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## Public Informational Meeting February 22, 2010

Meeting Location: City of Brea  
1 Civic Center Circle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brea, CA 92821

Project Type/No.: Solid Waste Facility Permit (Revision) / No. 30-AB-0035

Project Name: Olinda Alpha Landfill  
Project Location: 1942 N. Valencia Avenue, Brea, CA 92823

Attendees:	Larry Honeybourne	OC HCA/Environmental Health
	Kathy Cross	OC HCA/Environmental Health
	Garrett Bright	OC HCA/Environmental Health
	Verona Borba	OC HCA/Environmental Health
	Julie Chay	OC Waste & Recycling
	John Arnau	OC Waste & Recycling
	Sue Markie	CalRecycle
	Patrick Snider	CalRecycle
	Ron Garcia	City of Brea
	C. Hostetter	Olinda Ranch HOA
	Steve Flanders	Olinda Ranch HOA
	Claire Schlotterbeck & Guest	Hills for Everyone

Handouts: Presentation Handouts  
Notice of Public Informational Meeting  
Solid Waste Facility Permit No. 30-AB-0035  
Olinda Alpha Frequently Asked Questions  
OC Waste & Recycling - Alpha Olinda Landfill Site & General Information

**Kathy Cross**, Supervising Hazardous Waste Specialist, OC HCA/Environmental Health, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. She introduced the speakers and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Kathy explained that the purpose of the meeting was to present information to the public regarding pending revisions to the Olinda Alpha Landfill and to receive the public's feedback. This is a required step in the Solid Waste Facility Permitting (SWFP) process. *The deadline for receipt of public feedback and comments is April 9, 2010.*

The Orange County Health Care Agency, Environmental Health, is the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) in Orange County. The LEA is designated by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and cities of Orange County. It is certified by the State of California - Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), formerly known as California Integrated Waste Management Board. The LEA enforces State solid waste regulations to protect public health, safety and the environment. They conduct inspections of active and closed landfills, transfer stations, limited volume transfer stations, composting, and chip and grind (green waste) facilities. The LEA also issues Solid Waste Facility Permits and Enforcement Orders, investigates complaints, and assists regulated facilities in obtaining/maintaining compliance.

LEA landfill inspections are completed monthly; joint inspections with CalRecycle are completed every 18 months. Inspection results are noted in the inspection report and can be obtained from CalRecycle's Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) database:

[www.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/directory](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/directory)

Before a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) application is accepted, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, which includes an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), must be completed. The EIR for the Olinda Alpha Landfill was distributed in June 2004 at which time, public comments were also gathered. In April 2007, the Orange County Board of Supervisors certified the EIR for the Olinda Alpha Landfill.

**Garrett Bright**, Hazardous Waste Specialist, OC HCA/Environmental Health, presented an overview of the SWFP revisions Olinda Alpha Landfill facility, located at 1942 N. Valencia Avenue in Brea, owned and operated by OC Waste & Recycling.

Proposed changes to the Olinda Alpha Landfill will be reflected in the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit, page 1.e, including: extending the landfill closure date year from 2013 to 2021, increasing the disposal area from 420 acres to 453 acres, increasing the maximum waste depth from 375 ft to 415 ft; and increasing the maximum waste elevation from 1,300 ft AMSL to 1,415 ft AMSL. Please refer to the SWFP pages 3 thru 5 includes LEA site-specific reporting requirements and conditions.

The LEA accepted the revised SWFP application for the Olinda Alpha Landfill on February 9, 2010. Per the required timeline, i.e. within in 60 days of receipt of the revised SWFP application, a public Information Meeting has been conducted this date, February 22, 2010. The next step is for LEA to prepare and submit a copy of the proposed revised SWFP to CalRecycle, OC Waste & Recycling (applicant) and to any interested party. Upon receipt, CalRecycle has 60 days to notify the LEA in writing of their acceptance or rejection of the application. CalRecycle's decision is also posted on their website at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov).

For further information regarding the permitting process, or to make an appointment to view a copy of the of the revised application package, please contact the Orange County Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency, **Kathy Cross at (714) 433-6270**, or email to [kcross@ochca.com](mailto:kcross@ochca.com).

The meeting was opened for public discussion and feedback. The following questions and comments were received by the public:

**Public Questions and Comments:**

- Q1. Does the EIR have any protections in place for the State park (**Chino Hills State Park**) next to the Olinda Alpha Landfill?
- A1. OC Waste & Recycling responded that there were operational controls in place to mitigate any impacts on the park including adequate separation between the park and landfill, and litter abatement.
- Q2. Are there any physical barriers in place between the State park and landfill for vector abatement?
- A2. No.
- Q3. Is the Olinda Alpha Landfill impacted by AB32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act (of 2006)?
- A3. OC Waste & Recycling responded that the AB32 issues affect the entire State. Since this is a regulated landfill, landfill operations will have to comply. It was noted that landfill gas can be converted to renewable energy.
- Q4. Why has it taken 3 years to process the permit since the first EIR approval by the Orange County Board of Supervisors (in 2007)?
- A4. LEA responded that permit applications are very lengthy and require significant time for preparation.
- Q5. Are the findings of the Orange County Board of Supervisors' EIR approval available for public viewing?
- A5. OC Waste & Recycling indicated that they would provide a hard copy and CD.
- Q6. Did the November 2009 local fires impact the landfill?
- A6. OC Waste & Recycling answered that the fires affected habitat within the landfill and State park sites. Inspections had been conducted to ensure appropriate power availability for control of methane gasses during the fires.
- Q7. In regards to waste hauler truck traffic along the landfill access road, is there local enforcement available for the public to contact; what code or law applies?

- A7. The landfill's permit prohibits truck traffic prior to the official 6:00 am landfill opening time. Private waste haulers of truck traffic along Valencia Avenue are reminded that they are not allowed before 6:00 am.

Ron Garcia, Mayor, City of Brea, added that he would research the applicable code(s) and respond to the inquirer.

*(LEA staff previously contacted the Olinda Alpha Landfill operations director regarding this truck issue. The director indicated the issue would be brought up and discussed at a future waste hauler meeting.)*

- Q8. What about the issue of tracking of dirt from truck tires?

- A8. LEA responded that 'track-out' is inspected during their inspections. Currently, track-out is not an issue.

The public was reminded that the submitting of comments and feedback is open until April 9<sup>th</sup> by contacting Kathy Cross with the LEA, or by contacting CalRecycle. All public comments become part of the public record.

OC Waste & Recycling stated that they want to be the best neighbor they can be to the City of Brea.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

## **Attachments**