



Sunshine Canyon Landfill Permitting & Entitlements, San Fernando Valley, CA

Project Profile

Background

The Sunshine Canyon Landfill property straddles the City and County of Los Angeles boundary. The City side of the property began accepting Los Angeles area waste in 1958. These operations ceased in 1991, and five years later, operations began on the County side of the property. In 1999 the City approved reopening operations on its side of the boundary line. Once the City side was operational in 2005, there were two separate landfills in operation. Combining the separate City and County operations in a single landfill would meet the waste disposal need of the Countywide residents and businesses for at least the next 25 years.

DEI Scope of Work

- Coordinated engineering and project efforts for the development of the landfills infrastructure to combine the City and County sides of the site
- Obtain the permits required by City, State and Federal agencies to reopen the City landfill after the 1999 approval; and
- implement the approvals process to bring the County side into conformance between the County's 1993 CUP and the City's 1999 approvals, leading the way to joining the two separate operations.

DEI Team Activities

- Managed and produced the reports and approval activities to obtain from the LA County Board of Supervisors a replacement CUP that provided conformance between the County's 1993 CUP and the City's 1999 approvals, laying the foundation for a combined landfilling operation;
- Obtained all the City side permits and approvals required by City, State and Federal agencies including: Solid Waste Facilities Permit; Waste Discharge Requirements; 401 Certification; 404 Permit; 1603 Agreement; and 1150.1 Permit;
- Managed: (1) all the City-required transportation system improvements; (2) clearance by a Technical Advisory Committee; (3) hiring of independent City monitors to review air quality reports; and (4) compliance with all conditions of the 1999 City zone change; and
- Produced all reports to regulatory agencies and served as client spokesperson at public hearings and agency presentations including: California Integrated Waste Management Board; LA Regional Water Quality Control Board; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; California Department of Fish and Game; South Coast Air Quality Management District; and City of Los Angeles Planning Department.

Results

- Approval for a replacement CUP by the County Board of Supervisors was granted on February 6, 2007
- All approvals and permits for the City side of the landfill were received in July 2005 and operations were restarted on the City side of the property.

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