

**LOPEZ CANYON RESTORATION PROJECT
COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY
MARCH 2011**

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF SANITATION**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2011
Location: Lopez Trailers

Meeting: 7:05 pm - 8:05 pm

OVERVIEW

Ten Lopez neighbors attended the meeting.

LOPEZ CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER UPDATE

The park playground equipment has been installed and will be ready by this weekend. Replacement or repair of the benches and tables is being investigated.

Odor Control: Two odor complaints were received during the last quarter. One complaint was related to dust which was not from Lopez and the other was related to the landfill gas system.

Noise Control: A new trommel screener is on order. Moving the two trommels closer together and using one loader will reduce the noise level. The newly built sound barrier around the grinder has dramatically lowered noise levels, and as a result we'll build a wall around the other grinder. The berm has been extended and is ready for landscaping.

PROPOSED TRAILHEAD CONCEPTUAL DESIGN REVIEW

A draft plan has been completed. Once a full land survey is done we'll develop the grading plan. At the community's request a water trough has been added to the picnic area. We are on schedule and expect the design to be completed by November 2011.

'B' CANYON LANDSCAPING UPDATE

We can't plant during the rainy season. Since weeds grow faster than native plants we'll try to plant bigger native plants after the rainy season.

CLOSURE UPDATE

Closure work has been completed for C Canyon and we're performing post closure maintenance on the C canyon slopes to improve drainage and their aesthetic. The 'C' canyon closure report is being reviewed and we plan to submit all three closure documents ('C' closure, 'AB+' closure and Final Closure Certification) to the State in one to two months. The micro-turbines and gas-to-energy plant are handling all the gas so the flares have not been needed.

'TRUCK DRIVER ACADEMY UPDATE

Copies of the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) report on the proposed Truck Driver Training Academy Lease Agreement were distributed. We reviewed the process report and will follow developments as it moves through City Council and the Mayor's office.

COMMITMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY (see Page 5)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Reva Fabrikant, Community Liaison
Ten Lopez neighbors attended the meeting.

LOPEZ CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER) UPDATE John Hamilton,
Lopez Engineering Project Manager

December, January, and February Tonnage:

18,033 tons of yard trimmings were processed

727 tons of raw manure was processed

14,639 tons of raw mulch was produced

3,082 tons of mulch was donated to residents

203 tons of manure-based- compost was produced

The park equipment has been installed and will be ready for use by this weekend. Jim Kurz is looking into replacing the benches and tables at the park. The \$160,000 cost was funded through the closure/post-closure maintenance fund.

We received a dust complaint that was not related to Lopez activity.

Odor Control: We received an odor complaint. A broken condensate line caused the odor. It was replaced and the odor eliminated.

Noise Control: A new trommel screener is on order. Only one is currently working so compost production is down. A new one will be on-line in three weeks. Noise from these machines will be reduced by moving the two trommels closer together and using one loader for both. We installed a sound barrier around one grinder and the noise level has been significantly reduced. We couldn't hear the grinder when we walked through the community. We will install a sound wall around the other grinder. Earthen barriers were extended around the facility entrance to block the sound from entering Kagel Canyon. This berm is complete and just needs landscaping. All City-owned loaders assigned to the green facility have had their backup alarms changed to the Broadband (white noise) alarms. We are still working with our rental company, Hertz, to lower back-up alarm levels on their trucks.

Q: What is the current dB reading?

A: Our consultant will return to take readings.

Q: How many rental vehicles are there?

A: Four

PROPOSED TRAILHEAD CONCEPTUAL DESIGN REVIEW Nishith
Dhandha, Bureau of Engineering, Architecture Division

We have a completed draft plan. Once we get the full survey completed we'll develop the grading plan. A list has been developed of what's been added to the plan at the community's request and will be included on the plans. At the community's request a water trough has been added to the picnic area. The staging area will include level places, concrete retaining walls, and boulders to keep a natural look.

Construction plans are being developed and we expect the design to be completed by November 2011. We are on schedule.

Q: Will there be any signage? Will the area have a name?

A: We could do that. It wasn't part of the initial plan.

Community Comment: A sign saying 'Welcome Equestrians' or 'Community Trailhead' would be helpful.

Sanitation Response: The community named the composting facility and we could do the same thing for this trailhead. We'll do that as we get closer to completion.

Q: Can you post this plan version on the website?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the construction budget and where will the funding come from?

A: We are working with CD7 on funding this project. We can't use the general fund, but might be able to use the energy fund. We hope to identify a funding source by the time the design is completed. Once the design is finalized the bid process will take 3 months and construction will take 6 months. We plan to cut the ribbon one year from November 2011.

Q: Could a porta-potty be added near the staging area?

A: That's possible, but it wouldn't be included in the design.

Q: Will there be higher sections set up to ease mounting horses along the trail?

A: We will have boulders in the staging area, but have not looked at doing so along the trails.

Community Comment: We also need these sections along the trails. It wouldn't take moving specially built materials into the trails, natural materials, like logs, could be used.

Sanitation Response: If we can find the materials we'll do it.

Q: Can't you use the community amenities trust fund to fund this work?

A: That fund is controlled by CD7. We will be working with CD 7 staff on this.

Response: Can the Bureau request the use of these funds from CD7 or should the community make that request?

City Comment: The Bureau has not requested it yet. We are waiting to determine the cost and will share the cost with you at the next meeting. The community could make the request.

Community Comment: The Bureau should make the request soon before all of the money is used. We need your help to get money for this project.

City Comment: That is a good point. We hope by June to have better news for you regarding funding.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE - Dan Denering, Acting Superintendent, Lopez Canyon

We can't plant during the rainy season. The weeds grow faster than native plants so it's looking weedy. We will try to plant bigger plants after the rainy season.

We have ordered supplies to expand the irrigation system to other parts of the landfill and are still waiting on a purchase order for the hydro-seeding.

CLOSURE UPDATE - Dan Denering, John Hamilton

Closure work is technically complete and we are performing post-closure maintenance. The weather is slowing down the dirt work, but we hope to complete construction in C Canyon in one month and then gas work will take one month after that. We are reviewing 'C' Canyon final closure reports that have been received from our consultant. Final closure plans will be submitted to the State in

about 1 to 2 months. We are not running the flares because the micro-turbines and gas-to-energy plant are handling all the gas. DWP is running 10 micro-turbines.

Q: Have you submitted for closure approval to the state?

A: We'll submit everything together. 'AB+' closure is ready to go; we are reviewing 'C' canyon paperwork. All three documents ('C' closure, 'AB+' closure and Final closure costs) will be submitted together. Then the 30 year clock begins ticking.

TRUCK DRIVER ACADEMY(TDA) UPDATE – Khalil Gharios, Division Manager, Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division

We have copies of the City Administrative Officer's(CAO) report on the proposed Truck Driver Training Academy Lease Agreement. The Board of Public Works approved the lease agreement and forwarded it to the Mayor. The Mayor forwarded the report to the CAO for review. Now that the CAO has reviewed it, the report will be referred to the Council Energy and Environment Committee for public hearing. We'll notify the community when the meeting date is posted. This could be short notice because we only get 72 hour notice. Councilmember Jan Perry is the chair and sets the priority of agenda items. The Energy and Environment Committee normally meets once every couple of weeks and sometimes the meetings are canceled. They could also call a special meeting with 48 hour notice. After the Committee reviews the proposal and makes their recommendation, City Council meets and makes the final decision on the proposal, unless another committee requests to review the report also.

Q: Are there public comments at the committee's meetings?

A: Yes.

Q: If approved what happens then? How does this relate to the law suit?

A: That is up to City Council and the Committee. If they approve the lease agreement, it would go back to the Board of Public Works for final execution.

Q: Is Councilmember Jan Perry aware of the lawsuit?

A: We don't know. But at the hearing she will be made aware of it. The CAO report does not mention the lawsuit. The trial date has been postponed to May 12, 2011.

Q: Since the students are trained for free they should return the cost of their education to the City, if they get a job. If this academy does happen the City should at least make some money from it. The TDA students should be treated like college students who get loans and need to pay them back. The lease should be changed to require this return payment.

A: This is a good comment for the public hearing.

Q: Why does the CAO report only say the lease is for 5 years? I thought the lease could be renewed and extended?

A: The current agreement is only for 5 years, with no extension. If we want more time we have to go through this whole process again.

Q: Shouldn't the lease be attached to the report? It's not included here.

A: The attachments are too big to make copies. It will be posted on the Sanitation website. The Energy and Environment Committee get the report and attachments ahead of time to review it with all the attachments.

Community Comment: I am concerned about the drivers training on the freeway here and don't look forward to inexperienced truck drivers training right near our homes on the freeway.

Sanitation Response: They will have a certified trainer sitting next to them. The trainer will pull unsafe drivers over and take over driving.

Q: Is the driving pad higher than the berm? Is there a sound corridor to us?

A: The berm is 12 feet high. From the canyon the berm looks higher than the pad. We can do a survey to check that.

MISCELLANEOUS, Reva Fabrikant

Everyone was encouraged to take home a free reusable bag.

COMMITMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY

1. When the staging area plans are closer to completion Sanitation will work with the community to develop wording for a sign identifying the area.
2. Updated plans for the staging area will be posted on the Sanitation website.
3. If natural materials are easily available, Sanitation will set up some mounting areas along the trails.
4. The proposed Truck Driver Academy Lease Agreement CAO report and attachments will be posted on the Sanitation website.
5. Notify the community when the Energy and Environment Committee posts the meeting date where they'll discuss the CAO report on the proposed Truck Driver Academy Lease Agreement.
6. Sanitation will do a survey to compare the height of the proposed Truck Driver Academy pad to the earthen berm that surrounds it.

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2011

Tour 6:30 pm - 7:05 pm

Meeting 7:10 pm - 8:30 pm

PROPOSED
2011 COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE
LOPEZ CANYON RESTORATION PROJECT

Wed. March 2: **Meeting**
Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wed. June 1: **Tour & Meeting**
Tour 6:30pm - 7:05pm
Meeting 7:10pm - 8:30pm

Wed. September 7: **Tour & Meeting**
Tour 6:30pm - 7:05pm
Meeting 7:10pm - 8:30pm

Wed. December 7: **Meeting**
Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm

NOTE: These dates and times could be changed. You will be notified before each meeting.