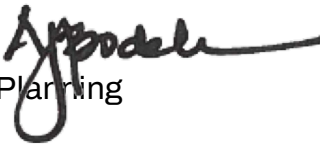


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REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING AUDIT OF SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL OPERATIONS AND ODOR MITIGATION EFFORTS (APRIL 9, 2024 – AGENDA ITEM NO. 13)

On April 9, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) instructed the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Department of Public Works (DPW), and Department of Public Health (DPH), as part of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Technical Advisory Committee (SCL-TAC), to engage an independent technical expert to provide an assessment of the odor issues that occurred at Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) between 2023 and 2024, a diagnostic of which remediation actions worked and which did not, and recommendations for the near and long-term operations of the landfill to ensure the odor issues are effectively addressed. The motion instructed the departments to report back to the Board within 30 days with a strategy to procure this external technical review, ideally through an existing contracting mechanism where costs are borne by the landfill operator or state regulators. In accordance with item 3 of the Board motion, this letter serves as the 30-day report back.

DRP, DPW, and DPH thoroughly examined various avenues for procuring an external technical review. After careful consideration, DRP, DPW, and DPH concluded that the most efficient approach to meet the Board's timeframe would be to leverage an established contract with an independent technical expert.

In accordance with SCL's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No 00-194-(5), the SCL-TAC, comprised of DRP, DPW, DPH and other County and City of Los Angeles agencies, retained the services of an independent consultant (Ultrasystems Environmental, Inc.) to monitor all CUP conditions and mitigation measures. Upon analyzing the Statement of Work outlined in Ultrasystems' existing contract, it was determined that the assessment could be seamlessly integrated into the current agreement. DRP, DPW, and DPH will collaborate with Ultrasystems to draft a Scope of Work for the assessment, as well as oversee its execution to ensure timely

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delivery of a report to the Board with findings and recommendations for operational enhancements at the SCL within 150 days of the April 9th motion.

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