason Rolfsness stated that the RNG project does not generate leachate and is strictly condensate. Discussed the additional Landfill Gas Flare capacity and efficiency.

2. Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility

Ryan Ross discussed:

- History of RNG project with WM, Toro Energy, and the County. WM, Toro and the County prepared an Addendum Environmental Impact Report (AEIR) and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on November 5th.
- The three documents to be acted upon are an amendment for the landfill agreement, Revenue Share Agreement, and the adoption of AEIR.
- Revenue Share Agreement: WM to provide \$250,000 to County of Riverside yearly with 2% increase annually. Allocations are as follows: 90% for TLMA Transportation for road and bridge maintenance and improvements within Temescal Valley. The remaining 10% will go to the 2nd District for their allocation.
- Phil Paule (Fund Allocation) stated that Supervisor Spiegel feels that the 10% should go to the MAC. 10% of the 10% or 1% overall funds will go to the COC.
- Tatiana Arnaout gave a presentation on the RNG project update and discussed the EIR Addendum.
- Jerry Sincich inquired what the constituents are of the emissions that they're expecting to get approval from AQMD. Jason Rolfsness replies that it will take same profile (40% of methane) will be the methane that will be taken out and processed and put in the distribution. The other 60% will be cleaned up in various matters.
- Fred Myers inquired when something will be presented to Temescal Valley Water District to dispose of their condensate. Tatiana mentioned they are working on a plan to present within the next few months.
- Lee Wilson inquired when the system will be online. Tatiana responded that system should be online by 2026.
- Ruth Brissenden recommended putting a buffer between the RNG point of receipt (POR) site and the Temescal Wash.
- Jerry Sincich requested to discuss the criteria for use of the funds for COC from the Revenue Share Agreement. (Asked to be put on Agenda)

B. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND

Ryan Ross reported:

- Current fund balance: approx. \$74,000 remaining
- Ryan Ross committed to providing documentation for use of funds.

C. LANDFILL UPDATES

1. General Site Operations

David Meyer reports:

- The landfill is currently filling Lift 12 across the top deck and estimated to be there until November/December. Phase 13B delayed due to weather and estimated to begin filling in November/December.
- The landfill currently running 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and receiving approximately 62,000 tons of MSW per week.
- The leachate & condensate are being shipped offsite to Avalon and EVR.

- The landfill received a violation in July on Probe 22 for gas exceedance. They have a 60-day remediation plan with LEA and Cal Recycle to get back into compliance by October/November.

COC members:

- Discussed the lights coming from the construction site. David Meyers stated that they are anticipating they will be down by January.
- Inquired if there was a way to moderate and/or plan on where they are working to minimize the potential for the southern airflow that impacts Terramor.
- Inquired if the landfill will continue to get a violation on that probe. David confirmed they will continue to receive a violation monthly until back in compliance.

2. Processed C&D Material as ADC

David Meyer reports:

- No ADC material tonnage from the Moreno Valley Transfer Station since the stoppage of Ash.
- Lee Wilson mentioned that they would like to see the material when available.
- Jerry Sincich shared concern for the traffic from the Dawson Canyon Business Park Project and inquired if there is a plan to expand the road.

3. Supplemental Irrigation

Cindy Daverin and the COC discussed:

- No repair seeding was done on the south or north facing slope this past winter due to active zone.
- Scheduled to seed 5.5 acres in November. West side of landfill not planned to be seeded due to active zone.
- Less vegetation due to weeds.
- Irrigation system not expected to be left on phase D1 due to minimal rainfall expected.
- Positive feedback from the COC members regarding appearance.
- Importance of spraying repair areas so the COC can relay to the community.

4. Odor Control

Richard Carpenter and David Meyer reported:

- No change in mitigation measures that are currently in place.
- Third Quarter: One complaint in July, three in August, and three in September.
- Fred Myers inquired if complaints are combined with LEA and if there is a possibility to combine them. Sandi and Richard mentioned that complaints are anonymous.

5. Community Relations

Richard Carpenter mentioned:

- Charity Golf Tournament with Temescal Valley, and Art Contest.
- Blading of Spanish Hills and Dawson Canyon, Safety Blitz and problems with trucks turning right onto TCR.
- Fred Meyers recommended installing a Flock camera.

D. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

1. Site Inspections

Update from Sandi Salas:

- One violation for gas exceedance in July.

2. Complaints

Update from Sandi Salas:

- Three complaints, two odor and one traffic.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Comments on Final 2023 El Sobrante Annual Report.

Fred Myers noted:

- Possible inaccurate tonnage reported on page 5. Ryan committed to reviewing the issue.
- The incorrect year for projected waste on page 7. Suggested ADC be included in the projection.
- Inaccuracy of the description of gas condensate/leachate. Dave mentioned he will include a stop date.

Tracy Davis requested the list of pages that did not need changes be included in the beginning of the red line version.

Lee Wilson mentioned the inaccuracy of the number of wells on page 5.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)

Public Commentors: Martin Lange, Martin Labombarda

- Martin Lange addressed the Revenue Share Agreement, problems with the bridge and trucks turning right onto TCR.
- Martin Labombarda addressed odors. Suggested: Installation of 24-hour odor detection devices.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fred Myers thanked Toro and WM for their presentation and providing answers to questions. Thanked Phil Paule for sharing fund allocation.

Lee Wilson thanked Supervisors' office and the County for having a plan for allocating funds.

Jerry Sincich thanked WM and Waste Resources for addressing questions and providing answers to issues from the community.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024, 10:00 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

December 11, 2024
Meeting Minutes

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 11, 2024

The following were present:

Committee Members

Jerry Sincich, Chair
Tracy Davis, Vice-Chair
Lee Wilson
Ruth Brissenden
Fred Myers

Committee Members Absent

WM/USA Waste

David Meyer, El Sobrante Landfill
Richard Carpenter, El Sobrante Landfill

County Staff

Aaron Gettis
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Kathryn Aguilar

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Guests/Interested Parties

Jessie Milligan, Waste Management

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jerry Sincich.

II. APPROVAL OF October 9th, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Fred Myers discussed the Annual RNG payment on page 2 of the meeting minutes. Ryan Ross clarified that the annual payment is not in perpetuity, but it is tied to the Agreement and the site's landfill gas being processed by the RNG facility. Lee Wilson moved to approve the minutes as written, Fred Myers seconded the motion. Approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STAFF UPDATES

1. Site Improvements

Ryan Ross reported no new activity on the three projects listed below.

- Landfill Gas Flare
- Scale House Improvement
- Leachate Tank Farm Expansion

2. Site Fire Update

Dave Meyer presented updates on the Fire:

- Possibility that the fire was ignited due to a battery within a side slope.
- The Fire Department was able to contain the fire, the operation took approximately 2 hours.
- Landfill operations stopped during the incident which resulted in the landfill access road being backed up with trucks for a few hours. For future incidents, WM will implement a plan for traffic control.

B. RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) FACILITY

Ryan Ross reported:

- On November 5, 2024, the Board approved the RNG project and a timeline for construction to start has been established.
- Phase 1A and 1B have been approved to break ground and a grading permit was issued on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.
- Expected to break ground by the end of the year for Phase 1A/1B.

COC members:

- Inquired what the earliest targeted date that gas would be pumped to SoCal Gas. Ryan Ross stated that Toro mentioned first or second quarter of 2026.
- Inquired when COC should expect their first stipend. Ryan Ross responded early 2027 (January 2027).
- Fred Myers expressed concern for Phase 1B POR site and potential erosion from the Cold-Water Creek. Fred to discuss the grading plans with Flood Control.
- Discussed the Revenue Share Agreement and compounding growth rate.

C. LOCAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND

Ryan Ross reported:

- Able to identify the funds that were allocated by the COC to certain programs.
- In 2006 approximately 80K was allocated for:
 - Sheriff/ Code
 - Illegal dumping
 - Clean money program
- 75 sites for Illegal dumping signs
 - 2022 signage improvements/replacements.
- Funds held by the Executive Office with other Habitat Mitigation Funds.
- Jerry Sincich inquired, if possible, to have one account. Ryan Ross informed COC that he must work with Executive Office to form separate accounts.
- Jerry Sincich mentioned that he would like to see more programs like the Clean Money program for youth-based organizations.

D. LANDFILL UPDATES

1. General Site Operations

David Meyer reported:

- The landfill is currently on Lift 13 and will continue filling top deck until Phase 13B is done. Phase 13B delayed and is expected to begin filling in early January.
- The landfill is operating 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and receiving approximately 11,000-12,000 tons of MSW a day/63,000 ton a week.
- The leachate & condensate are being shipped offsite to Avalon and Mecca.
 - Working on different processes.

2. Green Waste Processing

David Meyer reported that green waste continues to be transferred offsite. No on-site processing is occurring.

3. Processed C&D Material as ADC

David Meyer reported no change. C&D material from Moreno Valley Transfer Station is primarily new construction which is not suitable for ADC.

4. Odor Control

David Meyer and Richard Carpenter reported:

- David Meyer reached out to Ollotech and Pima County but has not received further information regarding the odor detection equipment.
 - Richard mentioned that after researching the machines that were forwarded by Martin Labombarda, they seem to be weather machines, not odor detector machines.
- Four complaints in October and four complaints in November.
- El Sobrante Landfill Community email – only received 10 emails since its conception.
- No traffic concerns for October and November.

5. Community Relations

Richard Carpenter mentioned:

- Fall Festivals, Calendar Art Contest, and Girl Scouts Project (Pollinator Garden).
- Lee Wilson and Fred Myers complimented WM for the Calendar Art Contest Event.

E. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UPDATE

1. Site Inspections

Update from Kinika Hesterly on behalf of Sandi Salas:

- Violations for gas exceedance in September, October, and November.
- One violation for methane in November.
 - Ruth Brissenden shared concern for the recurring methane violation. David Meyer confirmed the violation is on Probe 22 and WM is working to get back into compliance.

2. Complaints

Update from Kinika Hesterly:

- LEA received five complaints- three odor and two traffic.

COC Members:

- Tracy Davis inquired if a well is being drilled in Dawson Canyon. Dave Meyer confirmed and informed COC that the well is used to measure the ground water
- Dave Meyers confirmed that WM will be running supplemental irrigation in December.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Jerry Sincich nominated Tracy Davis as Chair and Lee Wilson as Vice Chair. Ruth Brissenden seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Individuals desiring to speak to the Citizens Oversight Committee will be limited to a maximum of three minutes)

Public Commentors: None.

VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Tracy Davis** acknowledged WM for the calendars and the Calendar Art Project. Acknowledged the progress made in the community on behalf of the landfill through community events.
- **Lee Wilson** commended WM for their response and attention to the odor complaints.
- **Fred Myers** thanked WM and Waste Resources. Informed staff that he would like to know the progression of the condensate and leachate industrial standards and how they will be disposed.
- **Jerry Sincich** thanked WM and Waste Resources for the activities, events, and tours within the community. Thanked WM for the calendar and for addressing questions and concerns and providing answers to issues from the community.
- **Lee Wilson** thanked Jerry Sincich for serving as Chair.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025, 10:00 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.