

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

**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

**MEETINGS:**

The El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) met in September of the reporting year (2017). A summary of the COC's activities is below, and the official meeting minutes are attached.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**September 28, 2017**

1. RCDWR staff provided an update for the Clean Money Program fund.
2. Waste Management Inc. (WMI) provided landfill updates.
3. COC provided comments on the El Sobrante Landfill Environmental Impact Report Addendum and the draft 2016 El Sobrante Annual Report.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>September 28, 2017</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
Amie Kinne	1 <sup>st</sup> District	✓	6/30/19
Paul Rodriguez	1 <sup>st</sup> District	✓	6/30/19
Jana Walchle	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	✓	6/30/19
Floyd Mohr	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	✓	6/30/19
<b>County Staff</b>			
Bob Magee	1 <sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District	✓	
Aaron Gettis	County Counsel	✓	
Joe McCann	RCDWR	✓	
Ryan Ross	RCDWR	✓	
Diane Sloan	RCDWR	✓	
Corrine Awad	RCDWR	✓	
Greg Reyes	Environmental Health-LEA	✓	
Alex Gann	Executive Office	✓	
<b>WMI Staff</b>			
David Harich	WMI	✓	
Miriam Cardenas	WMI	✓	
Asteghik Khajetoorians	WMI	✓	
Art Marquez	WMI	✓	
Jayna Morgan	WMI	✓	
Lily Quiroa	WMI	✓	

✓ = Present

PD# 220992

**September 28, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL  
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

The following were present:

**Committee Members**

Paul Rodriguez  
Amie Kinne  
Jana Walchle  
Floyd Mohr

**Committee Members Absent**

**Guests/Interested Parties**

David Harich, El Sobrante Landfill  
Asteghik Khajetoorians, El Sobrante Landfill  
Art Marquez, El Sobrante Landfill  
Miriam Cardenas, El Sobrante Landfill  
Jayna Morgan, El Sobrante Landfill  
Lily Quiroa, El Sobrante Landfill  
John Watson, We are Temescal Valley  
Jannlee Watson, We are Temescal Valley  
Tracy Davis, Resident  
Jerry Sincich, Resident  
Regina Cook, Resident  
Charlie Garvin, Resident  
Kelli Noss, Resident  
Lee Wilson, Resident  
Jerry Flores, Resident

**County Staff**

Bob Magee  
Alex Gann  
Aaron Gettis  
Greg Reyes  
Joe McCann  
Ryan Ross  
Corinne Awad  
Diane Sloan

**Representing**

1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District  
Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Environmental Health  
Waste Resources  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Paul Rodriguez, with self-introductions. Paul Rodriguez announced that there is an open position on the COC.

**II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER, 30 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Jana Walchle motioned and Amie Kinne seconded the motion to approve the November 30, 2016 minutes with the following changes: Page 3- Action item A and B are in reverse order.

**III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Clean Money Program Update**

Ryan Ross reported that in recent years no sites have been identified for Clean Money Fund usage. Approximately \$4,700 is available in the Clean Money Program, and roughly \$77,000 remains in the overall Local Mitigation Trust Fund.

The COC was in agreement that the Clean Money Program should stay in place and that no new monies are needed at this time. The program would continue on an as-needed basis.

**B. El Sobrante Landfill Update**

**1. General Site Operations**

David Harich provided updates on landfill administration and operations to include personnel, construction, landfill gas extraction wells, odor complaints, community clean-ups, landfill violations (daily cover), and the proposed maintenance facility.

**2. Resource Agency Permitting Update**

David Harich provided updates on the status of agency permitting for Pond 1A and the Phase 12 Berm.

**3. JTD Addendum Update**

Ryan Ross provided updates on the JTD Addendum process, identifying that it will be several months before the Project goes before the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Comments on the Addendum to the El Sobrante Landfill Environmental Impact Report:**

The COC, County staff, USA Waste, and the public discussed the appropriateness of using an EIR Addendum instead of a subsequent or supplemental EIR. Aaron Gettis clarified that the use of an Addendum and inclusion of existing conditions are appropriate under CEQA, as well as supported by case law. The approval processes for pond construction, historical landfill development, impacts to Dawson Canyon residents, aesthetics analysis of the Expansion EIR, and the scoping process/public review of the EIR Addendum, was also discussed.

The COC provided the following comments/questions:

- 1) The Addendum as prepared adequately evaluates the existing condition to the proposed Project; however, the use of the existing condition/baseline does not adequately acknowledge past and current view-shed issues within Dawson Canyon when compared to the aesthetic analysis contained in the Expansion EIR.
- 2) The Addendum falls short of evaluating aesthetic impacts to Dawson Canyon. Is the use of an Addendum appropriate? Should/could a supplemental/subsequent EIR be prepared to address aesthetic impacts to Dawson Canyon residents resulting from the administrative processes used between the Addendum and Expansion EIR, which did not adequately address what would have been a concern from the community?

- 3) Can the County/WMI legally defend the processes used to get to the existing condition?

**B. Comments on Draft 2016 El Sobrante Annual Report**

Ryan Ross discussed the 2016 Annual Report review process, noting that the ARC reviewed the draft Report in late July 2016, as well as provided the COC with staff's comments on the Report.

The COC, County staff, WMI staff, and the public discussed landfill complaints, light trespass, future imported waste projections, non-hazardous incinerator ash issues as they relate to transporting and daily cover, Spanish Hills and Dawson Canyon roll off bin schedules, illegal dumping, continued diligence in monitoring of mitigation measure T-3, Dudleya restoration, and all-weather access to Pond 4.

Ryan Ross stated that applicable comments will be presented and discussed with WMI. WMI will then prepare the final report. The report will go to the ARC then back to the COC before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors receives the final Report as a receive and file item.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jannlee Watson, Kelli Noss, Tracy Davis, Jerry Sincich, Lee Wilson, and Regina Cook provided public comments addressing litigation, EIRs, landfill operations and environmental monitoring, landfill tonnage and traffic, Dawson Canyon Road signage/name, and biological resources.

**VI. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Paul Rodriguez discussed the workshop format for the COC meetings and he would like to see this continue as long as it is respectful and not disruptive.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

TBD

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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