

**Planning for Informational Meetings**  
**Tool 7a**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Sample\***

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**City of Brea**

The following provides answers to some of the most frequently asked questions by Brea residents about RELOOC and the Phased Option:

**Q: How will RELOOC or the Phased Option affect existing traffic?**

A: The amount of truck traffic is related to daily tonnage limits, which are regulated by agreement between the County and the City. The Phased Option and vertical expansion of Olinda Alpha will not cause an increase in daily tonnage limits. However, the existing level of traffic will continue through the proposed extended life of the landfill.

**Q: Why is the existing agreement to close Olinda Alpha being reconsidered by RELOOC?**

A: Olinda Alpha still has unused capacity and can be expanded with the greatest degree of environmental sensitivity and cost effectiveness. All the remaining capacity and potential capacity should be utilized before considering other alternatives that are less environmentally sensitive and more costly. Also, keeping Olinda Alpha open extends the length of time the County can control fees and, therefore, continue to provide residents with affordable waste disposal services.

**Q: Are there benefits to Brea residents that result from the Phased Option?**

A: The RELOOC process and Phased Option provides the city and residents with a comprehensive plan to address their waste disposal needs for the next 40 years. This is an important benefit. Also, Brea is considered to be a “host” city. This means that the city has the opportunity to identify impacts that it believes should be mitigated for serving as a “host” to a regional facility. These mitigation measures have included limiting the tonnage, hours and routes of truck traffic associated with landfill disposal. Under certain conditions, mitigation funds may also be available to host cities. These funds may be used in a variety of ways to address such impacts as “wear and tear” to streets from refuse trucks or for other community needs such as recreational facilities. In this day and age of reduced revenue and increased costs for maintaining roads, landscaping and community services, the funds may become a valuable city asset to ensure the long-term preservation and enhancement of the community.

**Q: What is the proposed new closing date for Olinda Alpha?**

A: If the Phased Option is adopted, Olinda Alpha will be scheduled to close in 2021 rather than 2013.

**Q: What will happen to the proposed regional park at the Olinda Alpha site?**

A: If the Phased Option is adopted, the park will still be developed, but its construction would be delayed eight years.

**Q: Will there be any changes in the operations of Olinda Alpha that will impact Brea residents?**

A: No. While we are always striving to improve, all operations that impact residents will remain essentially the same as they are today. There may be beneficial technological advances in the future that we would like to implement. In the event these advances have potential new impacts, they will require additional thorough regulatory and public review and approval process.

**Q: Will there be impacts to the hills or ridgelines around the landfill?**

A: No. The RELOOC Phased Option will not change existing natural hills or ridgelines. The Olinda Alpha landfill is already visible from many parts of the City. Implementation of the Phased Option will gradually increase the face of the landfill by 100 feet. We will continue implementation of the landscaping plan adopted by the City and County in 1993. The landscaping plan blends the face of the landfill with the surrounding natural environment.

**Q: What is a “host city” referred to in RELOOC?**

A: “Host cities” are cities that have County landfills within their Sphere of Influence (SOI) or city limits and may be directly affected by the landfills. The County will mitigate as much as possible impacts on the host cities related to the landfills. Host cities in Orange County include Brea, Irvine, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

**Q: What is “mitigation” referred to in RELOOC?**

A: These are actions taken to eliminate, minimize or offset County landfill impacts on a “host city.” The most common impacts from Orange County’s landfills are truck traffic and noise. These impacts can be “mitigated” by limiting the number, hours and routes of truck traffic associated with landfill disposal.

**Q: What is meant by “local control”?**

A: This refers to the degree of authority and influence the County and cities have over how Orange County’s solid waste is disposed of and managed. Having control enables the County and cities to cooperate with one another to stabilize and ensure reasonable fees, maintain the viability of the landfill system, reduce the risks associated with relying upon other regions outside of Orange County for waste disposal services and explore the use of new technologies.

**Q: Does RELOOC consider local control?**

A: Yes. Local control is one of RELOOC’s key planning factors. City leaders play a central role in working with County officials to determine how best to maintain local control. As they do this they also balance the needs of individual Orange County cities with those of the region. There is increasing recognition that the County and Cities must work together to address regional needs and services.

\*This sample was prepared by the operator for a public meeting. A FAQ prepared by the LEA for an informational meeting should focus on LEA issues and areas of expertise.