



**City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)
Lopez Canyon Restoration Project Bi-Annual Meeting**

Location: 11950 Lopez Canyon Road, Lopez Canyon Trailers, Sylmar, CA 91342
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Agenda Review

III. Reports

- a. Post Closure Maintenance - Normal operations and maintenance.
- b. Energy Plant and Flare Operation
Have recovered since the fire. Generates equivalent of powering 4,000 homes / day at methane plant. Energy is collected by an outside company and sold to DWP.
- c. Landscaping/Brush Clearance
Just purchased hydroseeder, staff will do small scale experiments with it. Native plant seeding hasn't gone that well so far. July 1 is the deadline for brush clearance but the heavy rains mean it's taking longer.
- d. Environmental Center (Mulching and Composting Operation)
Had to purchase all new equipment after the fire. Still getting it all dialed in but all machines have a fine screen, which makes the new mulch really good quality.
- e. Environmental Education Center
On the 4th Saturday of every month they continue to offer free workshops, public is encouraged to attend. An awning for permanent shade has been ordered.
- f. Equestrian Trails and Trailhead Project Update
Community meeting was held. They will be adding more parking. Some delays with the Bureau of Engineering, but the project is a go. Everything is approved

and it's moving forward, they just need to get all the approvals for more parking. They have to do new runoff calculations and a new hydrology report. But the connector trail is already cut and 95% complete. Materials have been ordered.

- g. Creek Fire Recovery Update
Recovery continues. Operations are almost normal again. Entrance irrigation is being reinstalled. They have replaced all equipment that was destroyed. Water supply is back.
- h. High School Landscaping/Architecture Scholarship Contest
The contest was for the park at the entrance. They have selected the winners from local high schools. The design is being prepared by our landscape architect.
- i. Additional Office Space converted for LASAN Safety Employees.
- j. Lopez Canyon Stormwater Capture Project
Concept plan was prepared and presented to LASAN. It's under review. It entails the installation of underground storage tanks to capture and store rainwater runoff for reuse. An update will be given at the next meeting in October.

IV. Comments, Questions and Answers

Question: Is the idea to plant trees still being considered?

Response: Can't put trees on landfill because of methane, under State law. LASAN looking into putting trees on the northern slope and certain sections of berms. Will check with the Local Enforcement Agency on regulations and constraints and report back in October.

Question: Since native plant seeding has been unsuccessful so far, have you consulted with Native American groups to get advice about native plant propagation and restorative planting?

Response: No, but that's a good idea.

Question: What time do the trucks start up? A resident is hearing noise from trucks around 7:00 AM.

Answer: LASAN staff will go out in the morning to check. The agreement with neighbors is not to start before 8:00 AM.

Question: Can neighbors be informed when there are going to be training exercises using the helipad? It can be frightening if they are hearing lots of helicopters and think there might be another fire coming.

Answer: If it's the County (red and white helicopters) they don't do much communication. George from the County Supervisor's office will look into what they can do to facilitate communication with the neighbors.

Question: Has aerating piles happened yet?

Answer: Not yet. It was a pilot program that was derailed by the fire. LASAN is now reapplying for permits. It's expected to happen near the end of the summer.

Question: Is the driver academy still happening?

Answer: No, it's dead.

Question: I live at the top of the hill and hear motorcycles on site after 11 PM. They cut a hole in the fence. Can you do something about it?

Answer: They are not supposed to be in there, but once they get in it's hard for the security guard to catch them. The guard shack is staffed but many areas are hard to reach. They do perimeter checks at least once per week. Staff can look into putting boulders up to make it more difficult for bikers to get in.

Question: Fillmore / Paxton road intersection needs repair.

Answer: City / County have been fighting over responsibility for this piece of road. CD7 field representative and the County Supervisor's office are going to figure it out.

V. Close

For the next meeting we will return to regular schedule. Next meeting will occur in October.

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