

**LOPEZ CANYON RESTORATION PROJECT
COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY
MARCH 2012**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF SANITATION

Meeting Date: March 8, 2012
Location: Lopez Trailers

Meeting: 7:00 pm -7:40 pm

OVERVIEW

Two Lopez neighbors attended the meeting.

LOPEZ CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER UPDATE

We are in full production. Two odor complaints were received and responded to by the Local Enforcement Agency and the Air Quality Management District. No problem source was found on-site. One noise complaint was received and that was due to a blown down sound wall, which has since been fixed. We are now selling most of the compost.

PROPOSED STAGING AREA/TRAILHEAD UPDATE

Design is 85% complete and we hope to have it 100% complete by the June community meeting.

'B' CANYON LANDSCAPING UPDATE

We're in the process of hydroseeding and hope to be done in about 10 days. 'B' slope vegetation is growing nicely. We are irrigating that slope. We've added about 30 trees to the entrance area and they are growing well. 'C' canyon will be irrigated with water trucks.

CLOSURE UPDATE

Closure is complete and we are now doing maintenance and hydroseeding.

MISCELLANEOUS

With closure complete and only post-closure activities left it was suggested that we meet once a year (in June) at Lopez, with a tour, and have our staff give presentations at LVTIA, KCCA and FTDNC. The meeting attendees thought this was a good idea. The June 2012 tour will be extended to include the trailhead site.

COMMITMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY (see page 4)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Reva Fabrikant, Community Liaison

Two Lopez neighbors attended this meeting.

**LOPEZ CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER UPDATE Jim Kurz,
Operations Superintendent**

We are in full production. Two odor complaints were received and responded to by the Local Enforcement Agency and the Air Quality Management District. No problem source was found on-site. One odor source came from across the street in LA County and they are dealing with it.

One noise complaint was received and that was due to a blown down sound wall, which has since been fixed.

Some of our mulch has been given away to farmers to entice them to purchase it in the future, some has been stockpiled for use by Caltrans, and some is being purchased by a vendor in Orange County. We are now selling most of the compost that we're making.

Community Comment: I picked up a truckload of material and brought it to friends and they love it.

Sanitation Comment: Anyone who'd like big loads should contact Jim Kurz (contact information on the last page)

December 2011, January 2012, February Tonnages:

16,707 tons of yard trimmings was processed

7,873 tons of brush was processed

574 tons of raw manure was processed

22,198 tons of mulch was produced

3,612 tons of mulch was donated to residents

17,742 tons of mulch went to farmers

845 tons of manure-based compost was produced

PROPOSED STAGING AREA/TRAILHEAD UPDATE Jim Kurz, Khalil Gharios, Manager Solid Resources Processing and Construction Division

Design is 85% complete and we hope to have it 100% complete by June.

Community Comment: Councilmember Alarcón said at a community meeting that he's interested in financially supporting the community by developing structures with substance. We mentioned the staging area/trailhead and he said he didn't know about it. Since his representative John de la Rosa has been to our meetings he should be aware of it. This lack of knowledge is a problem and concern.

Community Comment: The use of the amenity funds to support the trailhead is an outstanding idea and FTDNC has written letters to Councilmember Alarcón requesting the use of the funds for this purpose but we haven't gotten a response. It seems that the Councilman is not getting the message. I'd like FTDNC to keep pursuing this angle.

Getting Sanitation funds for a project follows a specified process. The request is included in the proposed budget and Sanitation management reviews all project requests and approves them based on current priorities. For this project, we also have the hurdle of preparing the environmental document that is needed. The division that handles these documents is currently involved in several major projects that take priority over this project. Our first step is to complete the environmental document and the next step would be to locate funding.

Community Comment: Please keep Nancy Woodruff, from FTNDC, informed of that status of preparation of the environmental document and funding for this project.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE Jim Kurz

We're in the process of hydroseeding and hope to be done in about 10 days. It was held up for two days due to high winds. 'B' slope vegetation is growing nicely, we are irrigating that slope. 'A' slope, which is in the back area, will be torn up so we are not hydroseeding there now. We've added about 30 trees to the entrance area and they are growing well. It is hard to grow trees here due to the different soils used for cover and the fact that the trash areas must be compacted.

Q: What kinds of trees were planted?

A: Sycamore, oaks, and pepper, all are natives and are included in the site planting plan that was developed with the community. An automatically timed bubbler is used to irrigate the trees.

Q: What is the seed mix?

A: Wildflowers, sage and lots of other natives. This native plant seed mix was also developed with the community.

Q: What companies provide the seeds and the blend you request?

A: Private seed companies are available to do this.

'C' canyon will be irrigated with water trucks since there isn't any irrigation.

CLOSURE UPDATE Jim Kurz

Closure is complete and we are now doing maintenance and hydroseeding.

MISCELLANEOUS Khalil Gharios

With closure complete and only post-closure activities left we suggest having a meeting and tour once a year at Lopez, in June, and in addition having our staff give presentations at LVTIA, KCCA and FTDNC. This would still enable us to continue providing quarterly updates, but would make it more convenient for everyone and cut down on the number of meetings we all attend. Our community liaison, Reva Fabrikant, will still be available and will help with coordination and responding to your needs and questions. The June 2012 tour will be extended to include the trailhead site.

Community Comment: Sounds like a good idea.

Community Comment: Could you also provide a written quarterly update?

Sanitation Response: Since we'll already be providing that information at the community association meetings we'll attend we probably won't need a written update as well. Reva will contact each association mentioned above to set up a presentation date.

Q: Is the staging area separate from the trailhead?

A: We are designing the staging area as a base for equestrians to access the trails. It will make it possible for equestrians to connect to the Bartholomew Trail, the Kagel Canyon area and the Rim of the Valley trail. We are designing a pathway to get through the landfill, a connection to already existing trails.

Q: How much is the landfill settling, or has it stopped?

A: It is still settling about 5 feet per year. The height was 1,770 feet when the landfill closed and we estimate that the settling will amount to a total of about 40 feet. Areas settle at different rates, so the amount will vary at different locations.

COMMITMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY

1. Keep Nancy Woodruff, from FTNDC, informed of that status of preparation of the environmental document and funding for the Equestrian Trailhead/Staging area project.
2. Reva Fabrikant, Community liaison, will contact FTDNC, LVTIA and KCCA to set up an SRPCD presentation date.
3. The June 2012 Lopez on-site tour will be extended to include the trailhead site.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Tour: 6:30pm - 7:10pm

Meeting: 7:15pm - 8:30pm