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July 7, 2016

Mr. Scott Smithline, Director
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
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Dear Mr. Smithline:

**REVEGETATION OF THE SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT [CUP] NO. 00-194-(5)
CITY OF LOS ANGELES ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 172933**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is respectfully requesting CalRecycle to provide guidance and clarification on the revegetation requirements for closed portions of the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill.

The combined Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill was issued a permit for the disposal operation on July 7, 2008, SWF Permit # 19-AA-2000. Prior to this date, the landfill was operated as two separate landfills under the respective County and City land use permits. During the operational life of the landfills, some portions of the Old City landfill were closed, and a part of the closure requirements necessitated the landfill operator to provide a permanent vegetative cover on all final surfaces for long term erosion control, dust control, aesthetic enhancement, and the establishment of wildlife habitats.

As a collective group responsible for ensuring a coordinated, cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force is interested in ensuring that the landfill is operated in full compliance with all of its permits, including the closure requirements. The Task Force is further concerned that the lack of vegetative cover may be an indication of the quality of the soil cover and its ability to control surface gas emissions, and therefore, a contributing source of odor nuisance being created by the landfill. To that end, the Task Force would like to request CalRecycle to provide guidance on which portions of the Old City landfill are officially closed, (emphasis added). If they are closed, why these closed portions have not been revegetated. Alternatively, if these portions of the Old City landfill are not closed, the Task Force would like to understand why they are not closed.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. The Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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