

Summary Report of public comments received during and after the public informational meeting for Savage Canyon Landfill permit revision and actions taken by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

Name of EA submitting the summary: Los Angeles County Local Enforcement Agency

Name of Project and Type of Project: Savage Canyon Landfill proposed solid waste permit revision

Description of Proposed Revisions to Permit:

- Correction of disposal footprint in the Solid Waste Facility Permit from 132 acres to 102 acres.
- Update the Total landfill capacity information from 14,947,962 cu yds to 19,337,450 cu yds due to a 1996 Final Grading Plan which is included in the Master Development Plan of 1997.
- Clarification of landfill maximum elevation from 900' AMSL to 910' AMSL in order to account for a 3% grade at the ridgeline for drainage. The 3% grade was depicted on the final grading plan of 1989 and 1996.
- Establish a limit of 3,000 tons per day of inert debris to be received at the landfill with a total maximum annual load of 240,000 tons per year (TPY). The amount proposed was based on the highest peaks received in previous years.
- Adjustment of estimated closure date from 2025 to 2055 based on increased landfill capacity.

Date of Public Informational Meeting: July 24, 2013

Number of people in attendance:

A total of 10 individuals were present at the meeting. Two City of Whittier residents, three City of Whittier representatives, 1 representative from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, one representative from CalRecycle and three representatives from the LEA.

Summary of Public Comments Received:

Residents of Penn Street which is the main access street to Savage Canyon Landfill, provided comments regarding their concerns on the amount of traffic and queuing of large trucks currently accessing the landfill and the prospect of more traffic generated due to the proposed 3,000 tons per day of inert debris material. There are concerns that Penn Street is already impacted by Whittier College Sports Complex traffic, Penn Park visitors, shortcut commuters and the pending Oil Project which will utilize Penn St if no other alternative is proposed. Some residents questioned the veracity and validity of the 1977 and 1985 CEQA documents in regard to proposed traffic and inert debris increase. In addition, there were concerns about air pollution caused by trucks queuing on Penn St.

Summary of any EA action taken relative to comments:

As a result of the comments received, the LEA and the City of Whittier reached an understanding to limit inert debris receipt from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Mondays through Fridays only. In addition, there will be a maximum annual load of 240,000 tons per year of inert debris to be used for beneficial reuse only. And, no queuing of vehicles will be allowed on public streets leading to the landfill. (see attached proposed permit).

The LEA does not have jurisdiction over vehicle-generated air pollutants. Residents with concerns about air emissions may contact the Air Resources Board or the local Air Pollution Control District (AQMD).