

LOPEZ CANYON RESTORATION PROJECT

PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 1, 2015 COMMUNITY MEETING

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LA SANITATION

Meeting Date Thursday, October 1, 2015
Meeting Time **NOTE TOUR AND MEETING TIME CHANGES**
Tour 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Location Lopez Canyon Trailers
11950 Lopez Canyon Road Lake View Terrace, 91342

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TOUR & MEETING WILL START & END ON TIME

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (10 minutes)

STAFF CHANGES

- ♦ Jim Kurz has retired. Dan Denering is the contact person for Lopez landfill.
- ♦ Reva Fabrikant is retiring. She will be replaced by Jimmy Tokeshi, Public Information Officer, City of LA Dept. of Public Works, Public Affairs Office.

WRITTEN AGENDA REVIEW AND Q&A (40 minutes)

UPDATES

♦ LANDSCAPING

We are short five Gardener Caretakers and one Park Maintenance Supervisor as a result of retirements, promotions, or injury and are working to fill these positions. This process should take about two to three months. The existing landscaping is being maintained. There have been no new plantings. We're in the process of installing a new 'big-gun' irrigation system to water the hydro-seeded areas on 'AB+' top deck. A new main water line has been installed for this system.

♦ POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE

We are rebuilding the helicopter pad on 'AB+' deck for both LA County and LA City Fire Air Operations. It will be constructed at no cost to these departments using free grindings delivered from the Bureau of Street Services and concrete pads from the Army Corp of Engineers, which will be delivered by the LA City Fire Construction Crew.

♦ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (EEC)

Compost Education Workshops, which include a talk, and compost bin and TopGro® Compost & Mulch bag sales, are held every second Saturday of the month 9:00am - 12:00pm. In addition, separate compost bin and TopGro® Compost & Mulch bag sales are held every third Friday of the month. Compost bins sell for \$20.00 to LA residents, and for \$35.00 to other than LA City residents. TopGro® Compost and Mulch bags are \$2.00 per bag. Only checks are accepted.

Our Compost Workshops and DWP's Environmental Landscaping Presentations have been well received by LA City and LA County residents. Class sizes have been increasing and attendees have expressed appreciation for the classes.

♦ LOPEZ CANYON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

We process 300 tons of curbside yard trimmings per day.

Between April, 2015 and August, 2015 we:

Processed:

31,735 tons of curbside residential yard trimmings

3,619 tons of brush from contractors.

Produced:

21,785 tons of chipped yard trimmings was shipped to farmers

7,412 tons of Topgro® Mulch was made available at our 11 community give-away sites

530 tons of Topgro® Premium Soil Amendment was distributed to the local community and various farmers and nurseries

Noise Complaints: No noise complaints were received during this past quarter

Odor Complaints: We received two odor complaints. One on 6/09/15 at 1:30pm when the wind was blowing toward the Kagel Canyon area while we were turning the compost piles. The other odor complaint was received on 7/09/15 at 8:00am. A stockpile of fine materials caused the odor. This material was hauled away to AG Sod farms. Since we began adding odor neutralizer to our water truck on 7/09/15 we've received no new odor complaints. As an additional odor controlling measure, we spray the entire green trimmings and composting process area with odor neutralizer before the end of every day.

♦ CANOPY FOR LOPEZ MECHANICS

Construction of the canopy is currently in the bidding stage. Construction is expected to start soon.

♦ EQUESTRIAN STAGING AREA

In 2010 LA Sanitation prepared a proposed development plan for the Lopez Landfill property.

The plan consisted of three phases:

Phase I: Involved both improvements to the public park that is located by the landfill entrance and construction of the EEC. Both projects have been completed

Phase II: Involves the construction of an equestrian staging area and recreational trails. The cost and proposed design have been shared with the community and they have offered their expertise to assist in improving the design of the project and possibly lowering the cost. As of now there has been no specific feedback from the community regarding this information. LA Sanitation, together with CD-7, will revisit this design concept with the community to solicit more specific input. Once this input is received the design will be completed.

Several residents who live in close proximity to the proposed location, raised concerns about the proposal, at the May 12 Lopez Community Meeting. As a result, an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is necessary and will be prepared.

In addition, LA Sanitation has received unsolicited offers to place solar panels on the landfill. A feasibility report has been prepared to determine if that would be feasible. If it is feasible, LA Sanitation will incorporate funding for the equestrian trails into the Request For Proposals for the solar power proposals and will also combine the EIS for both projects into one report. If the solar power project is not found to be feasible, then an alternative source of funding would need to be identified for the equestrian trail project.

Phase III: Consists of the development of the landfill area, after land stabilization & settlement and landfill gas production have been reduced to a level considered safe for public access. Two main groups of uses have been identified:

- Additional LA Sanitation uses
- Additional Community/Public uses

LA Sanitation is recommending that City Council support:

- The development of the equestrian staging area and trails within Lopez Canyon landfill property boundaries.
- Limiting and controlling access to equestrian and hiker trails until the post-closure maintenance and/or land settlement has decreased to less-than significant.

This information is available in more detail in the LA Sanitation Report to City Council that was sent out with the agenda.

NEW TOPIC

♦ STORMWATER HARVESTING AND RECYCLED WATER AT LOPEZ

LA Sanitation has teamed up with the Dept. of Water and Power to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing alternative sources of water to offset potable water use at the landfill. We are currently exploring three different possibilities:

- Capturing stormwater runoff from the site and adjacent canyons and then infiltrating it down into the groundwater aquifer through dry wells or surface percolation
- Capturing stormwater runoff and storing it in above ground tanks for future use
- Bringing reclaimed water from Hansen Dam to the landfill

Once the study is completed, we will share the findings with the community.

ORAL PRESENTATION AND Q&A (60 minutes)

PREPARATION FOR EL NINO

SOLAR PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Q & A (10 minutes)

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING - TBA

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