

# GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Minutes of the June 26, 2003, 7:00 P.M. Special Meeting  
Bee Canyon Amphitheater across the street from Van Gogh Street School  
17160 Van Gogh Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344

1) The meeting was called to order at 7:19 P.M. by Chairperson Becky Bendikson. Director's Roll Call was taken by Theresa Anderssen, acting in the absence of Recording Officer Donna Zero.

Present: Wayne Aller, Theresa Anderssen, Mary Ellen Crosby, Mary Edwards, Michael Greenwald, Wayde Hunter, Sheva Kafai, Scott Manatt, Cherie Mann, Dave Parikh, Kim Thompson, Joe Vitti and Becky Bendikson

Absent: Patrick Casparian, Greg Chaussee, David Dean, Rick Driscoll, Ginger Fong, Sid Gold, David Hood, Frank Kiesler, Ben Pedrick, Bob Ricketts, Susan Tipton and Donna Zero.

2) Wayne Aller made a motion "*that the minutes of the May 27, 2003 regular meeting be tabled until the next GHNNC meeting on June 30, 2003.*" The motion was seconded and passed.

3) Mary Edwards made a motion "*that the GHNNC forward to the Regional Water Quality Control Board the comments, recommendations and suggested mitigations from the Land Use and Planning Committee*" (copy attached hereto as Attachment "A"). The motion was seconded and passed.

4) Mary Edwards made a motion "*that the GHNNC oppose any expansion of operations at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.*" The motion was seconded and passed.

5) Mary Edwards made a motion "*that future recommendations and suggested mitigations concerning the Sunshine Canyon Landfill be made the responsibility of an ad hoc committee and such issues are regarded as the responsibilities of the members, including attendance at hearings which might occur between GHNNC meetings.*" Motion was seconded and passed. Volunteers for the Sunshine Canyon Ad Hoc Committee include Mary Edwards (Chairperson), Wayde Hunter, Wayne Aller, Kim Thompson, Theresa Anderssen and Becky Bendikson (Ex-officio). Further members will be solicited at the regular meeting on June 30, 2003.

- 6) Board Members Comments: Joy Ming and Susan Tipton were congratulated on their work with the hearing on the Hillcrest Christian School expansion today.
- 7) No public comment cards were submitted.
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Theresa Anderssen  
Acting Recording Officer

Approved at July 28, 2003 regular meeting by Board.

**GHNNC LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Recommended Changes and Additions to the Tentative Waste**  
**Discharge Requirements (TWDR)**

**The Regional Board must prepare WDRs that encompass the entire operation including County.** *[Clearly the impacts of the operation in the County affect the water quality of the whole canyon. This is, as they acknowledge, another phase of a continuing project. Even now, many operations (condensate treatment, incineration equipment, etc.) are shared between the two jurisdictions. The few hundred yards of separation that divides the county from the new expansion does not constitute a new landfill. Current water problems and dreary history of violations in the County must all be considered.]*

**There shall be no modification of the adopted WDRs without public participation and comment.**

**Upon commencement of the project, and at least annually thereafter, the proponent shall fund an independent State inspection and testing of all wells with the samples being processed by the State at a State run laboratory.**

**A double liner system shall be installed.** *[Based just on the daily inflow into the City alone, at least 40 tons per day will be toxic materials. With the combined City/County that amount doubles. With the problems in the County with a torn liner and methane in the under-drain system, plus the numerous citations with the current operations for various other infractions, the need for extra protection is justified. The nearness to the Balboa Inlet Tunnel and the treatment and storage of water for 17 million people in one of the most seismically active areas in all of Southern California necessitate erring on the side of caution.]*

**Installation of off-site monitoring wells between the landfill entrance and sensitive receptors down-gradient.** *[The RWQCB must not lose sight of the fact that the North Valley Refuse Company, and*

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*later BFI, ran an unlined City dump, founded on illegal dumping with little oversight by the authorities, and with the latter violating its boundaries, its elevations, and coming too close to the water course. Again, the nearness the water treatment, and the storage of water for a vast portion of Southern California and the over-riding need by the RWQCB to insure that there is never a possibility, however small they may believe at the time, to ever contaminate our water supply, should dictate the additional protection.]*

**A State inspector shall be present at all times during the cut-off wall construction and installation.** *[The last time the cut-off trench was constructed, it was done over a weekend and there were no State or local agencies present. Additionally, the cut-off trench was located in a flood zone, and the design of the trench and the capacity of the pumps were insufficient to prevent leachate from migrating off-site during the wet season when the ground is saturated and the surface inundated.]*

**There will be no discharge of leachate, condensate, or treated water into, or through, the buffer-zone adjacent to the residential community.** *[The County area now directs water from the contaminated sub-drain into the City and has caused an odor nuisance in the homes in the vicinity.]*

**There will be no reuse of leachate or condensate or release onto, or into, the landfill in any form.**

**The proponent shall maintain a current up-to-date website that will contain the results of all the required testing, including a record of any water-related violations and any proposed changes in operation involving water.** *[In the past, BFI has been reluctant to provide copies of reports to those requesting them.]*

**The WDRs should be consistent with the conditions of the operating permit and the conditions adopted by the City of Los Angeles, including any prohibitions of certain covers and the acceptance of sludge, ash, etc.**

**Green Waste shall not be used as daily cover.** *[The use of green waste as cover on the landfill will also potentially produce significant amounts of ammonia. The TWDR cites ammonia as one of the constituents that is abnormally high. The SCAQMD also cites high ammonia test results for composting facilities, including chip-and-ship operations. The Newhall-Saugus Pass, in which the landfill is located, is now, or in the near future will be, an area receiving an undue number of green waste processing facilities, more than in any other area in Los Angeles. For instance, currently the City of Los Angeles processes over 50,000 tons a year of green waste, just to the southeast, in the Van Norman Reservoir area. The City also uses the reservoir area as a spreading ground for some of the mulch in the vicinity of Roxford Street. Over the years, the City has increased the amount of green waste processed here and may increase it again in the future. The County of Los Angeles has approved an 11-acre Green Waste Composting Facility in the northeast, adjacent to the landfill. There is a chip-and-ship facility owned by Hank Arklin located in the vicinity of the Odyssey Restaurant.]*

**Storm water collected at sedimentation basins shall be tested first and the results made available before any reuse and/or release off-site.**

**The drainage channels that carry surface water off-site must be repaired before the project is allowed to go forward.**

*[The drainage channels immediately adjacent to the facility are cracked and fractured. They lead to the Jensen filtration Plant where the surface water goes directly to ground before the remaining water is channeled to the LA river.]*

**If State Inspectors are required to inspect suspicious loads, including untreated medical waste, and fail to do so, the waste, under no circumstances, will be buried at the landfill, but will be transported off-site to an approved disposal facility.**

*[This has been a problem in the county, due to the lack of available inspectors at the State level.]*

The video cameras already mandated by the City of Los Angeles will be required to cover, at a minimum, the working face of the landfill and the location where the required random daily load inspections take place.

There must be a prohibition against the acceptance of the following:

Sludge, and sludge products (digester screenings, floatable scum blankets, etc.)

All radioactive waste, including low-level radioactive waste, in any form.

Contaminated soil.

**Purchase and maintain emergency generators to guard against shut down of power to incineration equipment during an earthquake.** *[The incinerator was down for two days following the Northridge quake. The probability of renting a generator in times of a major quake is slim.]*

*Land Use and Planning Committee voted in favor of these Recommendations at meeting on June 20, 2003*