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Margo Reid Brown
Chairperson
California Integrated Waste Management Board
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RE: Sunshine Canyon Landfill Combined Permit

Dear Chairwoman Brown,

We are extremely fortunate to have a solid waste disposal facility like Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Los Angeles. The operators of Sunshine Canyon have spent tens of millions of dollars on improvements like a state of the art liner to protect groundwater, and the site is now one of the most advanced landfills in the region, if not the country. It would stand to reason then that we should seek to send as much of our local solid waste as possible to Sunshine Canyon.

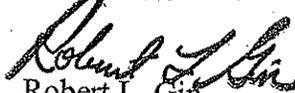
However, currently, the site is underutilized due to restrictions on how much trash can be processed daily, and it is possible that the City-side of Sunshine Canyon will run out of capacity on its current operating face this summer, forcing massive new construction at the landfill or simply closing the facility's gates.

The Integrated Waste Management Board has the ability not only to head off this unfortunate scenario, but to optimize the use of the landfill.

If the Board approves the pending application for the consolidation of the City and County landfills, Sunshine Canyon will be free to operate up to its fully permitted capacity and it is unlikely that any trash will need to be diverted to other more distant, less sophisticated landfills in the region.

Please give thorough and thoughtful consideration to the application for a new operating permit that allows for the consolidation of the existing landfills. A joint City-County landfill makes sense and should be allowed to proceed as expeditiously as possible.

Very truly yours,


Robert L. Gill
Board Clerk

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