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## STATUS REPORT ON EASTERN AVENUE HILL IMPROVEMENTS

On January 19, 2010, your Board authorized my office to obtain final jurisdictional agency approvals to address post-closure maintenance related to the County-owned closed Blanchard Landfill and authorized the Department of Public Works to carry out the project.

### Background

Eastern Avenue Hill is located in East Los Angeles and houses existing operations for several County departments, including the Internal Services Department (ISD), Fire Department (Fire), the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff), and the non-operational Sybil Brand Institute (SBI). The 124.0 acre site also houses two non-active closed landfills, Blanchard (County-owned) and Cogen (privately-owned).

The Blanchard and Cogen Landfills have known deficiencies such as slope erosion, existing storm drain blockages, and landfill gas (LFG) generation. We have temporarily addressed these deficiencies with various short-term repairs.

### Current Status

To address long-term repairs on Eastern Avenue Hill, your Board authorized my office to obtain local jurisdictional agency approvals to carry out slope reconstruction, provide containment of the landfill debris, and improve the existing storm drainage system.

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In order to perform construction within 1,000 feet of landfills, the County was required to prepare a Post-Closure Land Use Plan (PLUP), which is a detailed document that outlines our repair strategies to address the deficiencies and protect the surrounding areas from adverse impacts of the closed landfills. The County's PLUP was submitted to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for review; and has subsequently been approved by the LEA on April 20, 2010, which allowed the County to proceed with the work outlined below.

### PLUP Components

- Repair failed Blanchard Landfill slopes and erosions;
- Repair and reconstruction of McBride Avenue that lies within Blanchard Landfill;
- Installation of various LFG monitoring probes surrounding both Blanchard and Cogen Landfills;
- Installation and monitoring of a groundwater well located at the south end of Blanchard Landfill;
- Landscape and hardscape at Blanchard and east slope;
- Regrade slope on County property near Time Warner Lot;
- Stabilize, repair, landscape and hardscape on south slope;
- Construct retaining slough wall at toe of south slope;
- Offsite drainage measures with landscape and hardscape at SBI; and
- Construct Eastern Avenue Hill storm drain system improvement measures.

The permanent slope and erosion repair drawings are complete. Construction includes permanent repairs to the failed slope and various smaller erosions at the Blanchard Landfill, and replacement of storm drain pipe that is currently damaged adjacent to the 710 Freeway. Work has commenced for the permanent repairs and is approximately 20 percent complete, with remaining tasks under design such as landscape and hardscape at Blanchard Landfill east and south slopes and construction of a retaining wall at the south slope. Completion of the PLUP components are scheduled for mid-2012.

### LFG and Groundwater Monitoring

The various LFG monitoring probes and groundwater well were installed and are currently collecting data. At the request of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), we will install a second groundwater well due to the fact that the initial groundwater well, where originally installed, did not encounter any groundwater; thus returning no data.

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Monitoring activities have been ongoing since May 2010 and will continue for two additional months. Upon completion of the monitoring phase, the data will be shared with the LEA and the RWQCB and used to determine the course of action, which could consist of various requirements: requests for additional testing and monitoring; design and installation of an active LFG extraction system; or additional mitigation measures to protect the groundwater quality.

### Master Schedule

A master schedule of the various tasks associated with the Eastern Avenue Hill Improvement Project and current status is attached. Also included is schedule information on two Board-approved capital projects, which are also located on Eastern Avenue Hill: the Special Enforcement Bureau Replacement Facility; and the Biscailuz Center Refurbishment Training Academy.

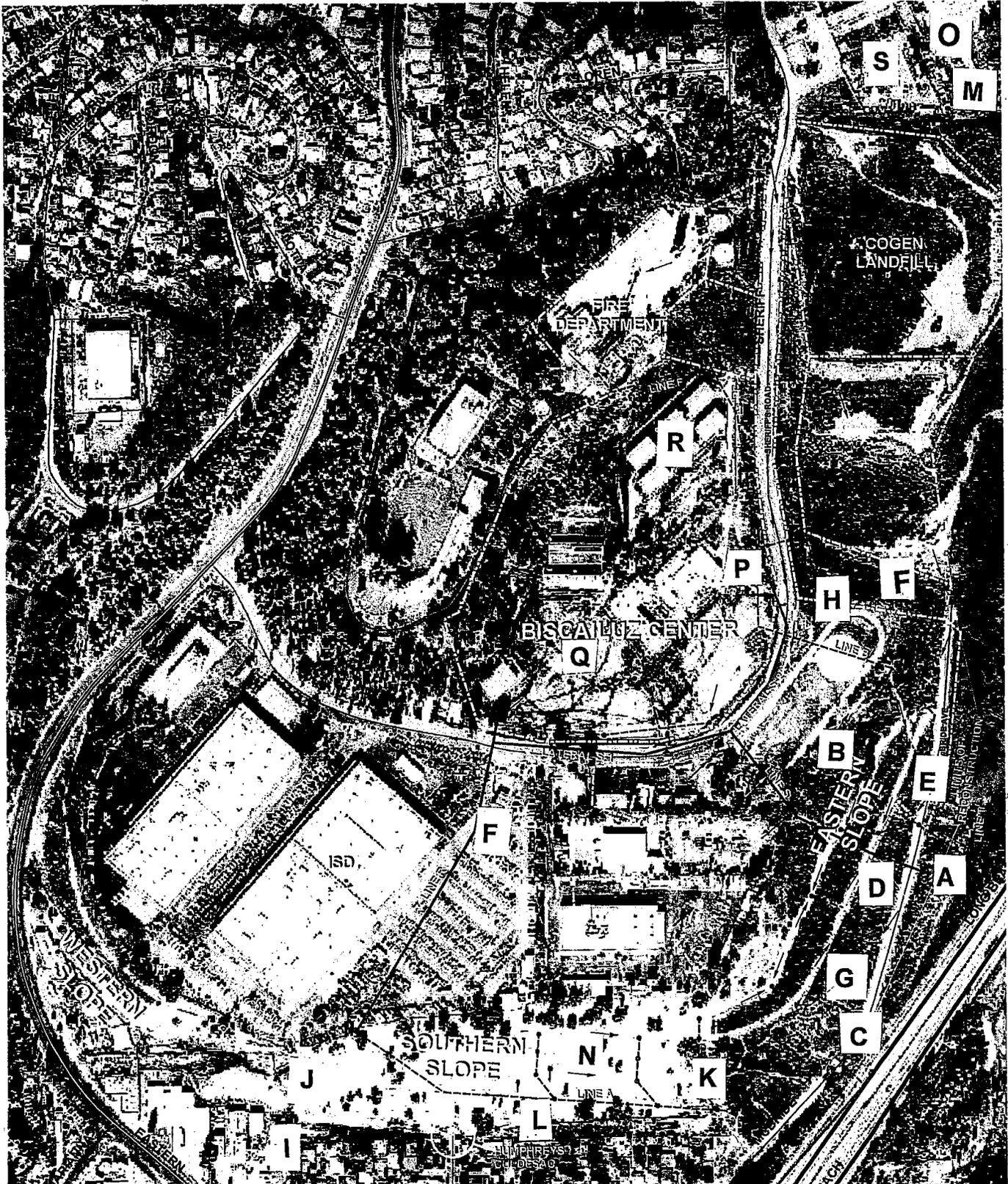
Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 974-1101 or your staff may contact Jan Takata at (213) 974-1360 or Tracey Jue at (213) 893-2472.

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Eastern Avenue Hill Complex Program  
Master Schedule and Monthly Report  
December 2010



**Eastern Hill Avenue Complex Program  
Schedule Summary  
December 2010**

| <b>Activity Description</b>                                 | <b>Start</b>  | <b>Finish</b>   | <b>% Complete</b> |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| A Temporary Repair Measure for Blanchard Slope              | <b>Oct-08</b> | <b>Complete</b> | 100%              |
| B LFG Monitoring Probes for Blanchard and Cogen Landfills   | <b>May-09</b> | Jan-11          | 90%               |
| C Installation and Monitoring of 2 Groundwater Monitoring W | <b>May-10</b> | Aug-12          | 10%               |
| D Repair Failed Blanchard Landfill Slopes and Erosions      | <b>Aug-10</b> | Feb-11          | 50%               |
| E Repair and Reconstruct McBride Avenue                     | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| F Eastern Hill Storm Drain Improvement Measures             | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| G Landscape/Hardscape at Blanchard/East Slope               | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 20% of Design     |
| H LFG Control System for Blanchard and Cogen Landfills      | Nov-11        | May-12          | 0%                |
| I Regrade Slope East of Time Warner Lot                     | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| J Stabilize and Repair Slope at West End of South Slope     | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| K Stabilize and Repair Slope at East End of South Slope     | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| L Slough Wall at Toe of South Slope                         | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| M SBI Offsite Drainage Improvement Measures                 | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 90% of Design     |
| N Landscape/Hardscape at South Slope                        | Apr-12        | Oct-12          | 20% of Design     |
| O Landscape/Hardscape at SBI Slope                          | Apr-12        | Oct-12          | 20% of Design     |
| P SEB Service Building                                      | Apr-11        | Nov-11          | 100% of Design    |
| Q Academy Relocation Amphitheatre and Site Work             | Oct-11        | May-12          | 20% of Design     |
| R Academy Relocation Remodel of 6 Buildings                 | May-11        | Jun-12          | 20% of Design     |
| S Methane Gas Monitoring/Mitigation Measure at SBI          | TBD           | TBD             | 0%                |