

August 15, 2013

County of Los Angeles Public Health
Solid Waste Management Program/LEA
5050 Commerce Drive
Baldwin Park, Ca. 91706
Attention: Gerardo Villalobos

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SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

Re: Revision SWIS # 19-AA-1043

Dear Gerardo:

Enclosed are eight letters sent to CalRecycle, addressed to Susan Markis, dated August 2, 2013 to August 9, 2013.

We continue to oppose the approval of this Solid Waste Facility Permit revision.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Kamimura
chairman
Clean Air Coalition NWAH

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**Clean Air Coalition of
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CalRecycle
P.O. Box 4025
Sacramento, CA 95812-4025
Attention: Susan Markie, MS 10A-15

August 2, 2013

RE: REVISION SWIS # 19-AA-1043

Dear Susan Markie:

We represent the residents of North Whittier, Avocado Heights, Whittier Woods, Gladstone and Bassett.

Enclosed is an article dated 1996 by the Times newspaper describing who we are. At present, we are 81% Latino and from the amount of waste approved to come to our location, an environmental injustice location. We are fighting TO KEEP OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

We believe that your department by issuing this solid waste permit will cause major environmental impacts on our community forever.

In 2004, on first knowledge of description of what a Material Recovery Facility is, we were told by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (Mr. Nellor, department head of Solid Waste) that the focus of this MRF was to process construction waste. But in reality their CUP 92-251 section 8 states receiving of commodities, residuals and waste and under section 10 under General Plan, their design is to receive 15% of waste for recycling purposes. So in reality:

- It does not require State Law AB 939 of 50% recycling.
- Their mission is to bring more residual waste through the PHMRF to fill the trains for the PHIMF.

We believe the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and the County have been deceiving and manipulating different agencies to achieve their ultimate goal.

The goal is to connect the PHMRF to the PHIMF project. The physical connection is already in place via a connecting roadway from PHMRF to the PHIMF as a Total Project. The two projects were based on two different EIRs as to deceive this community of the total major impact. If the Sanitation Districts continue to move in this direction this community will demand justice that a new EIR be required to include both facilities as a TOTAL PROJECT.

The negative environmental impact of foul air, noise, black dust and diesel emission is intensified by volume (4,400 tpd PHMRF and 8,000 tpd PHIMF).

We ask for an opportunity to speak at your next monthly meeting August 20, 2013 (Webcast). We ask that you do not approve this revision to this Solid Waste Permit.

A timely response to our concerns would be appreciated by mail to 843 Caraway Drive, Whittier, CA 90601.

Sincerely,


Marilyn Kamimura, Chairperson


Richard Kamimura, Co-Chairman

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RE: REVISION SWIS # 19-AA-1043

Dear Susan Markie:

We are a middle-class suburban community approximately 81% Hispanic, fighting to keep its QUALITY OF LIFE.

We ask that you do not approve the PHMRF Revision of their Solid Waste permit. Allowing the PHMRF to run 24 hours 6 days a week with no hourly restrictions and unrestricted employee travel on Sunday (still in question how they became a 7 day a week facility with their project description in 1999 CUP 92-251, Closed on Sunday), will only intensify foul air, black dust, noise and traffic congestion on our lives forever.

As we understand, CalRecycle means Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery. As a State Department, we ask that further review be done on the following issues:

- Diversion (turn aside) of waste by recycling was necessary to lessen the need for local landfills, and also stated in the General Plan.
 - The Report of Facility Information TPR June 2013 for the PHMRF Appendix 3 Design Capacity, indicated 15% recovery and outload at full capacity after recovery 3740 tons (residual waste) from inbound of 4400 tpd.
 - Table 2, Pg. 34 indicates truck trips outloading 320 for residual outloading and 70 recovered material outloading.
 - The residual outloading has been contracted by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and approved April 24, 2013 to outload to Orange County Olinda Alpha Landfill via truck route 60 Freeway to the 57 Freeway to Imperial Highway.
1. Why has PHMRF been allowed even through your permit process to have 15% minimum recycling, which results in 85% residual waste filling our landfills?
The trucking to Orange County 6 days a week 24 hours unrestricted, will only allow the magnitude of this project to further impact our community with congested traffic and odor from its cargo on public roads.
 2. Why have they not been restricted to AB 939, but given special privilege at 15% recycling when they are trucking to another local landfill location?

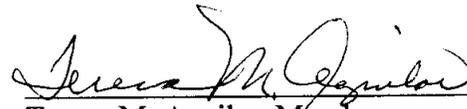
We are in a congestion management location and we have not been properly reviewed in regards to the Traffic Study according to our PowerPoint Presentation and Certified Professional Engineer, Clyde Sweet's letter (in our appeal packet and lawsuit).

We believe diversion is most successful with accountable recycling.

We ask that further review of all the concerns and questions stated in this letter be done after your findings and request that it is done in writing to our attention at 843 Caraway Drive, Whittier, CA 90601 and e-mail to northwhittier@gmail.com. We again ask you not to approve the proposed permit and revised TPR.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Kamimura, Chairperson



Teresa M. Aguilar, Member

Enclosures:

- (1) Article Nov. 30, 1997, Suburban Area
 - (2) Public Hearing Audio May 13, 2013
- Project 92-251

August 2, 2013

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Attn: Susan Markie, MS 10A-15
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RE: Revision SWIS #19-AA-1043

Dear Ms. Markie:

I am a resident of North Whittier and oppose the removal of current restrictions for the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility. At the time the facility was introduced, these restrictions on hours of operation, commute and transport were set as part of the conditional permit to reduce the negative environmental impact to the community.

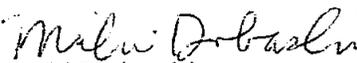
The facility now wants these very restrictions removed so that it can operate 24 hours a day, Monday through Saturday. The only conditional requirement then would be to encourage their employees to carpool. How does no restriction help to reduce negative environmental impact?

In the years I've lived in North Whittier, the area has changed where homes now stand where a nursery, farm and ballpark once stood and commercial buildings cover the land once planted with strawberries. The area has grown. It's a wonderful community, but with more people.

We all want to reduce the impact on the environment, and we should all do our part. However, this community should not have to bear more, not 24 hours a day. The Puente Hills Landfill is finally closing soon, and the Materials Recovery Facility, with their current permit will operate for years. We have borne enough. Why not spread the sacrifice and utilize other facilities to accomplish reduction and diversion that the State of California mandated?

The community will suffer increased traffic, congestion, noise, odor, POLLUTION if extended hours of operation, commute and transport are granted. North Whittier deserves better. Our wonderful community deserves a quality of life afforded by a clean, safe and healthy environment. I respectfully ask that you DENY this revision to the Solid Waste Permit.

Sincerely,


Michi Dobashi
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Via Fax # 916-319-7204

August 3, 2013

Ms. Susan Markie, MS 10-A-15
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RE: Revision Permit SWIS #19-AA-1043

Dear Ms. Markie,

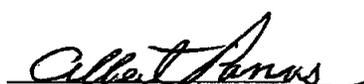
Our community has sent letters, attended public hearings and signed petitions pleading against the acceptance of the solid waste facility permit revision application for the extension of PEAK hours and against the deceiving addition of Sunday's commuting.

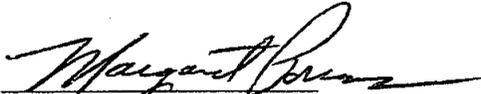
The residents of North Whittier and Avocado Heights and adjacent areas will be greatly affected by the facility's request which will result in clogging up our streets and freeways. We are located alongside the 605 freeway, the 60 freeway and close to the 10 freeway. Our neighbors driving to and from work will be greatly affected with the extension request of adding the peak hours. Also, adding Sundays and allowing the solid waste employees' access on those peak hours and Sundays will forever have a significant impact on our community, adjacent neighborhood areas, existing and new businesses. We are blessed with a community college, a famous Rose Hills cemetery, new fast-food restaurants, churches and many services helpful to our community.

Our priority is to bring this horrific problem to CalRecycle's attention. There has not been an unbiased environmental impact-study regarding the foul odor, black dust particles, noise, diesel pollution, and congested traffic, among others. All these negative impacts affect our homes, our community and most important our health. Within the last few years, our area has grown and new businesses have opened. They also will be impacted by the addition of the requested extension of hours and days by the solid waste facility.

Ms. Markie, Please help us by not approving the revision permit. Please help us to seek out and demand a better quality of life for us and for our children.

Sincerely yours,


Albert Porras


Margaret Porras

Members of the Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights

Henry and Vivian Zamorano
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Whittier, CA 90601

August 6, 2013

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Attention: Susan Markie, MS 10-A-15

RE: Revision SWIS #19-AA-1043

Dear Ms. Markie:

The revision of the solid waste permit for the Puente Hills Recovery Facility should not be approved. The County Sanitation District is deceptively evolving a project that would have significant consequences to the health and well being of our community.

The Puente Hills Recovery Facility (PHMRF) and the Puente Hills Intermodal Facility (PHIMF) are adjacent projects but should be considered one operation. The two projects were based on two different Environmental impact reports. It appears to us that the details of both projects have been presented in a piecemeal manner thereby preventing a true evaluation of their magnitude and impact to the community. As a state agency evaluating the permit, it is imperative that a combined and updated (not from the 1990's) environmental impact report be done so that the total effects of the extension of hours and days, odor, dust particles, noise, diesel pollution, and traffic from both facilities can be transparent.

How naïve of us to think that government agencies and representatives were suppose to work with their constituents. As community members who feel that government officials have ignored the input of local residents, we plea your office evaluates both projects in their entirety. The residents of North Whittier and Avocado Heights need Cal Recycle to do additional CEQA review.

Sincerely,



Henry Zamorano



Vivian Zamorano

RE: Revision SWIS #19-AA-1043

To Susan Markie:

On July 25, 2013 I Daniel J. Madrid and my wife Marie Madrid attended a public meeting held at the Sanitation District of LA County. The meeting set proposals by the Sanitation District to operate the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The District proposes to change the current peak hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. to 24 HRS a day 6 days for receiving and shipping trash plus work on Sunday for other employees. The District further proposed to only recycle 15% not 50% of the trash.

The Sanitation District has put into motion a permit revision through the County of Los Angeles Public Health, which was on the letter head of the mentioned public meeting dated July 3, 2013. During the meeting the District representatives spoke as if the permit had already met all applicable laws to make the change in hours legal. The District appeared confident they have obtained all the required (EIR'S) Environmental Impact Reports according to the laws in place to proceed with their project. As was stated on the public notice, the meeting was just for parties to learn more about the permit revision. It appears the District did not anticipated residents in the surrounding area to be at the meeting to question their speedy process to revise a long standing permit. A simple question was asked if the District will conduct an EIR on the entire project. The answer was no, there are two projects the PHMRF and the PHIMF both of which will have their own EIR. According to the District this is how they meet all applicable laws in place to proceed with their project.

As a community which will be totally impacted by dust pollution as well as noise, traffic, and smell we ask that CalRecycle stop any revision to the current hours by the Sanitations District. The procedures the District has established is self serving to their bottom financial line and zero benefit to the community. The surrounding communities of North Whittier and Avocado Heights have worked together with the Puente Hills Landfill for many years with respect to hours of operations. Now that the landfill is to close, the Sanitation District for years has been planning their current project. As a community we need clarification to the District's interpretation of the PHMRF and the PHIMF being separate projects when both are connected and working as one. It is very obvious that one cannot operate without the other. The District's procedures are a grey area and must be clarified.

Finally, we as a community of fixed income senior citizens and low income families with children attending an elementary school located within the dangers of pollutions ask the CalRecycle to intervene and put a stop to this environmental injustice. Please let us know where is it's written that the Sanitation District is exempt from recycling 50% of their incoming trash. The question was asked of the CalRecycle Rep at the public meeting. He replied he did not have it but would check into the matter. Our communities have longed looked forward to the closing of the landfill and find some peace from the constant traffic going up and down the hill and into our streets. It was always believed that the MRF was to be a recycling facility. Now the Sanitation District wishes to bring in far more trash to our area

than when the landfill was operational. The question was asked why the current hours would not work for the Sanitation District as it did the landfill. Mr. Soloman from the District made it clear that the facility was a recovery facility. The hours must be changed to accommodate more trash haulers within the area standing idle to dump their trash. Additionally the facility is for transfer trucks to bring in solid waste. We would like to see a report that shows trash haulers have been standing idle in the area for the last forty plus years. As for transfer trucks aka Semi-trucks filled with solid waste that appears to be the Districts bread and butter at the expense of the community.

We cannot pick up and move elsewhere because we face a future of environmental hazards at the hands of a greedy Sanitation District where money is above people's health. We demand a full investigation into the Districts procedures of their project. We request that CalRecycle deny any permit change in hours of operation. We demand the District recycle the maximum as all other recyclers in our state. We would like a response to our concerns as soon as possible. Thank you

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel & Marie Madrid".

Daniel and Marie Madrid

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August 9, 2013

RE: REVISION SWIS # 19-AA-1043

Dear Susan Markie:

We represent a community of residents that after 43 years of living with the burden of Puente Hills Landfill we were given a promise that with its closing a burden would be lessened. Instead we were given both the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility (PHMRF) and the Puente Hills Intermodal Facility (PHIMF) which has given us the burden back. Increasing PHMRF hours to 24 hours 7 days a week unrestricted has intensified our burden even more.

The following are items we question and would appreciate a written response both electronically and hard copy.

- I. Why have critical language be allowed to be edited out in your TPR that aligns your SWFP Revision with the PHIMF project?
 - A. Facility overview (4th paragraph) Page 1, the underlined was deleted:
The residual waste may be transported via transfer trucks to the PHL or other landfills within truck distance of the MRF. Depending on Market conditions and Availability
....Residual Waste from the MRF is transported to Class III.
 - B. In the future some residual waste from the MRF may will be trucked to the adjacent PHIMF...
 - C. 111A.1a.4 Access - Eliminates Workman Mill entrance (For Recycling Customers).
Access in the past for recycling was off Workman Mill Road, Customers. Now entrance and exits are through Crossroad Parkway. Having to travel with refuse trucks will discourage recycling.

- II. Is there a change of operation that is not in this SWFP activity, classification and category?
 - A. Site plan description
LNG Fueling facility-Commercial fueling operation may not have been included in truck traffic 1992 EIR because Athens Services receive their contract around 2004.
 - B. Table 6 under Equipment 670 intermodal containers.
Intermodal is mentioned approximately 10 times in your TPR.
 - C. 24 Hours Daily.
At the informational meeting July 25, 2013, we asked what are the specific hours of operation on Sunday in relationship to employee's duties. July 31, 2013 answer from Gerry Villalobos - "Employee duties are determined by the facility operator and not a function of this permit."

One of the functions of your permit is activity. Our concern is that your permit is allowing the alignment of the PHIMF by the facility operator determining the activity of their employees, the use of common equipment and placement of a large number of intermodal containers.

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The revision of SWFP for the PHMRF is coming to CalRecycle for review and approval. We ask that you do not approve this permit revision. The addendum which it is based on is inadequate. The FEIR for the "Total Project" (PHMRF and PHIMF) was piecemealed. We are seeking a subsequent or supplemental EIR. It is imperative that prior to any consideration of approval of this revised SWFP that CalRecycle do additional CEQA review.

Sincerely,


Marilyn Kamimura, Chairperson


Richard Kamimura, Co-Chairperson

August 9, 2013

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RE: DENY - Revision Permit SWIS #19-AA-1043 -15
DO NOT BE PART OF THIS PROCESS!

Dear Ms. Markie:

North Whittier and Avocado Heights is a small community, located in Southern California. This lovely little town, use to be very rural, peaceful and quiet. With the progress of ambitious land developers, businesses and multi-County Districts of Sanitation District of Los Angeles - we have been transformed into a progressive Bedroom Trash Community of Southern California.

I grew up in North Whittier, California and moved back after 40 years to become a local resident and to take care of my 86 year old Mother. I have come to experience: see congested traffic, smell odor and hear trains, hear congested traffic, and trucks over seven tons traveling down Workman Mill Road that is forbidden as well as live on a day to day basis the evolvment of Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility being resurrected under the appearance of auspicious maneuverings by Sanitation District, County of Los Angeles.

Being part of the local residents that are protesting the approval, my interpretation is - revising the Conditional Use Permit Number 92251 ("CUP") on verbage "No significant changes" gave illunation to the stand-in County representatives to pass and allow the Puente Hills Material Facility to increase their operations to six days a week at 24 hours a day, within 3 to 5 minuntes after an approximate 2 1/2 hours of various local Residents verbally with clarity - stating their opposition with cause and effect. The Sanitation Boardroom was packed to capacity. The new Hours of Operation are: Monday thru Saturday (6 days), 24 hours a day, Sunday closed - no typo or mis-interpretation.

As part of approving the Revision on May 13, 2013 to operate - we believe the Revised Conditional Permit was passed on an inadequately, phically-performed research, documened studies and findings, thus - revising the 1999 Enviromental Impact Report - " Rubber Stamped" to move forward. And what I mean by forward, the different facits (arms and legs) of this whole Project now clears the path for the Solid Waste aspect to move forward with this new revision of 6 days a week.

However, in attending the Public meeting regarding the Solid Waste aspect, conducted by Mr. Gerardo Villalobos, R.E.H.S., we came to learn that the Solid Waste Division is now requesting Sunday for employee travel and transfer as well as solid waste can be unloaded in over abundance on Saturday for the Sunday employees, "workers" to move and process. This now means OPERATIONS: 7 DAYS A WEEK.

We are greatly and over impacted as it is and with great protest! We have also come to learn that we cannot have a Public Hearing until after the Permit has passed and 30 days later. Then we may request a Public Hearing on the basis that something within the Solid Waste Division has been improperly performed or operated. How would we know what is improper?

Last time I knew, we the people were the ones whom the Cities, Counties, State and Federal employees served. We pay taxes, pass Bond issues and vote to facilitate our micro-cosm. I did not know that things have flipped to the opposite and have become self serving.

I am a business woman who has come home to a community who has been severely and greatly intruded by the Sanitation District which consist of twenty-three cities. We are a middle class community, with a great percentage of accomplished people who are now retired and elderly. We do have a moderate percentage of young educated and professional families - raising their children. We are living under major impacting constraints of outrageous - congested traffic, noise, odor and dust pollution conditions.

I am appealing to your most just and decent decision making process. Please do not be part of this process or "Rubber Stamp" to the Revision SWIS # 19-AA-1043 . Please allow or request for that fact, and an additional and current study/researched PRE-REVISED prior to May 13, 2013, 1999 CUP 92-251 Environmental Impact Report if it is with your power and authority. Should you be able to do this and find the great varience to be existing in findings, and confirming our community protest or what is considered to us a self serving government operation, then I would with great humility and gratefulness say to you, that you have heard us, and have done your job and very well done.

We are fighting to keep the little that we have left and that is Quality of Life. We had much better then now, and to know and live with this - is very dis-heartening and absurd. I have taken the time to give you an overview and background in hopes to and appeal again, to your most just and decent decision making process.

With Great Sincerity,

Darlene De Lange

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darlene De Lange', written in a cursive style.

Faxed: 8/12/13