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29.		Favor	Cassandra F Bolden	
			Jordan R Sisson	Support with Four Recommendations
			Nashana Alexander	
			phoenix meurer	
			Vartan Pisikyan	
		Oppose	Aaron Keswick	
			Aaron Norr	The calababas landfill is steps away from schools and homes. During the city council meeting the army corps or engineers admitted their testing proves scam not guarantee isolation of toxic materials. All materials were burned together and their removal of toxic materials was based on sight identification of objects. Please please please invest in the safety and health of our children by sending this easy to a non-residential landfill. Your job is to protect us, not risk our safety our of convenience.
			Aaron J Julian	
			Abbey Landers	
			Adam Gangi	
			Adam Schenkel	Why in the world would you put known harmful toxins near a neighborhood. Haul it to a dump in the middle of the desert. The city let this happen, so the city needs to go and above and beyond to repair community trust or find yourself out of a job.
			Adeline Madeksho	
			Aditya Rajkondawar	
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29.		Oppose	Aimee Doherty	<p>I am writing to oppose this request and urge you to do the same. I am writing as a concerned homeowner who lives in Granada Hills north, on behalf of my elderly mother and myself, as a neighbor regarding the proposed plan to dump toxic fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. This landfill is NOT zoned to receive this kind of debris. It is already the largest landfill in CA and effecting our health.</p> <p>As you may be aware, this facility has been a source of constant odors and dust pollution affecting the surrounding neighborhoods, issues which have yet to be adequately addressed. Given the ongoing problems and over 2,000 complaints and 65 current violations in 2024, I and my neighbors have significant doubts about the landfill's capability to manage hazardous waste in a manner that ensures the health and safety of our community.</p> <p>The potential introduction of toxic fire debris, which could include harmful chemicals and materials from burnt structures, poses an even greater risk. ALL of the waste and debris from these fires, whether designated hazardous or not, is contaminated with toxic substances. There is also a reservoir very close to the facility. The landfill has not demonstrated through its current operations that it can correct the existing environmental nuisances, let alone handle the complexities associated with managing such hazardous materials. This lack of demonstrated competence severely undermines my confidence in any assurances that this waste will not further impact our health and safety.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose this emergency waiver and request to increase daily allowed ton of waste from 12,000 to 15,000 tons of waste including hazardous waste that this facility is not zoned for, to deny Republic's request for increased hours, and to advocate for alternative solutions that do not compromise the well-being of San Fernando Valley residents. I urge you to work with the City Attorneys' Office to get a temporary restraining order. I urge you to vote against any request for emergency waiver from Republic who owns the landfill to increase the tons allowed to dumped at the landfill from 12,000 to 15,000 per day and to increase hours of operation. I urge you to oppose this agenda.</p> <p>Our community deserves to live without the fear of toxic exposure, and it is imperative that we prioritize the health of our residents over expediency in waste management and financial gain for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.</p> <p>Please vote against the request, for the health & safety of myself, my mother, my neighbors, the children in my community.</p> <p>Thank you, Aimee Doherty</p>



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29.		Oppose	Aki Shimizu Kuhn	
			Albert Cervantes	To protect my family including my 2 young children it is imperative that we do not allow an increase in the tonnage accepted and mingle the Pandora's box of unknown fire toxins and debris into this landfill that is already prone to problems with odors and compliance. My community deserves more.
			Alees-Shelby Ladnier	Opposed to and concerned about bringing fire debris to the Calabasas Landfill , as it (may/will) potentially cause danger to the environment (air quality for breathing) and water supply (drinking) to neighboring communities.
			Alejandro Martinez	I am a homeowner from Granada Hills and I oppose the exemption. I would not have purchased my home if I knew that this was going to be an option.
			Aleks Navasardyan	
			Alex Gorban	<p>I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the plan to transport and dispose of toxic fire debris from the Pasadena fires at the Calabasas Landfill. This decision poses significant environmental and public health risks to our community, and it is unacceptable that residents were not properly consulted before such a hazardous action was considered.</p> <p>Calabasas residents should not be forced to bear the burden of toxic waste that could compromise air and water quality, potentially causing long-term health issues. The landfill is not an appropriate site for such hazardous materials, and alternative solutions must be explored—ones that prioritize safety and transparency.</p> <p>I urge the city to halt this plan immediately and engage with affected communities to find a responsible and sustainable approach to waste disposal. Our health and environment should not be put at risk for the convenience of a short-sighted decision.</p> <p>Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to a plan that ensures the well-being of all residents.</p>
			Alexa Azal	
			Alexander Stein	Throw the toxic dump in the desert where nobody lives. What am I paying taxes for if the city then decides to poison me and my family instead of paying for a safe deposit in uninhabited areas? The fact that this is even considered is absolutely mind-boggling.



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29.		Oppose	Alexandra Chernukha	My 5 and 7 year old daughters attend Lupin Hill Elementary and we live around the corner from the school. While we are heartbroken by the devastation and loss from these recent fires, we've been told for the entire month of January how dangerous the ash is, and now they want to dump it in a landfill by our homes, schools, and parks. There are many other landfill options that are NOT in residential neighborhoods. They are just farther away, so it takes more time and money. There is no price that can be put on the health and welfare of our children, neighbors and wildlife. Please do not allow short sighted gains be at the expense of our lives... not to mention the impact it will have on property values and the tax revenue you rely on from the homes in our area.
			Alexxa Corben	
			Alfredo Unikel	This is a ridiculous proposition. There are massive potential health consequences to children and other members of this community. Shameful on this entity for putting this forward and endangering the long term health of our families. No all around on this one!
			Alice Nusinow	
			Alicia Solter	



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29.		Oppose	Alison Enache	<p>Sunshine Canyon Landfill is steps away from my six year old son's elementary school . His health and those of every child in the neighborhood, as well as any other person with a growing or compromised immune system, is susceptible to severe health effects. According to scientists and legal standards normally in effect, when toxic ash is disposed of in a non-hazardous landfill, there is a higher risk of contamination compared to disposal in a hazardous waste facility. Sunshine Canyon lacks a proper liner, and the liner is susceptible to leaking toxic metals like arsenic, lead and mercury which can then leach into the soil and groundwater.</p> <p>Toxic ash can produce leachate and Sunshine Canyon does not have an effective leachate collection and treatment system. Also, the landfill is located in an area with highly permeable soil, so contamination can spread more easily to nearby water sources.</p> <p>If improperly handled, fine ash particles can easily be carried by the wind so if the landfill does not have proper covering procedures, wind dispersion can spread toxic dust into the air. Dry and windy conditions near Sunshine Canyon increase the risk of airborne contamination. Sunshine Canyon uses soil cover to prevent windborne dust, but if not properly maintained (as seen by the improper maintenance of existing trash at Sunshine Canyon and the resulting smells in the area), ash can become airborne, leading to inhalation risks for the large residential community near the landfill.</p> <p>Disposing of toxic ash (which the EPA should classify this debris as) in a non-hazardous landfill raises significant environmental risks, particularly if the landfill is improperly managed. Proper disposal in a regulated facility designed for hazardous materials is the best way to minimize these risks, not using a municipal trash facility.</p> <p>Please consider the health of thousands of nearby residents of this landfill.</p>
			Allan Freedman	
			Allanhy Ceballos	
			Allegra Siman-Tov	Greatly oppose the decision to use the Calabasas landfill.
			Allen Goldfarb	Very dangerous
			Alley Scheidemann	
			Allison Hagendorf Jaffe	



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29.		Oppose	Allison Kerman	This is not safe to be disposing of the toxic ash/remnants from the fires in my neighborhood. There are many children and animals/pets and schools nearby. This is not safe for all of us living here and poses many health risks for all of us.
			Allison Leff	
			Allison Tilakamonkul	I will vote out any politician allowing this to happen.
			Allison W Shankman	100 percent oppose.
			Alyse Plotkin	
			Amanda Regenstreif	
			Amanda Spray	Save the air quality. Schools and homes are close by and will impact health quality.
			Amber Aliano	
			Amber Counsell	
			Ami Philipp	Toxic waste coming to our neighborhoods-no thank you
			Amie Tolson	I am a resident home owner of Calabasas, and a mother. I heard that The State of California and LA County are planning to start dumping hazardous waste as early as next week in the Calabasas Landfill. The county has indicated that this is part of phase 2 "non toxic waste" but after hearing from the army corps of engineers at the calabasas city council meeting Wednesday night it's clear that there is NO CERTAIN way to guarantee our children's health, our lives won't be impacted. We oppose any and all waste from the fire coming to the calabasas landfill. We will do everything in our power to stop this and demand Supervisor Horvath and Governor Newsom act NOW to divert all waste somewhere else that is NOT IN A RESIDENTIAL neighborhood steps from our homes, parks, and schools.



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29.		Oppose	amjad Chahayed	would you out fire debris in a known wind tunnel that is already plagued with trash odors. This is exactly what you would do if you allowed sunshine canyon la fill to increase tonnage and operating hours for the fire debris. There is not a worse place in California that you could put this fire-related debris in from Phase 2. The landfill is a PUBLIC NUISANCE located in a WIND TUNNEL in which the landfill operators plan to dump the material high up on an exposed south facing slope approximately 384,000 tons in 120 days. Fire-related potentially hazardous waste that they will have to keep wet to prevent it from drying out and becoming airborne until it is covered at the end of the day. And don't you forget that the US Army Corp of Engineers will be using 10-ton trucks and resulting in 69,600 trip ends which will further degrade our air quality and impact our local traffic further risking the health, safety and welfare of the communities of Granada Hills and Sylmar. there must be other places to take the debris. just because sunshine canyon landfill is conveniently located, does not mean it is right or appropriate to use the site. the army corps of engineers doesn't know the are so they m or recommendation is misguided just like that's LA public works.
			Amy Borselli	The calabasas landfill is right next to our home. There no realistic way you can guarantee the air and soil quality so please reconsider adding so much debris to this location. There are schools, parks, families all a stone throw away from what will very likely contain hazardous material.
			Amy Davidson	
			Amy Lee	
			Amy C Gluckman	Absolutely unacceptable to have fire debris in a landfill in a residential area. This will affect the quality of our water and air and is not acceptable
			Anagha Padhye	
			Anait Sogbatian	
			Anas Hado	
			Anasheh Nazari	
			Andrea Chernin	This is extremely unacceptable. It must be stopped. There's a brigade of residents ready to fight the hell out of this so it is wise not to move forward. Find another location that is far far away from Calabasas.
			Andrea Feuerstein	
			Andrea Francini	Do not dump toxic waste near our homes, parks or schools . It needs to be taken as far away as possible from Calabasas.
			Andrea Provenzale	Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, I am writing today in



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opposition of Agenda item 29. Sunshine Canyon Landfill is a candidate to receive ash and soil debris from the recent California fires. This landfill has a history of excessive fugitive odor complaints and notices of violation that have been ongoing since 2008. It took the Aliso Canyon blowout, and now it is the California wildfires, for anyone but the AQMD to listen, resulting in Abatement Order hearings. The negative nuisance numbers have been adding up, and from 2009 through 2024, there have been 27,146 residential odor complaints, 376 notices of violation related to nuisance odors, and 17 operational Notices of Violation (NOVs). Last year, 2024, was the worst year ever with 2187 odor complaints, 65 odor NOV's and 2 operational notices of violation. What most people don't know is that the AQMD was considering Sunshine Canyon Landfill for yet another abatement order hearing, which if deemed necessary, would limit hours and the amount of trash they could take in, until they took corrective action to address the offsite odors and terrible dust problem. If they are granted a waiver to take in this fire debris, they will be allowed to not only EXTEND their working hours, but also to take in up to 3,000 additional tons of trash a DAY. With this, the hearing for an Abatement Order would most certainly end up on the back burner. The last order had them limit their hours and trash while they spent millions to supposedly correct issues that they themselves, admitted to. For a period of time, things did resolve, but now those numbers are over the top yet again. In other words, this landfill will be rewarded for their bad behavior and false promises. While I feel for the displaced residents and for what they have lost, in some cases everything, this should not give anyone the right to inflict damage on another community. There are other options. I realize the issue before you is not to address odors, but I am bringing it up because they are rule breakers, reactive, rather than proactive, and rarely take corrective measures unless they are forced to. And when I say forced to, I mean spend money to remedy a problem. They are terrible at managing what they already have because the equipment is old, inadequate and broken. They will tell you about the millions they have invested. I don't care how much they spend or frankly how much they make, I just want a good neighbor, and they have never been that. They are a major player in the United States when it comes to landfilling, but they just can't seem to get it right with Sunshine. In a recent 2/13/25 zoom virtual town hall put on by Supervisor Lindsay Horvath's office, they landfill management was asked about increasing the staff to help with the extra hours and tonnage, and the answer was that they were hoping to, or working on it, or something equally non-committal. You can always count on one thing with the operators of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and that is that they know the language of "double-speak". They have a revolving door of managers and when the new guy is asked to answer for an issue, many times you get that they just replaced someone, and not yet up to speed. Well they certainly have no experience taking in this volume of untested fire debris at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It needs to get there, be buried and covered. They have been "experimenting" with various types of daily cover. Which experiment will this be? What if in the landfilling process these ash burritos break open? They did not have an answer for that either. Someone asked a purely softball PR question of will the landfill close sooner if they take in the toxic waste? The answer was yes. That is a bit of a stretch, trying to make us want the



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	<p>extra waste because they hear that it might close sooner in the same sentence. The Army Corp of Engineers and others were asked if this was odorless, and we were told they believe so or they think so. You can't always smell dangerous chemicals in airborne dusty debris. What exactly will we be exposed to? No one will say, except that the Army Corp of Engineers has doubled down on NOT testing this "stuff" before they send it off to the landfill. Sunshine Canyon Landfill asked to be considered for this because the tipping fees are a money maker for them, but also to avoid "the long arm of the law" aka the AQMD Hearing Board, not because they know what to do if there is a problem burying these toxic burrito wrapped parcels containing dangerous chemicals harmful to life, or because they care and desperately want to be a part of the solution. I know far too much about best landfill practices and if you need a case study on how not to do it, look no farther than the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. If the Board of Supervisors agrees to this, you are basically telling us that the citizens of Granada Hills and Sylmar are dispensable and less than, including the children that attend our local schools who already have days where they are confined to their classrooms because of the landfill gas and garbage odor stench. Please consider taking OTHER action, and not allowing the debris from the fires to be deposited at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Thank you. Best regards, Andrea Provenzale, Granada Hills resident since 1989.</p>
Andrew Chahayed	<p>i strongly oppose this measure as it relates to Sunshine Canyon landfill. they are a horrible business that can't handle what they have now. do not trust them with more.</p>
Andrew Grano	<p>This is toxic debris, you CANNOT dump it so close to homes, parks, and schools!</p>
Andrew Kelley	<p>As a parent of current and future Lupin Hull Elementary students the number of important limits and restrictions being blatantly steamrolled is appalling. There are far better sites much further from schools. STRONGLY oppose.</p>
Andrew Petersen	<p>Do not dump at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. You would be putting our children at risk for health issues.</p>
Andrew Rozendal	<p>Even a well-managed Landfill this close to the city shouldn't receive debris that we're trying to get away from homes! But this is not a well-managed landfill. Last year alone the Sunshine Canyon Landfill received 2,187 air quality complaints resulting in 65 official Notices of Violation. Over a decade ago they had to settle a huge lawsuit with the surrounding citizens which not only included a financial settlement but also a commitment to increase mitigation. And yet, last year was the worst on record for complaints and Violations. So it's getting worse, and that's with existing tonnage caps and toxicity guidelines.</p> <p>Nothing so far has motivated them to clean up their act, and now you want to increase the trash they're allowed to take AND waive environmental protections?!</p> <p>And let's not kid ourselves saying this debris isn't dangerous, or that the bad stuff is going somewhere else. If it weren't dangerous, then you wouldn't need</p>



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	a waiver from the California Environmental Quality Act. 15,000 People live within just a two mile radius of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. If our goal is to get this bad debris away from the victims of the fires, let's not create new victims by dumping it in someone else's backyard.
Angela Suarez	
Angelico Rodriguez	
Angie Orellana	
Ani Esmaili	Do not harm our children!
Ani Perez	I don't want my family and neighbors to be exposed to hazardous waste that comes from the burn areas. My son has severe allergies and suffers with the poor air quality as it is. I can't imagine how much worse it's going to get with this waiver passing.
Anita Berzins	I strongly oppose fire debris being dumped into sunshine canyon landfill
Anita McQuillan	I express a strong opposition to any and all fire debris being transported and disposed of at the Calabasas landfill.
Ankita Goel	
Anna Shumway	
ANTHONY COSTA	We already have a problem with the methane gass at sunshine landfill for years and nothing has been done.This would be a huge problem and health risk as Landfills also release toxins into the soil and groundwater. These toxins can include arsenic, lead, and mercury. I do not want this in my area affecting my family and children.
Araciel Barba	
Aria Starus	
Ariana Rajae	Please for the safety of our children, please consider alternative options for disposal. Emptying into the Calabasas landfill will impact our next generation of young and healthy children. There are miles and miles of open land throughout California that could be alternative locations.
Arielle Harrison	
Arkady Fiks	Enough polluting in our area! Please find another dump!
Arlene Hovsepien	Our elderly, babies, and children need clean air!!!
Arline Melkonian	I am writing to OPPOSE the dumping of ANY hazardous and toxic fire debris waste from the recent Eaton and Palisades fires that are being planned to be dumped at the sunshine canyon landfill. Residents of the North San Fernando Valley will no longer be forced into submission as in years past, poisoned for the convenience and benefit of other neighborhoods. We deserve to breathe the air without fear of heavy metals and carcinogens poisoning our and our



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children's bodies especially the young population here who are particularly vulnerable as their bodies and lungs are still developing.

As a resident within 1 mile of this site and as a parent and community volunteer at our local schools, I vehemently oppose the proposal to dump debris that will result in the poisonous, toxic air and particulate matter that will most certainly be driven into the ambient air in our community and breathed by the people who live and work here. This is an unacceptable decision and must be reversed immediately, especially given the terrible history of non-compliance and the consistent, repeat violations committed by operators of this landfill. We have been beleaguered by this intolerable problem for decades and they only grow worse each day.

This landfill was never designed to handle ANY waste let alone TOXIC waste that contains brain-damaging heavy metals and cancer-causing poisons. This landfill is and continues to be uniquely problematic and has been for decades given the demonstrated and proven faulty and sub-standard infrastructure that allows for emissions of fugitive toxic gases and odors and given that it is situated in a wind tunnel that drives all this poison and stench directly into our homes and schools! Indeed, it has faced a record number of notices of violations (nearly 400) and over 17,000 complaints with 2024 proving to be the worst year ever for notice of violations and odor complaints!

Young children at Van Gogh Elementary school often must retreat to classrooms at recess and lunch due to the putrid odors emanating directly from the landfill. Because the community is situated in the direct scope of the wind tunnel, these noxious odors are funneled directly into homes and schools. Even more disturbing than the trash stench, is the fact that because this landfill for decades has proven it lacks the capacity to control the odors, and as the AQMD reports each year, the current stench also currently carries with it ODORLESS fugitive gases, poisonous toxins, and carcinogenic fumes into the community. And now the community is faced yet again with an additional and even graver possibility of having thousands of tons of KNOWN toxic soil from the fire debris dumped into it each day for the next 6 months! This is shocking and UNCONSCIONABLE to KNOWINGLY expose countless tons of additional lethally dangerous gases to our community.

Even if public officials claim that they will "test" the soil, it is quite clear that not every ounce of soil will be tested, and that testing is futile as the topsoil of the burned areas will in fact contain toxins. Even beyond the 6 inches that are being removed, the toxins seep down several feet in the ground so it is undeniable that the top layers of the ground will be the most impacted with hazards. The beaches in the Palisades areas have issued warnings to beachgoers to be cautious on the sand as the burned debris contains hazardous materials. Moreover, we see the Army Corps of Engineers wearing hazmat suits while scraping material off the burn sites, and what the county is proposing amounts to a fictional stroke of magic that they want us to believe will somehow render the material non-hazardous once it is dumped off the 10-



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	<p>ton trucks!</p> <p>The risks to human health far outweigh any benefits that the city or county believe are warranted in justifying this decision. It is incomprehensible and inconceivable that public entities would knowingly permit the equivalent of a pipeline of lethal gases and poisonous particulate matter that blow directly into our homes and schools!</p> <p>How long does our community have to live in these third world conditions? It defies logic and shocks the conscience of any human being to bring more and more hazardous conditions into our community. Despite any and all measures that will be taken to mitigate the release of toxic dust and particulate matter, the release of these poisonous substances and emissions into the ambient air are most definitely, and are proven to be, inevitable, given the noncompliant operations of this landfill, and given the fact that it is located in a wind tunnel with wind speeds clocking upwards of 80 miles per hour on a regular basis.</p> <p>Please take any and all actions to unequivocally NOT permit the dumping of ANY fire debris at this landfill.</p>
Armen Barseghyan	
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Armen Keshishian	<p>OPPOSE this proposal to allow ANY fire debris to be disposed at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. This facility is a public nuisance and incapable of managing the daily waste that comes in. The community is currently dealing with a daily onslaught of putrid odors and all the fugitive toxic gases and particulate matter that flow from the wind tunnel in which the landfill is situated directly to our homes, schools, and parks. This is the worst possible location to bring in the countless tons of fire debris that is KNOWN and ADMITTED to be toxic since it is well-documented that this landfill is non-compliant and it is inevitable that these poisons will be breathed by all who live here no matter what purported safety measures are taken!</p>
Armen Khachatryan	
Armenak Ogotsyan	
Armenuhi Amy Dovlatyan	
Armida Hernandez	
Armine Ratevosian	
Artak Sogoyan	
Ashlee Berard	
Ashley Kulik	



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Ashley Marlowe	
Ashley Towe	
Ashok Sreepathi	We oppose any toxic fire debris disposal at Sunshine Canyon.
Ashutosh Joshi	
Astghik Hovsepyan	
Ava Belinsky	I vehemently oppose the Sunshine Canyon Landfill taking any type of fire Debris. It is unconscionable to allow debris that at the very least has been exposed to toxic material, this close to homes and neighborhoods. This landfill has proven incapable to operate as a reliable facility. There is no way for anyone to prove to the public the landfill will not be negligent now or in the future. The fact that this landfill is so close to the Water Cascade where the greater Los Angeles gets water from, is a huge red flag. I hope you care more than to expose the public to this atrocity.
Aviva Ebner	The Sunshine Canyon Landfill and its operators are incapable of properly storing debris from the fires, or any waste, for that matter. They had 65 notices of violation last year alone. This is a long time pattern of theirs. In what world do you honestly believe that they will suddenly prevent dust, toxins, and noxious fumes from negatively impacting my home and those of the entire community? The landfill is located along a wind corridor, and the dust/debris/fumes are carried by the wind directly to our neighborhood. Additionally, the Army Corps of Engineers will NOT be testing the debris for toxins. My pregnant daughter and her husband have been unable to inhabit their home, which survived the Eaton Fire which destroyed home one block away from them, due to the contaminants from fire debris. Owners of surviving homes in Altadena have been sharing their private lab testing results (ServPro, JLM, LY Environmental, Hygiene Tech, Clear Air Environmental) from their homes prior to remediation, and the testing reveals unsafe levels of lead, asbestos, arsenic, and volatile organic compounds. This toxic debris will then be transported to our neighborhood to a dump whose operators have a proven track record for preferring penalties over safe operations. That landfill, which was closed when I purchased my home, was reopened and has since resulted in days where we cannot open our doors or windows, and causing respiratory issues, nausea, headaches, dizziness, and auto-immune issues. If you have any integrity whatsoever, do NOT allow this debris to be dumped within many miles of any residential neighborhoods, especially not at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which has yet to be operated without violations.
Azita Adle Rambod	Keep our community safe and free of toxic waste - this is a neighborhood with schools, residences, businesses, -
Azita Iskandar	This is UNBELIEVABLE. Whoever is responsible for this plan is reprehensible. This landfill should NOT be accepting toxic fire debris, given the landfill's location right near houses, schools, and parks. I STRONGLY OPPOSE.
Azzie Fiouzi	This waste cannot and should not need In proximity to our homes! We go not



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	want it in calabasas
Bahar Velazquez	
Barbara Lipkin	The Calabasas landfill has already affected prices/ values for neighboring homes. As an active realtor and neighboring resident, this debris should not go to this landfill.
Barbara Malin	The charred debris doesn't belong in Sunshine Canyon Landfill. LA City must find a more suitable location, not this one. Too close to homes and too much of it for this landfill. Please hear our voices, this is not good for those of us who live here. Other landfills must be utilized away from residential areas. Thank you for your opposition. Barbara Malin
Beba Saba	
Becky Leveque	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods!! It's unacceptable to my neighborhood.
Ben Maslan	Protect our kids! No dumping of hazardous fire debris in the calabasas landfill at all!
Ben Salem	It is unethical to distribute hazardous material to local landfills which reside in residential areas near parks and schools.
Benjamin Lieberman	
Beth Cohanin	
Bethany Sternbaum	I oppose the disposable of toxic waste from the fires being brought to Sunshine Canyon. This should not be disposed of near residential areas, especially with Sunshine Canyon's lengthy history of NOVs and its proximity to the water treatment facility. Sunshine canyon is directly upwind from the San Fernando Valley and any mistake could effect huge populations of people.
BEVERLY ROTHMAN	Dangerous to all living things Sunshine landfill has had many violations & is still violating, long history of complaints Too close to residents, water reclamation plant Schools
BEVERLY E DUPREE	I AM OPPOSED TO THE DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE MATERIALS FROM THE ALTEDENA/PASADENA – ESTON FIRE AND THE PACIFIC PALISADES FIRES IN JANUARY ANYWHERE IN THE SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA AREAS LANDFILLS. THESE MATERIALS POTENTIALLY PRESENTS SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS TO OUR COMMUNITY
Blanca Nevarez	I oppose to bring tones of debris cause by the recent fires
Bonnie Rodich	



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Brandi Trevino	
Brandon Kaufer	
Brenda Castellon	Opposed to fire debris entering sunshine Canyon
Brenna P Gutell	Please do not allow toxins from the fire debris to be dumped at the Calabasas landfill the will post a health risk to our community
Brian Jaffe	
Brian Shneider	Fire debris, ash and dirt will have high levels of heavy metals which are toxic. I oppose any fire waste being dumped at Sunshine Canyon. This landfill is in a wind tunnel and the dump is mismanaged enough as it is. Adding this waste puts the health of the community in danger .
Brigid E Hyssong	Sunshine Canyon Landfill.
Britt Stuart	
Brooke Ebner	The Sunshine Canyon Landfill and its operators have proven time and again that they are unable to prevent particles pollution from escaping the dump. They had 65 NOVs last year. They have NOVs every year. I have family in Altadena. They and their neighbors used private certified labs that tested fire debris. Testing showed the debris has unsafe levels of lead, asbestos, and other toxins. These toxins will blow directly into our homes because of the winds here and the landfill's inability to stop their violations. This dump should never have been reopened.
Bruce Keswick	
Bryan Weiser	
calin enache	<p>Expanding the tonnage limits at Sunshine Canyon Landfill would be a serious mistake, and bringing hazardous waste from the recent LA fires to this site only adds to the risk. My child attends an elementary school just steps from the landfill, and the health of every child in the area—as well as anyone with a vulnerable immune system—is in jeopardy. Toxic ash and fire debris contain dangerous contaminants that should not be disposed of in a standard landfill, especially one that is not properly designed to handle hazardous waste.</p> <p>Sunshine Canyon is not equipped to safely contain this type of material. The landfill's liner is prone to leaks, which means heavy metals like arsenic, lead, and mercury can seep into the soil and groundwater. Additionally, the landfill lacks a proper system for collecting and treating leachate—the toxic liquid that forms when hazardous materials break down. Given the highly permeable soil in the area, contamination could spread quickly to nearby water sources, creating long-term environmental and public health risks.</p> <p>There's also a major concern about airborne pollution. If fire ash and other hazardous debris are not handled correctly, fine particles can be carried by the wind, especially in the dry, gusty conditions common to this region. While Sunshine Canyon claims to mitigate this with soil coverings, past mismanagement—such as persistent odor issues from improperly maintained</p>



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	<p>trash—raises serious concerns about their ability to prevent toxic dust from spreading into nearby communities.</p> <p>Sunshine Canyon is simply the wrong place for this kind of waste. The EPA should classify fire debris as hazardous and require it to be disposed of in a properly regulated facility—not a municipal landfill near homes and schools. Expanding the landfill's capacity and allowing fire-related hazardous waste to be dumped here will only put thousands of residents at greater risk. I urge officials to prioritize public health and prevent this nightmare from moving forward.</p>
Calvin Fefferman	<p>Please do not allow the toxic hazardous fire waste to go to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. They already can't handle the trash they receive and I had to move from my home school Van Gogh to a school 4 miles away. There were so many days last year that recess was cancelled because the trash smelled so bad. It is dangerous to all of us!</p>
Camie Holmes	<p>Please do not dump hazardous materials into our landfill! This landfill is mere yards away from homes and families and is one of the only landfills to be near such a populated area. We are aware of the Phases of cleanup and we do now know from the Army Corps of Engineers that they cannot guarantee this waste is completely safe. We know this is a rush job due to Federal Mandate and mistakes will be made. This is an unprecedented amount of debris and the impact on human health is unknown. DO NOT RISK THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS LIVES BECAUSE IT IS CONVENIENT. I ask you to help us in stopping this matter. It is important that you do what is right.</p>
camillo Napolitano	<p>I oppose this because I don't want toxic materials close to where I live and where my three kids go to school and I do not want our community to be exposed to these toxins. The waste from the fires should be disposed of in a remote area in another part of the United States where it won't affect any communities.</p>
Candace C Caballero	
candice Dobkousky	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal of disposing fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill. This landfill is in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, and parks, and introducing potentially hazardous materials poses significant health and environmental risks to our community.</p> <p>Historically, communities near landfills accepting hazardous waste have experienced increased health issues, including respiratory problems and higher cancer rates, due to exposure to airborne toxins. The assurance of completely eliminating hazardous materials from the debris is not feasible, and the potential for contamination remains a serious concern.</p> <p>Furthermore, the decision-making process has lacked transparency, with insufficient information provided regarding the methods for hazardous material identification and removal, the volume of debris to be processed, and the transportation routes to be utilized. This absence of critical details undermines public trust and confidence in the safety measures purportedly in</p>



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	<p>place.</p> <p>It is imperative to consider alternative disposal sites that are situated away from residential areas. For instance, the Antelope Valley Public Landfill in Palmdale and the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Castaic are located farther from densely populated communities and may present safer options for debris disposal.</p> <p>Additionally, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park has suggested managing the debris within the burn areas themselves to prevent environmental harm and contamination. This approach could mitigate the risks associated with transporting and disposing of hazardous materials in or near residential communities.</p> <p>I urge you to reject the waiver permitting fire debris disposal at the Calabasas Landfill and to explore these alternative solutions that prioritize the health and safety of our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Candice Dobkousky</p>
Candice Steiner	
Cara Shapiro	There are homes, parks, schools etc right near the landfill. You cannot guarantee, with human error, that all toxins have been removed. Putting citizens at health risk is NOT OK!!!!
Carla Belnap-Tempesta	We cannot have ANY of the debris in our landfill!!!! Keep our children and health safe from the toxic debris!! Thank you.
Carmen Duran	
Carol Khantzis	Inadequate analysis of future risks to public health and environment, No analysis of anything below first 6 inches top soil. Send this waste back to Malibu !
Caroline Fogarty	SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL
Carolyn Pham	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Caryn Day	The part of the San Fernando Valley has already had to endure Aliso Canyon disaster and that still continues. Find another area for this toxic waste
Casey Weinstein	
Cassandra Lenchoni	
Catherine Greco	Calabasas should not be used as a landfill for ash that cannot be proven to be non-toxic. Schools and parks are there and family neighborhoods. Our city council had no input and this is a rushed decision that could be dangerous for our health for years to come. The fires were devastating. Don't clean up one community by causing potential devastation in another.
Cathy Pennington	Not good Sunshine landfill had people getting sick last year and was sighted



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	with 60 violations! They should not have any type of hazardous waste here!
Charleen Ternian	
Charlotte Conti	
Cheri Derohanian	I live in the Northern foot hills of Granada Hills. I strongly oppose any additional refuse from anywhere, including Fire waste, ashes, debris cleanup, autos burned materials from ANY of the Los Angeles fires occurred on February, 2025. This is not acceptable and not safe for any residents to experience additional dunes and toxic fire debris odors. We oppose this vehemently! Do not extend any additional permissions or exceptions to whatever rules you have. NO NEW REFUSE, No Toxic fire refuse can be added to Sunshine Canton landfill. Thank you.
Cheryl Baldi	Do not bring toxic waste into Calabasas. I've lived here for over 20 years and have raised my kids here. They can't tell me that there isn't toxic materials in these truck loads and I can't imagine that they could do this without city leaders even knowing what's happening. It's terrible and it must be stopped! Protect our beloved community! We don't want toxic waste here! We want to protect our family's health! Please hear our voice! Please stop this now!!
Chheng Lov	Please don't dump toxic waste in Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Chloe Belinsky	Do not bring this fire debris to Sunshine Canyon which has proven to be an inept landfill situated so close to water sources and homes.
Chris Hebert	Sunshine canyon is not an acceptable location for the hazardous waste from the fires. As a nearby resident we already suffer from health hazards created by the dump. They repeatedly violate their operating agreement and we were promised it would shot down 20 years ago. Vote NO and defend your people!!!
Christi Salem	This is hazardous material and should not go to local landfills.
Christina Haratian	Opposition to Toxic Fire Waste at Sunshine Canyon
Christina Mccarthy	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our
Christine Cooper	
Christine Sahai	I strongly oppose any increase in tonnage at Sunshine Canyon landfill. The local communities have long suffered as the toxic storage and dumping ground for LA City with both Aliso Canyon gas leak and the ever-present issues with Sunshine Canyon operations as it is. Sunshine Canyon has received record complaints and NOVs, this is not the location to dump insufficiently tested potential toxic waste from fires. I am not alone. This community is fed-up. At time of writing this, in just two days over 650 residents have signed a petition voicing their opposition to the plans. change.org/p/stop-dumping-of-toxic-fire-debris-into-local-unfit-landfills?recruiter=1147772229&recruited_by_id=603cc260-f2f7-11ea-8ef5-8fd646e44870&utm_source=share_petition&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=dae7



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	<p>f559914645fb9aee21162507ffe5 &utm_medium=copypink&utm_content=cl_sharecopy_490422317_en-US%3A3</p> <p>DO NOT SUBJECT RESIDENTS ALREADY STRUGGLING WITH SO MUCH EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL SUBSTANCES FOR THE CITY'S CONVENIENCES TO EVEN MORE TRASH!</p>
Christine van Eyck	<p>I am strongly opposing this item as it will result in our local landfill being used for materials that will affect local residents in a negative way. There are tons of toxic chemicals that will cause cancers and other health problems for the local residents and wildlife as well. It is well known that the homes that burned in the recent fires have old structures and are filled with asbestos and other cancer causing chemicals. These cannot be dumped in Granada Hills, or anywhere near residential homes.</p>
Christopher L Madeksho	<p>Insanity to allow this around children and families.</p>
Ciro Lucci	<p>My 5 and 7 year old great granddaughters attend Lupin Hill Elementary and we live around the corner from the school. While we are heartbroken by the devastation and loss from these recent fires, we've been told for the entire month of January how dangerous the ash is, and now they want to dump it in a landfill by our homes, schools, and parks. There are many other landfill options that are NOT in residential neighborhoods. They are just farther away, so it takes more time and money. There is no price that can be put on the health and welfare of our children, neighbors and wildlife. Please do not allow short sighted gains be at the expense of our lives... not to mention the impact it will have on property values and the tax revenue you rely on from the homes in our area.</p>
Claudia Chavez	
Cori Maekawa	<p>I am writing to express my deep concern and profound disappointment regarding the recent decision to allow the state to dump 6,000 tons of waste from the Palisades fire into our landfills in Calabasas. As a long-time resident who grew up in this beautiful city and now raises my own family here, I am deeply troubled by the health and environmental risks posed by this decision.</p> <p>While I understand the urgency of cleaning up the aftermath of such a devastating event, moving toxic waste to our city is not an acceptable solution. This decision amplifies the devastation, and I fear it will have long-lasting harmful effects on the health of our community, especially for our children, our pets, and the environment. I am a parent of two small children, and it is our job to protect them from unnecessary dangers. By allowing such hazardous material to be brought into our city, we are exposing future generations to potential long-term health risks.</p> <p>There are numerous reasons why living near toxic waste is dangerous, and I urge you to reconsider the placement of this waste in our landfills until a safer, more appropriate solution can be found. The following are key</p>



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concerns:

Air and Water Contamination: Hazardous chemicals in fire debris, such as heavy metals, asbestos, and carcinogens, can leach into our groundwater and contaminate local water supplies. The fine particulate matter in the air can also cause respiratory issues, particularly for young children and those with pre-existing health conditions.

Health Risks: Prolonged exposure to toxic waste can lead to long-term health problems, including respiratory illnesses, neurological damage, developmental issues in children, and even cancer. For our community members, particularly those with children and the elderly, these risks are unacceptable.

Property Values and Community Well-being: The presence of hazardous waste in our landfills can significantly reduce property values, making it difficult for homeowners to sell their homes. Additionally, the mental and emotional strain on residents, knowing that harmful materials are being stored near their homes, can have a detrimental effect on community well-being.

Long-Term Environmental Damage: The environmental consequences of storing toxic waste are profound and long-lasting. Contaminated land and soil can take years or even decades to restore, and the long-term effects on our local ecosystem are incalculable.

Impact on Wildlife and Domestic Animals: Toxic waste poses significant threats to local wildlife, as well as our domestic pets. Animals that come into contact with hazardous materials or ingest contaminated food and water may experience serious health problems or death.

I strongly urge you to halt the practice of disposing of fire debris in our city's landfills until a comprehensive, safer solution can be developed. Our city has always been known for its natural beauty, safe environment, and family-friendly atmosphere, and it is critical that we protect these qualities for current and future generations.

Please consider the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Calabasas and take immediate action to stop this hazardous dumping. We trust in your leadership to find a better, safer solution for dealing with the aftermath of the Palisades fire.

Cori Marcus	
Corinne Heller-Ingraham	
Cortland Jell	Please stop the increased disposal of toxic fire debris in a highly populated area of schools and homes.
Courtney Daly	



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Craig Gluckman	
Cyndia Zumpft-Klein	Please don't allow further contamination of the Sylmar community. Dumping fire waste from the Eaton and Palisades fires has the potential of harming our air and water quality.
Cynthia Petersen	Please do not allow dumping of wildfire debris and additional trash to be dumped at sunshine canyon landfill. You are putting everyone's health in danger by doing this. Protect our children. Sunshine does not know how to operate properly. They have no control over the smell issue that is currently a nuisance to our community. No no no! Enough is enough. Do not dump at sunshine canyon landfill!!!
Dan Pinto	We do not want any of the fire waste dumped near our neighborhoods, nor where the winds will pick it up and blow it towards other neighborhoods!
Dana Kurzawa	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to dispose of fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires at the Calabasas Landfill. As a resident of Calabasas, I am deeply concerned about the potential health and environmental risks this poses to our community, particularly given the landfill's proximity to homes and schools.</p> <p>Fire debris can contain hazardous materials, including toxic ash, heavy metals, and other contaminants that may become airborne or leach into the soil and groundwater. Transporting and depositing this waste so close to residential areas could expose our families and children to unnecessary health risks.</p> <p>Additionally, this plan raises concerns about air quality, increased truck traffic, and long-term environmental impacts. Our community should not bear the burden of this debris disposal when safer, more appropriate locations exist.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose this proposal and advocate for alternative sites that do not put Calabasas residents at risk. I hope my concerns will be taken into serious consideration.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting the health and safety of our community.</p>
Dana Nunnery	This would kill our community. We don't know the harmful chemicals that are in debris
Daniel Brison	
Daniel Cooper	
Daniel E Weisbach	This is an unsafe measure which can cause serious harm to residents and community of Calabasas. The burden of proof should be safety, not expediting the cleanup operation. One tragedy need not become two
	This landfill is already an environmental disaster. The residents of my



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Daniel J Sanders	neighbourhood - full of mid-century Joseph Eichler-built historic housing are already used to getting up in the morning smelling the dump three miles away, calling 1-800-cut-smog to complain on a far too regular basis - multiple times per week. You already are inept and incompetent at managing this facility. Why don't you figure out how to manage it better instead of piling on a LOT more garbage for political expediency, ignoring the situation, and seeing what happens. Everyone who lives here knows what will happen. The scale of the brewing problems will compound and increase. You need to deny this waiver, step back and solve the existing problems first.
Daniel J Sternbaum	There is absolutely no justifiable reason to subject the neighboring communities to the potential severe health risks associated with dumping the hazardous and toxic fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fire at our local landfills, including Sunshine Canyon. Please use your common sense and moral compass.
Danielle Abergel	
Danielle Haimowitz	
Danielle Marco	
Darien Leveque	It would cause harm to our community. Our winds will have harm on our health.?
Darla Schwartz	Children live here! Schools are here!
Darlene Bohan	
darrel sparks	
Daryl Specter	Find another place far away from the San Fernando Valley.
David Belinsky	When we moved to Granada Hills in 1998 the Sunshine Canyon landfill had just been reopened under a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) contingent upon not receiving violations. Not only did it operate and receive violations over the course of the following 2 years, but then its CUP was renewed. It was then that I began to dig deeper. What I found was that not only was BFI being left off the hook for continually violating pollution emission standards, but had worked it out with LA City to give additional remuneration for every waste truck over capacity that they were processing daily. Obviously, city leadership had an incentive to look the other way as BFI continued to violate their CUP. I attended multiple Granada Hills North community input meetings over the decades as the local air quality has continued to worsen. In 2010 we were promised a bike lane (or at least a cost estimate and future vote) on the Old Road as the truck traffic to and from the landfill and lack of sidewalk prohibits pedestrian and cyclist usage. Notes were taken, promises were made and yet no study was done nor further mention ever made. A study was done once to look at the incidence of cancer in residents and the control group used to compare it to was the Chatsworth community near the Santa Susan Field lab 1959 Nuclear meltdown. Wasn't that convenient when there was no significant difference found in cancer rates between the two



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	<p>highly exposed communities. Had a test been done comparing G Hills and surrounding Sylmar communities cancer rates to that of Woodland Hills, Van Nuys or any other of a number of San Fernando Valley cities I am sure results would have been much more telling. The fact remains that the Sunshine Canyon landfill has gone beyond its safe storage limits years ago. Now the army corp of engineers is tasked with dumping hazardous waste into it when 20 miles down the 14 freeway there is the WM Antelope Valley landfill in a far less populated area that takes NONE OF LOS ANGELES CITY DAILY WASTE.</p>
<p>david edminster</p>	<p>My neighborhood suffers greatly from the effects of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and the records show the multiple NOV's that have been issued to them over the last years.</p> <p>We are directly south, which is down-wind of the landfill, and we can easily observe its presence by the putrid smell, but the truth is that much more harmful components such as heavy metals and waste carcinogens are also traveling with the wind into our community.</p> <p>We understand the waste must go somewhere, but it should not go anywhere that jeopardizes the health of our California citizens.</p> <p>I urge this committee to disallow the dumping of potentially harmful, unidentified waste from the local fire cleanups into the Sunshine Canyon landfill.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>David Edminster 17031 Nanette Street Granada Hill CA</p>
<p>David Goldstein</p>	<p>This is an extreme health risk to the people that live in the community. You should not dump any fire debris in Calabasas AT ALL. This is unacceptable!</p>
<p>David Khan</p>	
<p>David Rocklin</p>	<p>This is unacceptable</p>
<p>David Saakyan</p>	
<p>David Wells</p>	<p>I hike weekly in O'Melvany Park, right next to the Sunshine Canyon landfill. I live just a couple miles downwind from it as well. The thought that thousands of tons of toxic waste will be dumped there to expedite the cleanup from the recent fires is unconscionable, especially when the Simi Valley and El Sobrante landfills have said they will take the waste. What are you thinking? You are supposed to be representing us, not putting our health at risk.</p>
<p>David A Jackson</p>	<p>This is an ABSOLUTE NO!</p>
<p>Deana Kerns</p>	<p>As a resident of the Calabasas and Agoura Hills community I am requesting</p>



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	that LA BOS provide written and legally binding assurances that the debris being deposited has been properly tested and PROVEN safe BEFORE a waiver is granted to allow this fire debris to be placed in the Calabasas Landfill. Anything less will jeopardize the safety of our communities.
Debbie Silberberg	
Debora Lucci	My 5 and 7 year old granddaughters attend Lupin Hill Elementary and we live around the corner from the school. While we are heartbroken by the devastation and loss from these recent fires, we've been told for the entire month of January how dangerous the ash is, and now they want to dump it in a landfill by our homes, schools, and parks. There are many other landfill options that are NOT in residential neighborhoods. They are just farther away, so it takes more time and money. There is no price that can be put on the health and welfare of our children, neighbors and wildlife. Please do not allow short sighted gains be at the expense of our lives... not to mention the impact it will have on property values and the tax revenue you rely on from the homes in our area.
Deborah Violante	Why can't this waste be taken to a landfill outside the city? This area is already has poor air due to the Southern California Gas Co. I know it would be costly but so is life & health problems.
Deena Fleiner	Don't dump this where our kids live and learn!! There has to be another way!
Dennis Mangalindan	All of the toxic fumes from the fires will be blown into our neighborhoods when the Santa Ana winds pick up. Not good, on top of the already existing SoCal gas storage area that leaked in 2014. Residents need clean air
Derek Dolin	
Derick Hovsepian	
Desiree Levym	
Devon Haberlack	
Devyn Hart	This absolutely should not be permitted in the Calabasas landfill.
Diana Gorban	Why would you even consider bringing toxic waste to a landfill so close to communities, schools and parks. This cannot be allowed! It needs to be taken to remote locations!
DIANA M	
Diana Sowul	I, Diana Sowul, am a 24-year resident of Granada Hills, CA and I have worked as a teacher for 27 years at Van Gogh Elementary School which is located about 1.7 miles downwind from the Sunshine Canyon landfill. I vehemently oppose any fire debris from being brought to the Sunshine Canyon landfill. I strongly oppose increasing the waste limit and call for rigorous testing and ongoing inspections. Granada Hills is very familiar with the severe erratic wind conditions and Santa Ana wind events which have already increased our exposure to harmful (PM 2.5) particulate matter blowing from the landfill. Any disposal of hazardous fire debris will contribute to additional health and environmental risks to a community who have been



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			<p>fighting to protect our schools and Granada Hills neighborhood for decades. O'Melveny Park is the second largest public park in Los Angeles (after Griffith Park), and is about a mile from the Sunshine Canyon dump. It is contradictory to allow a waiver to dispose additional hazardous debris so close to not only where we live and work, but also where citizens partake in recreational use of O'Melveny Park which is known for its grassy meadows, hiking trails, citrus groves, horse trails, and stunning valley views. Do not be compelled to carelessly expedite the fire recovery phase only to lay the foundation for future health and environmental risks in another neighborhood. Please seek other disposal options of hazardous fire waste.</p>
		Diane Bedrosian	<p>Republic is already being fined & cited for numerous violations! They will be bringing even more waste & have not shown good stewardship! This is only a few hundred feet from the LA Aquaduct! NO NO NO!!!!</p>
		Diane Poladian	<p>Sunshine landfill is close to the Jensen Treatment Plant that supplies water to the San Fernando Valley, West Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West LA. Toxins can easily get blown into our water supply as we have frequent high winds. Sunshine is not equipped for these toxins and to allow this is irresponsible and hazardous to public health. In addition, toxic materials can leach into groundwater, contaminate soil, and can cause long term health issues. Sunshine landfill is close to Van Gogh Elementary School and neighborhoods. Please consider other options.</p>
		Dipti Sajed	
		Don Downes	<p>As a resident of Calabasas, I strongly oppose the transportation of any fire debris to the Calabasas Landfill. The L.A. County Supervisor's office has been unable or unwilling to identify the decision-makers, when these decisions are being made and how our concerns can be formally addressed.</p> <p>The post-fire phase 2 debris has been sitting for over a month, surrounded by and absorbing hazardous wastes including, but not limited to, asbestos. It is logical that this debris should be transported to and disposed of at a remote landfill that would not affect residential communities.</p> <p>A remote landfill with the requisite tonnage in the daily allowance, with the requisite hours of operation & with this being the largest disaster of its kind, would not exceed the requisite maximum capacity of the landfill, which further would not exceed debris outside of any washed areas.</p> <p>Calabasas is a Phase III landfill for a reason. Any requests for waivers, amendments of permits or exemptions from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. rigorous testing and inspections to ensure hazardous wastes are not disposed at the site, b. prohibiting non-hazardous wastes containing asbestos, c. certifying that loads transported to the landfill are safe, d. requiring that loads transported to the landfill are covered to prevent all debris and fugitive dust from dispersing along roadways, e. conducting third-party inspections at the landfill entrance with violators



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	<p>cited and/or banned from transporting to the landfill, f. South Coast Air Quality Management Department providing continuous air monitoring at the landfill and along the hauling routes, g. the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board providing continuous monitoring at the landfill, h. creating an earth cover at the landfill within 8 hours of waste disposal and third-party continuous on-site inspections,</p> <p>is a threat to the public safety of the citizens of the city of Calabasas.</p>
Donna Felten	<p>Bringing debris from the recent wildfires to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is not okay. Spreading toxic waste all over Southern CA makes no sense. Store the debris in a single location until it can be properly treated or contained to not cause contamination to more residents than is necessary .</p>
Donna Zviely	
Dorothy Seleski	<p>Sunshine canyon landfill is already unable to handle the volume it gets and is routinely cited. Creek water in O'Melveney & Bee Canyon parks make animals sick. Adding hazardous waste will exacerbate these issues and risk the health of the people of Granada Hills and Sylmar. Haven't we been through enough with Aliso Canyon?</p>
Doug Brookman	
Drew Jackson	<p>This is extremely harmful to communities surrounding the landfills. There's no reason why safety precautions should be waived just to remove waste/debris faster. Hazardous materials can and should be dumped in areas that are extremely remote, even if it takes longer to transport the materials there. Why are we prioritizing cost and expediency by dumping hazardous materials in local landfills in direct proximity with families, schools, children, etc., when the debris being removed is from an area that is already not livable for at least 18-24 months anyway (as communities rebuild), instead of prioritizing the health of families and children near these local landfills?</p>
Dzulyeta Tsarukyan	
E Barbara P Koretz	
Edgar Ratevosian	
Edgar Robles	<p>This landfill continues to expel foul odors and air pollutants that endanger the health of the students at my daughter's school and our entire community</p>
Eleanor Dowling	<p>We already have problems with this landfill and I think it's location with the powerful winds that uniquely effect this immediate area and the close proximity to water supplies require us to be careful and avoid adding these unknown toxins to an already full and problematic landfill. I am not confident that neither I nor my children's safety will remain assured and managed.</p>
Elena Blekher	<p>The smell has been really bad in the past 2 years from this landfill. Adding toxic waste from the fires will create even more odor plus all the chemicals in the air are not good for our community.</p>



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Elias Saba	
Elisa Koss	This is too close to schools and homes to use this landfill
Elizabeth Gharchloo	
Elizabeth Jacobs	Please do not allow toxic waste from fire cleanup be dumped at the Calabasas landfill putting so many families in danger due to known health hazards for such toxic waste. Our kids deserve better.
Elizabeth Mitev	<p>As a deeply concerned resident of the Granada Hills community, I feel compelled to voice my strong opposition to the proposal of bringing fire-related debris to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL). Given the history of unresolved issues we've faced, including persistent odors and dust from the landfill's operations, it is astonishing that this idea would even be considered. If anything, we should implement stricter regulations and conditions to protect our community from further harm. We've been made aware that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is in the process of issuing a Notice of Abatement due to an alarming number of complaints and Notices of Violations directed at SCL. We have been struggling with these ongoing issues for far too long, and now we are faced with the prospect of exacerbating our problems by adding fire-related debris to the already toxic mix.</p> <p>The statistics speak volumes: from 2009 to December 2024, SCL has recorded a staggering 27,146 odor complaints and numerous violations that only increase our residents' health and safety risks. During 2024 alone, the odor complaints were 2187! SCL and our community are located in the Newhall-Saugus Pass and are particularly vulnerable to the winds that transport odors and dust throughout our neighborhoods. The potential for contaminated dust or ash from this waste to affect our air quality is a significant concern, especially given the nature of the debris in question. The expedited collection of hazardous materials from 13,000 residential and 250 commercial properties by the EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers, which was demanded by political entities to be sped up to 30 days, risks the potential of dangerous and toxic hazardous waste such as lithium-ion batteries and asbestos, oil, chemicals, pesticides, from being overlooked. This is creating even more hazards for our community.</p> <p>Furthermore, the groundwater beneath the landfill, while not potable, is still classified as "waters of the State" and needs protection. The risks associated with potential leakage due to seismic activities are substantial. They could adversely affect our community and vital resources like the MWD Cascades and surrounding reservoirs. I urge those responsible for making decisions regarding the disposal of this waste to reconsider their stance on this matter. VOTE NO! Protect the community, please!</p>
Ellen Ruggieri	
Elliott L Koretz	Very dangerous to local residents. Proprietors of Sunshine Canyon have long history of violations. Wind tunnel Fx blows their debris into our homes. THIS WASTE WILL AFFECT MANY MANY FAMILIES IN THE NORTH VALLEY. STOP THIS PLEASE!



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Emil E Mitev

Sunshine Canyon Landfill has been a public nuisance for years, with the impact of the landfill on our neighborhood reaching shocking levels over the past 2 calendar years. Data from AQMD demonstrates how badly the situation has deteriorated.

The previous record of 1,795 Complaints and 39 NOVs (Notices Of Violation) set in 2015 was exceeded with 61 NOVs and 1,721 Complaints in 2023. These numbers were shattered once again in 2024 with 2,187 Complaints and 65 Notices Of Violation. These numbers can no longer be dismissed as mere data points. Our quality of life - not to mention the unknown effects of long-term exposure - has reached a fever pitch. It is well past time for both city officials and agencies to fulfill their obligations and duties to protect the public and constituents they are meant to serve.

While BFI/Republic's conditional use permit (CUP) at Sunshine Canyon Landfill allows the facility to receive over 12,000 tons of household waste collected across LA City & County every single day, the facility averages approximately 9,000 tons per day, which still amounts to nearly 40% of ALL household waste across LA City & County. We have been dismissed countless times and told by local leaders and agency representatives that the emissions & odors emanating from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and carried into our community by the Santa Ana winds are due to either the heavy levels of rainfall or the dry weather, or the sun shining or whatever else the weather happens to be. There are always excuses. What is plain to see is that the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is not only incapable of operating on a daily basis accepting "regular" waste, but now we are supposed to believe that they will be diligent with the potentially hazardous waste from the fire debris. I am seriously concerned that the city and its county partners will continue to pursue short-term and short-sighted solutions that merely kick the can down the road while further imperiling our loved ones and preventing our ability to simply open a window or take our children to play in local parks. I plead - that our local elected leaders do everything within the power of their offices to prevent the dumping of any fire-related debris in Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Remember that our corner of the North San Fernando Valley has been impacted by the Aliso Canyon gas leak, the deadly traffic along Balboa Blvd, and the Saddleridge, Hurst, and Archer Fires. We don't need and can't take another disaster waiting to happen. We are already carrying more than our fair share of uncertainty and burden. VOTE NO!

Emil Steven Mitev

I am a profoundly concerned resident of the Granada Hills community and a current student of Granada Hills Charter High School; I feel obligated to voice my uncompromising opposition to an outrageous proposal to bring fire-related debris to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. This same landfill, located not even a quarter mile from the local Van Gogh Elementary School and less than 3 miles from Robert Frost Middle School, is deemed fit to house hazardous fire-related debris. I can vividly remember how I often couldn't walk to both schools, less than 10 minutes from my home in the morning, because of a foul odor. It is 2025 and I am almost finished with high school, yet the smell



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	<p>from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill has not ceased to plague our neighborhood. The only difference between then and now is that the stench is even more apparent and frequent! Just last year, Sunshine Canyon Landfill accumulated a staggering 2187 odor complaints. Hearing that this already poorly controlled landfill is considering taking potentially toxic fire-related debris is astonishing and sickening. Children and adolescents my age are growing up in this already harmful environment, but adding debris containing noxious and potentially poisonous debris would be a disaster. As a bonus, bringing the debris can contaminate many of our area's vital surrounding water reservoirs. A true combination for an inhabitable and deadly area! However, Sunshine Landfill has assured us that collecting and housing fire-related debris would be safe and calculated. That would be quite a remarkable feat for a class III landfill unfit to house hazardous debris. I strongly urge those responsible for making decisions regarding the disposal of this toxic waste to reconsider their stance on the matter. VOTE WITH YOUR CONSCIOUS AND VOTE NO!</p>
Emily Eng	
Emily Silverman	
Eric B Stein	<p>Adding tonnage to the Calabasas landfill is simply not ok. The rush waivers and rushed clean up is going to cause irreparable harm. The neighborhood landfill is not meant for toxic waste. We have already been told by the head of the Army Corps of Engineers that they cannot guarantee the fire debris is nontoxic. The Calabasas landfill is the wrong choice for this fire debris period. It is the only landfill with such close proximity to homes, families, schools and parks. We know the hazards to human health in the ash causes including asbestos, metals and arsenic and there is no way for anyone to guarantee this is safe since we have never dealt with destruction as large as this catastrophe. Any convenient decision or dollar saving choice now will cost you more down the road in the form of lives and lawsuits for the victims of cancer come rolling in. The waivers already signed are reckless and all those involved should lose sleep at night. Opening up the acceptance of fire debris to this landfill may enable USACE to more quickly dispose of their problem, but it also opens up the ability for independent contractors to also dump the waste they gather without following the approved protocols. We are aware USACE and the Landfill are not testing during this process to leave room for lethal error. This must stop.</p>
Erica Friedman	<p>This is toxic waste and will only pollute our neighborhood and children. It need to be disposed of in an area away from all communities.</p>
Erick Fefferman	<p>I am a parent to 2 young children - ages 3 and 7 - in North Granada Hills who is gravely concerned for the health and well-being of his children due to the grave error of the LA City Council and LEA approving the emergency waiver to deposit hazardous wildfire debris at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. For the last 2 decades the landfill's operator, BFI/Republic, has demonstrated a complete inability to competently process and store common household waste, however recent years have smashed AQMD records with 65 Notices Of Violation (NOVs) and 2,187 Odor Complaints in 2024 alone. Since AQMD has kept data Sunshine Canyon Landfill has received over 17,146 Odor</p>



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	<p>Complaints and 376 NOVs, clearly illustrating how much this facility has impacted the neighboring community.</p> <p>And now BFI/Republic, a Fortune 500 multinational company, is REQUESTING to accept HAZARDOUS soil, ash, and debris from the Palisades fires. While we agree the Palisades needs the opportunity to heal and rebuild, this should NOT come at our children and community's expense. The Palisades cure should not be the North San Fernando Valley's disease. We have already been burdened enough with the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak and the ongoing issues at SCL.</p> <p>So I am writing to urgently request that you take immediate legal action to prevent fire contaminated debris from being disposed of at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.</p> <p>Fire debris is known to contain toxic substances, including heavy metals and other harmful pollutants that pose serious health risks, particularly to vulnerable populations such as children with developing respiratory and cardiovascular systems, the elderly, and people with chronic conditions, such as asthma, like myself. Over the past few years I have had to make multiple trips to urgent care after coughing blood, and now BFI/Republic wants to take waste that is known to have been exposed to TOXIC chemicals during the fires? This landfill sits a half mile from Van Gogh Charter Elementary, our home school, which we had to pull our first grader from and relocate to another school due to the frequency and prevalence of strong stench on the playground. We understand waste management is a vital public utility, but the selection of this site with long-standing problems due to topography and proximity to human beings has now prevented us from accessing schools, parks, and even our own backyard. The stench is unbearable, has already caused harm, and now things are taking a more lethal turn with the granting of this emergency waiver.</p> <p>Allowing this hazardous waste to be dumped at Sunshine Canyon would amplify the known dangers and further endanger nearby communities, degrading air quality, and create an environmental hazard that this facility is quite clearly ill-equipped to handle. A mass tort for the odor violations is already in process against BFI/Republic for this facility's gross negligence, and now the Federal government and State are proposing to quite literally add fuel to this fire? Chiquita Canyon was an acute situation, however Sunshine Canyon would be a disaster of much greater proportions should this emergency waiver be allowed to proceed.</p>
Ernie A Escanuelas	I do not want ash added to this dump due to the toxic chemicals within them.
Esperanza Martin	Do not dump toxic waste from Pacific Palisades and Alta Dena fires in Sunshine Landfill. Residents in the north San Fernando Valley deserve clean air quality as much as any other residents!!
Essi Kotahi	No fire debris dumping into Sunshine Canyon landfill.
Eun So	I strongly oppose the plan to dump fire debris from the recent fires in



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	<p>Sunshine Canyon. I've lived in this neighborhood for the past 30 years and have seen recurring issues with odor from the landfill extending all the way through our public infrastructure (Van Gogh Elementary, the surrounding parks and homes). If we can smell odors coming through seasonally, what's stopping particulates and dangerous debris from making its way here as well? I'm not confident given the recurring nature of these conversations that there's a well-thought plan in place that truly considers the impact of this decision on local residents.</p>
Fakhri Jafarmilajerdy	<p>The neighborhood for sunshine canyon landfill are fighting with this landfill to not follow the regular responsibility to protect neighborhood from air pollution, daily odor suffering, not being able to breath the clean air, not gathering together in outdoor spaces, being suffer and live like prisoner in indoor spaces, cannot take additional responsibility for comfort of other neighborhood to accept additional waste into this neighborhood! Enough is enough , think about the people who live here as well!</p>
Fargol Riahi	<p>We are very concerned about the planned dumping of dangerous toxic waste from the recent Palisades fire into the Calabasas landfill.</p>
Farnaz Fardad Finn	<p>Absolutely not! There is no justification for this waiver! This neighborhood dump is not equipped to handle this kind of daily tonnage from any area. This material needs to be disposed of in an area that is not close to homes or school and is prepared to received hazardous material. Do your job and stop taking shortcuts!</p>
Fawn Binford	<p>This will be extremely disastrous for local families as the facility is near residential areas, parks and schools. We are vehemently opposed.</p>
Fay Taragan	
Fay Thaw	<p>Oppose fire waste and toxins in Calabasas landfill</p>
Faye Wong Eaton	
Felicia Bushwitz	<p>In full disclosure, I am a Board Member of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, but I am speaking as an individual who will be breathing the air and drinking the water that is at risk of contamination from this decision.</p> <p>I attended the LA County Supervisor's Sunshine Canyon Debris Removal Townhall, where representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill's Republic Services, and the LA County Department of Public Health laid out plans for accepting waste at the landfill.</p> <p>What struck me most about the info session portion was how adamantly the Army Corps of Engineers reiterated that the number one mission priority was to get the waste cleared from the burn sites as fast as possible. As an engineer myself, I know that prioritizing objectives is the most important first step in successful execution of a plan. However, as a mother, I would advocate that Priority #1 should be the safety of nearby residents. While the USACE said that they are not sacrificing safety to meet their priorities, I can't help but notice how there seem to have been no evaluations made as to what</p>



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	<p>might happen to the barrier methods in the event of a future fire (which is likely in this area as this is a high fire probability zone).</p> <p>While the ash and waste has been considered nonhazardous, the Public Health department did admit that breathing ash has been known to cause health problems. Besides the air, it is obvious that any ash that escapes their wetting-down methods will contaminate the city of LA's water supply which comes into the city via the open air cascades just across the street. The USACE spoke about how they can't take the debris to more remote areas (like the desert) because their trucks will be tied up in transit, which will slow the process. But again, it is worth the wait (and additional cost) to ensure that the waste does not harm LA residents.</p> <p>Finally, Sunshine Canyon has had numerous lawsuits that cite unsafe conditions at their facilities, so I am not convinced that we can take them at their word that the barrier methods and processes they have presented will be properly followed or that they are even adequate to begin with.</p> <p>I strongly urge the board to not only oppose the additional tonnage, but to investigate the use of the Sunshine canyon landfill for this disposal at all.</p>
Fowzia Sharmeen	<p>Moving fire debris to Sunshine Landfill would expose our community- primarily families and elderly- to toxic chemicals and particulates blown in by the Santa Ana winds.</p>
Francie Bernstein	<p>I am adamantly opposed to the Palisades and Topanga fire debris being deposited in the Calabasas Landfill. There are parks, schools and residences next to this landfill. My 4 grandchildren attend school nearby and play in the parks. There can be and has been leakage in landfills at other sites as witnessed by my husband over the years in his work with an environmental company hired for clean up purposes. In a rush to assist the fire victims, this solution has not been researched and is not well thought out. This landfill was not meant for fire debris which is toxic. Please do not pass this ordinance!</p>
Francis J Nolan	<p>To the LA County Board of Supervisors Re: Item 29, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill</p> <p>I have been a resident of Granada Hills for thirty-two years. I'm also a recently retired LAUSD teacher, having served twenty-six years as an educator in this community, with over one-thousand students passing through my Granada Hills classrooms (Knollwood Elementary; Robert Frost Middle School; Tulsa Street School for Advanced Studies). To say I care about the people in our community would be an understatement.</p> <p>During these three decades that I have fully appreciated living in this lovely, diverse community, I've also battled with the sometimes-daily intrusion of toxic and nauseous odors from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which had been non-operational when we purchased our home in 1993 but then was re-opened thanks to a single deciding vote by then Mayor Richard Riordan. The odors are hard to describe: Some mornings (or evenings) they emulate a trash-filled dumpster in an alley on a summer day; other times they fill our yard and even the interior of our home (despite having installed a state-of-</p>



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	<p>the-art, expensive, central HVAC filtration system in 2016) with sickeningly sour, methane gas. And when the dump is at its worst – like last winter when the flimsy excuse was generated that the rain had simply “filled all the gas collection wells” – the stench is omnipresent, pervasive, and nauseating. Even more disturbing than how these noxious odors smell is what these gasses contain: methane, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), all detrimental to the health and wellness of humans and animals.</p> <p>The Sunshine Canyon Landfill has, over the past two years, generated a record number of verified odor complaints which have triggered a record number of NOVs (Notices of Violation). Despite the swell of NOVs, nothing gets better for us residents: The odors and their frequency have only worsened. This should be clear to our local and State government and elected leaders (you) that the increase in NOVs are proof of the SCL’s inability to effectively manage and treat landfill gasses, despite measures (apparently) put in place to mitigate these fugitive gasses and their harmful effects upon our community.</p> <p>Now, with the tragic fires that have decimated parts of Los Angeles, the communities of Granada Hills and Sylmar are being asked to shoulder an even more dangerous and unfair burden by allowing additional refuse – much of it HIGHLY toxic (lead paint, asbestos, various heavy metals contained in burned vehicle batteries, home backup systems, and solar panels) and an even bigger risk to our health than what we’ve been dealing with for decades – because, supposedly, there just aren’t any other ‘fiscally feasible alternatives’.</p> <p>Doing this puts all of us who live here in even more risk than we already are, than we already have been since the dump reopened in 1995.</p> <p>When will you, our elected officials, stand up for our community? When will one – or all - of you say, “Enough is Enough!?” Will it take children and seniors and working parents and the most vital and most vulnerable amongst us to develop mysterious cancers, lymphomas, and tumors for one of you to finally say, “Granada Hills has shouldered the burden for too long! We owe it to them to find an alternative.” Because if cancers and diseases and death are what it’s going to take, then it will be too late.</p> <p>Expediency clears a path paved only with regrets.</p> <p>You have a responsibility to your constituents. Please do the right thing.</p> <p>Sincerely, Francis J Nolan Granada Hills, CA 91344</p>
Frank Dalessandro	We don't want toxic waste dumped into our neighbor hood. Take it out to the desert.
Gabrielle Ipale	No toxic waste near schools and residential communities
Gail Aspinwall	Do not bring hazardous and toxic waste to our city! This is irresponsible. As a cancer survivor I do not want this to happen.
Gail Wilson	



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Gary Rodich	
Gary Sargsyan	
Geoffrey Melkonian	OPPOSE the dumping of ANY hazardous and toxic fire debris waste from the recent Eaton and Palisades fires that are being planned to be dumped at the sunshine canyon landfill. This is an unacceptable proposal, especially given the terrible history of non-compliance and the consistent, repeat violations committed by operators of Sunshine Canyon landfill. The North Granada Hills community has been beleaguered by this intolerable problem for decades and they only grow worse each day. Sunshine Canyon Landfill is a horrendous neighbor in our community and has faced a record number of notices of violations (nearly 400) and over 17,000 complaints with 2024 proving to be the worst year ever for notice of violations and odor complaints! It is shocks the conscience that public entities would knowingly permit the equivalent of a pipeline of lethal gases and poisonous particulate matter to blow directly into our homes and schools.
Gia Shurgot	No hazardous waste or fire debris
gil charash	
Gillie Zachary	
Gina Murphy	
Ginette Rhodes	Schools are too close by and it endangers the children who spend Hours outside
Gino Burman-loffredo	We live on Goya Street in Granada Hills, on the other side of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. We have a daughter who is three and already has difficulties with breathing due to Asthma. The Sunshine Canyon already has issues controlling the smell of the landfill and any toxicity associated with that air. We always smell it, and we continue to call in air pollution complaints against them. This landfill is not equipped to handle more toxic materials, let alone what already goes there. We cannot subject the residents to more pollutants, nor the children, parks, and schools in this area. Thank you for your time.
Gita Belinsky	As a resident in the area, I vehemently oppose the transfer of any fire debris to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The transfer of this debris to Sunshine Canyon Landfill can have catastrophic consequences to the public. This landfill has shown time and time again that it has had violations and it has failed to operate adequately as even a class iii landfill with its existing trash as such. Sunshine Canyon Landfill is located within yards of homes, so very close to schools and parks where people hang out and children play, not to mention major water sources. It is in one of the windiest areas in all of Los Angeles which drastically enhances the risk of malfunction. The community of Granada Hills demands all those in charge, to divert all waste somewhere else that is already equipped and does not need to get a quick permit for this type of toxic waste and away from residential neighborhoods. There is a tremendous risk involved in a decision to move this fire debris to residential areas. Absolutely none of the reasons and in actuality excuses, brought up by Army Core of Engineers and/or any other entities justify the transfer of the



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	fire debris to this residential neighborhood. "Saving" money should never come at the expense of public safety!
Gladys Cuevas	Opposing waiver for Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Gloria Molleda	<p>Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>On behalf of the City of Hidden Hills, we are submitting this letter to formally oppose Item 29 on the February 18th Board of Supervisors agenda, regarding the "Temporary Waiver of Wasteshed Restriction and Increase in Disposal Tonnage Limits at Local Landfills."</p> <p>The City of Hidden Hills stands in full support of the City of Calabasas and shares their serious concerns regarding public health, environmental safety, and the lack of transparency in the decision to transport fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton Fires to the Calabasas Landfill.</p> <p>Given the landfill's proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, and sensitive environmental areas, our City Council strongly opposes the disposal of any and all fire debris at the site. The lack of clear oversight and assurance that hazardous materials will not be included in the waste stream raises significant risks for the surrounding communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, the increase in daily disposal tonnage and expanded landfill operating hours will directly impact our residents, increasing air pollution, traffic congestion, and potential exposure to hazardous materials without adequate input from affected cities.</p> <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to deny the proposed waivers and explore alternative disposal sites that do not pose such a direct threat to public health and safety.</p> <p>For further details, please find our official opposition letter attached.</p> <p>Respectfully, Gloria Molleda</p>
Grace Fisher	
Grace Sauk	
Grace S Cho	Moving fire debris to Sunshine Landfill exposes our community to toxic chemicals blown in by the Santa Ana winds and significantly detracts from our clean air quality.
Grady Lakamp	<p>I urge you to oppose the request for emergency waiver from republic who owns the landfill to increase the tons allowed to dumped at the landfill from 12,000 to 15,000 per day and to increase hours of operation. On behalf of my family and community,</p> <p>Our community deserves to live without the fear of toxic exposure, and it is imperative that we prioritize the health of our residents over expediency in</p>



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	waste management and financial gain for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.
Guiouzel Nabieva	We myself, my husband and my children are OPPOSED TO FIRE DEBRIS ENTERING Sunshine canyon landfill
hal M burg	The town of Calabasas doesn't deserve the negative environmental and health effects from the surrounding fires.
Halla Samaan	
Harmoni Esterberg	
Harpreet Bawa	
Hedyeh Maar	Sunshine Canyon already emits gases and odors. Not only that but our aqueduct is across the street. Please reconsider sending toxic debris to this dump. Thank you.
Helen Attai	I am opposed to having the hazardous ashes & debris dumped at Sunshine Canyon landfill, so close to our homes, schools, and the water reservoir (about 1/2 mile away). These ashes ARE NOT being tested for any hazardous material. It includes EVERYTHING that burnt at homes and, businesses including cars, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, TVs, pains, furniture & only God knows what else (can I dump any of these items at Sunshine Canyon landfill, am I allowed even if not burnt?). Sunshine Canyon landfill IS NOT classified & equipped to receive & handle this hazardous material, no matter how much they tell you that they are just to earn more \$\$\$! This community has been affected by the SoCalGas Aliso Canyon accident & has been fighting for the last 9+ years to just find out through the UCLA health study, how badly the residents have been harmed & NOW they want to add this to our misery?? Our health has been jeopardized already, please DO NOT add to our misery! DO NOT ALLOW fire berries to be dumped on us in Sunshine Canyon landfill.
Helen Attai	This is not tested & very hazardous ashes & derbies should not be dumped near ANY residents. Not at Sunshine Canyon, Calabasas, Simi Valley, Burbank, or any other area close to homes and schools. The only reason behind picking all these landfills besides \$\$\$ is that they are close by to drive. YES, BUT they are inside very residential areas. Drive a little more and take it to the desert where no one lives away. Take it to Arizona or Nevada's miles & miles of deserts away from anyone. We ARE NOT the sacrifice zone, don't treat us as one.
Helen Jacobson	
Hemachand Narem	Risk to school kids and home around due to high wind
Hengameh Madad	
Hilda Jorjezian	Sunshine Hill Canyon Landfill
Hilda Sarkisyan	This is waste that is very unhealthy for our community. I personally oppose this decision.



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Hillary Nusinow	
Hillari G Merritt	
Honorio Benitez	Every region should have their own designated landfill. Mitigation companies are paid to take care of this, and not using other cities to dump their debris.
Hope Keswick	
Howard S Kerner III	too much too soon.
Hugh Gagnier	
Ian Framson	
Ida Diab	
Ignacia Mendoza-Beebe	
Inbal Lisbona	NO toxic waste dumping in Calabasas!!!!
Isabella Gonzalez	Do not dump this toxic hazardous waste in our community, Calabasas. The Calabasas Landfill is in an urban area. We do not want the wasteshed expanded and we do not want an unlimited amount of Palisades Fire debris poisoning our residential areas and parks. I am a mother of two small children and I do not want them exposed to hazardous waste. I am begging you, do not do this to us.
Isacarol Lopez	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Isla Petersen	I am almost 4 years old. Please do not allow fire debris of any kind to be dumped at sunshine canyon landfill, doing so will put my health at serious risk. Sunshine canyon landfill already has issues with containing the smells being released. I can't even play outside at times. Do not dump at sunshine canyon landfill. Protect my family by saying no to this. Vote no!!!!
Ivars L Berzins	I am very opposed to fire debris being dumped in Sunshine Canyon landfill
Ivelina Manning	
J G	How can you allow this with so many exceptions!!!! We asked about the dump when we bought our house and were told (and relied on) that this could never happen!!!! This will be a legal fight no matter how long it takes!!! This is unfair and unacceptable!!!!!! NOOOOO!!!!
J G	No more dumping in the Antelope Valley. Our community already has problems with illegal dumping and accepting fire debris will only encourage illegal dumpers to dump in our Valley. The mulch/trash is a big issue and we don't want to add more to our Valley. Fire debris contains hazardous materials that mixed in the fire. That poses a health concern to all our residents. If approved ensure that you obtain funding from the State FEMA, to cover for illegal dumping of fire debris so that it can be properly disposed. STOP USING OUR ANTELOPE VALLEY AS A DUMPING GROUND. No ones backyard is better than the other and we are sick of people using our



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	Valley as a dumpster. Some commentors demonstrate their hate for the desert. Asking for the debris to be dumped in the desert. We too pride in our community. Please find better measures and regulations to properly disposed so it doesn't get illegally dumped in our community.
J P	Send the toxic waste elsewhere, getting lawyers involved.
JACINDA M MITCHELL	
Jackie Lewis	You cannot put toxic disposal in a neighborhood community that will in pact our health
Jacqueline Nelson	This is outrageous and near our children's schools and parks and our homes!
Jacques Soriano	There is absolutely no reason that potentially toxic materials should be hauled from the Palisades Fire sites to Calabasas landfill which is so close to schools and residential neighborhoods. This is not OK. Stop the dumping and do not allow this to happen.
Jacy Shillan	I am a long-time resident of the City of Calabasas and a homeowner on the west side of the city where my home is approximately 2 ½ miles due south of the Calabasas Landfill. I am a concerned citizen and a key stakeholder in this community and I urge the LA County Board of Supervisors to call for an immediate cease of all activities related to disposing of fire debris into the Calabasas Landfill. To make my comments here for the record 100% clear, I oppose the disposal of any and all fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill. By putting a cease to this fire debris disposal activity, the LA County Board of Supervisors will support the concerns of the community and give time for an environmental impact study. The value of a true impact study will allow us all to understand how this debris can affect public health and the environment here in our community. Not just for today but for the future. I urge you to continue to look for a sufficient location for the fire debris disposal so the community of the Palisades can begin to recover. That location is not the residential Calabasas Landfill.
Jake Hinck	If this waiver exists as part of the plan to let Palisades fire waste into the Calabasas landfill then I oppose. I don't agree with placement of toxic waste anywhere near our community and children, let alone waiving the tonnage limits for said waste. Take it somewhere away from civilization. It will cost more, but I'd rather you levy a tax to cover the cost than place this material near our families.
James Abbasi	No ashes into Sunshine Canyon
James Hourfar	No dumping fire ashes into Sunshine Canyon dump.
James Scheidemann	
James Anthony Atkins	
James T Dudley	



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Jamie L Varon	As a resident of Calabasas, I vehemently oppose any Palisades fire debris to be disposed in the Calabasas Landfill, as it's in such close proximity to schools, residential areas, and parks. There is no way to distinguish hazardous ash from non-hazardous ash and therefore disposing of fire debris every day for a year to the max limit of this residential landfill is incredibly negligent. As residents, we pay a lot of money to live in a safe, clean area of Los Angeles. This debris puts our air quality at disastrous risk. You cannot choose convenience and money-saving practices over the health of the people near the landfill. My brother, his wife, their 3 year old daughter, and baby coming in May will be exposed to this dangerous air quality every single day as they live in Saratoga, right next to the landfill. Many people will be forced out of their homes if this goes through, as they cannot risk the health of themselves and their kids. YOU MUST STOP THIS! It's inhumane!!
Janell Hartman	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods. No.
Janis Kummer	A rushed decision that could have serious negative consequences for children and other vulnerable populations. Take the time to identify a site to dispose of the toxic fire waste that is not 1 mile from parks, schools, homes etc. While everyone wants to expedite the rebuilding of the areas destroyed by the fires, leadership sometimes requires one to stand up to the pressure to make things happen quickly. The actions proposed may compound an awful situation even further.
Janka Bernard	
Jared Kroll	No way!
Jarred Buck	As a resident of North Granada Hills, my family and neighbors have experienced first-hand Sunshine Canyon Landfill's inability to manage even its current level of waste intake. As evidenced by an ever increasing number of air quality complaints made by nearby residents, SCL unable to fulfill safety commitments to the surrounding areas, and the health effects of this are well-documented. Given the nature of the fire debris and its documented health risks, any decision to accept this proposed increased tonnage has to be considered in the context of SCL's well-documented inability to safely execute even its current level of waste intake. For this reason, I strongly oppose any increased disposal tonnage at SCL, ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FIRE DEBRIS, and urge you to deny this motion. The health of our neighborhood and our families is too important to trust in the hands of this failing facility.
Jason Hector	Soil is mixed together with contaminants like asbestos vent pipes and ducts based on age of homes. Needs special handling and treatment and testing.
Jason Improta	



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Jason Lee	
Jason Silverman	
Jason Simon	NO MORE DUMPING OF FIRE TOXIC ASH and DEBRIS INTO OUR CALABSAS LANDFILL!!!
Jay C Reid	Hello, I am strongly opposed to having the hazardous remains of the Palisades Fire to be placed in the Calabasas/ Agoura landfill. Why would you use this facility for such storage when it is surrounded by so many homes, parks and schools? Have you given no thought or concern for the citizens of our community? Surely, there are other remote areas that are more suitable for the storage of this toxic material. Secondly, as much as the Palisades area needs to be cleared of this material, it does not need to be done in such haste. By doing so, you are simply moving their problem into our neighborhood. This proposal was put together in back rooms, without the public's knowledge and is being forced upon us. We need to slow down, and put together all proposals for consideration and not just one that serves your interests solely. I strongly oppose moving any Palisades Fire debris into our community.
Jen Ancewicz	we also want to breathe the air without fear of heavy metals and carcinogens poisoning our bodies and children.
Jen Glueck	The Sunshine Canyon landfill should not receive the potentially hazardous debris from the January fires. This article gives the many reasons that using this facility will endanger the health and safety of thousands of people, including children, who live in Sylmar, Granada Hills, and neighboring communities: bit.ly/4jORyAT Better to take this waste to landfills that can handle the hazardous waste that are not near any communities. The hasty sorting (to make some artificial deadline) could mean that material from batteries, pressed wood, burnt vehicles, and other sources could get mixed in with non-hazardous ash. NO on the waiver and NO on the use of a landfill that already has been given numerous notices of violation from the AQMD.
Jen Taylor	
Jena Markey	Lack of clarity on the situation and the process is being rushed. Debris from the fires does not belong in the Calabasas landfill. Please protect our residents and reroute the debris to a much safer location. Thank you.
Jennie Antonakis	
jennifer Khan	
Jennifer Love	
Jennifer Turcotte	



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Jennifer Wessner	The toxic waste from the fires should not be disposed of in local landfills. I live in Calabasas and am concerned for my health and the health of my neighbors. The toxic material should be dumped in a less populated area to protect the public.
Jennifer E Bloom	
Jennifer L Stephens	We don't want toxic waste in our neighborhood period!
Jennifer P Bergher Quigley	PLEASE. This is an area FILLED with families and animals. Do not use this as a dumping ground for toxic waste.
Jenny Atkins	
Jeremy Kerns	As a resident of the Calabasas and Agoura Hills community I am requesting that LA BOS provided written and legally binding assurances that the debris being deposited has been properly tested and PROVEN safe BEFORE a waiver is granted to allow this fire debris to be placed in the Calabasas Landfill. Anything less will jeopardize the safety of our communities.
Jeremy Steiner	
Jessica Ambarian	
Jessica Brown	We do not want this in our watershed! Calabasas should not take this debris.
Jessica Burg	
Jessica Gandlin	Sunshine landfill is located in a massive wind tunnel with gusts at times up to 80 miles bringing everything down into the community. We have daily impacts with extensive nuisance complaints. The operators cannot even handle the current trash without it impacting the community (including an elementary school that cannot let kids go outdoors due to odors). This is irresponsible and careless putting more stress on an already over burdened landfill. We have two young children that we will do anything to protect. You have been elected to protect the residence but protecting one community at the expense of another is not the solution!
Jessica Kinni	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to dump hazardous waste from the Palisades fire into the Calabasas landfill. This decision poses significant risks to public health, the environment, and local communities.</p> <p>In addition to the serious concerns about the landfill's proximity to Lupin Hill Elementary School, I am also troubled by the lack of transparency regarding how the waste is being transported and processed. Without clear assurances that there will be no increases in toxicity levels, it is difficult to trust that the community's safety will be adequately protected.</p> <p>Furthermore, I urge that the daily tonnage allotment for the landfill remain unchanged, and that the total amount of waste allowed in the landfill not exceed its current capacity. These measures are critical to minimizing risk and protecting the well-being of our community.</p>



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	<p>I strongly urge you to reconsider this action and explore safer, more responsible alternatives for waste disposal. Thank you, Jessica Kinni - Concerned Calabasas Resident and Parent</p>
Jessica Orkin	
Jessica Robinson	<p>Subject: Strong Opposition to Fire Waste Disposal at Sunshine Canyon</p> <p>Dear Supervisor Horvath,</p> <p>As a resident of your district, I am deeply concerned and horrified to learn about the proposal to have Sunshine Canyon accept fire waste. Living in close proximity to this site, I've witnessed firsthand how poorly managed it already is. We frequently deal with poor air quality and debris spilling onto San Fernando Road. Sunshine Canyon currently accepts more waste than it can effectively handle, and it consistently fails to implement necessary measures to mitigate the harm caused to our community.</p> <p>We chose to make our home here because of the beautiful environment and spacious yard, providing a safe, open area for our children to play. Sadly, there are often days when we cannot enjoy our outdoor space due to the foul odors, which we know contain harmful chemicals.</p> <p>Now we're being asked to believe that Sunshine Canyon can responsibly manage potentially toxic waste from wildfire sites? Are we also expected to trust that there will be full transparency and thorough testing of the materials being transported and disposed of? This feels like a blatant money grab, with our community's health and safety being sacrificed for profit.</p> <p>Our health, quality of life, and property values are at stake. As our elected representative, we expect you to stand with your constituents against decisions that put us in harm's way. The residents of this district are paying close attention to the actions of the Board of Supervisors, and we will remember how these decisions impact our lives.</p> <p>We refuse to accept that waste and debris—deemed too toxic for people to return to their own homes—should be dumped in our community. This isn't just about ash and rubble; it's about hazardous materials like batteries, electronics, and plastics that release toxins into the soil and potentially into the air we breathe. Sunshine Canyon cannot be trusted to handle basic waste responsibly, let alone hazardous materials.</p> <p>I urge you to take a stand and prevent this from moving forward.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jessica Robinson</p>
Jessica Rosen	
Jessica Sperling	



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Jessica R Wohlwend	We have no information on how this will affect our children who are at school down the street. The appropriate studies have not been done. We need a plan that guarentees the safety of our children.
Jie Chen	
Jim Sarfati	
JOANN SPRY	SUNSHINE LANDFILL IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD FULL OF HOUSES, NEXT TO ONE OF THE LARGEST WILDERNESS PARKS, O'MELVANY 640 ACRES, AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE SEE TO IT THAT THE HAZARDOUS WASTE IS DUMPED AWAY FROM INHABITANTS, HUMANS AND ANIMALS. IS SUNSHINE ZONED FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE?
Joanna Yang	Do NOT dispose of any toxic debris in our landfill. Absolutely NO to any increase in tonnage!
Joanne Francini	Do not dump toxic waste near our homes, parks or schools . It needs to be taken as far away from a residential area as possible
joe Ancewicz	i want to breathe the air without heavy metals and carcinogens
Joe Chilco	<p>To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>With regard to item #29 on the agenda, please consider the following comments:</p> <p>My family and I have lived in Calabasas for the past 34 years. Our house is located in the Deer Springs development, just south of the 101 freeway off of Lost Hills Road.</p> <p>We are very concerned about the plan involving the movement of fire debris to the Calabasas Lost Hills Road Landfill, due to negative impacts to public safety and health, the consequences of which will be suffered by our local residents.</p> <p>The urgency to remove fire debris, most it already contaminated with burned toxic materials as admitted by the Army Corps of Engineers, is a "race to folly". In this case, "Haste makes toxic waste."</p> <p>At the 2-12-25 Public Hearing on the matter, our City Council accurately described the manner in which the planning and dissemination of reliable information has proceeded in this matter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No clear explanation of how hazardous materials will be sorted out. 2) A lack of transparency in the decision-making process. 3) No guarantees that toxic materials will be excluded. 4) No information on the volume of debris coming to the landfill. 5) No details on transportation routes. 6) No confirmation that there will be no health or safety risks to our community.



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To reiterate the words of Calabasas City Councilmember Alicia Weintraub, "This is not how decisions of this magnitude should be made. While we recognize the urgency of clearing fire debris to help Malibu and the Palisades begin rebuilding, bringing it to a landfill surrounded by homes, parks, and schools is not the answer."

There should be no hazardous material ever be brought to this landfill, due to its proximity to residential developments, schools and park lands that are inhabited by both people and wildlife.

Last night, we learned from the Army Corps of Engineers that fire debris could begin arriving in Calabasas as early as next week. This needs to be halted immediately until safe ground rules, procedures and regulations are set in place for this disaster and all future such events.

I urge you to consider that the Temporary Waiver of Wasteshed Restriction and Increase in Disposal Tonnage Limits at Local Landfills Recommendation should not be granted. You should not find that the temporary waiver of the wasteshed restrictions at the Calabasas Landfill to allow it to accept debris generated by the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events is necessary to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health and safety, and improved property, and to ensure economic recovery of the affected communities to the benefit of the community-at-large; nor should you authorize the Calabasas Landfill to temporarily accept material from outside of the wasteshed to accommodate the emergency disposal of debris generated by the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, effective immediately and continuing for six 6 months initially, with a possible extension options.

There are already existing sites in uninhabited areas for the purpose of safe disposal of toxic materials, some of which are in Nevada. The cost involved must be weighed against the damage that will be done to the public health and safety of all California residents. Now is not the time to be "penny wise and pound foolish". Long-term effects might take twenty years or more to materialize, but once the "genie is out of the bottle, there's no putting it back in".

You have the opportunity now to get this right. Please make the correct choices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Chilco
4148 Arroyo Willow Lane
Calabasas, CA 91301

Joe Gunawan	Please keep toxic waste from the fire out of our local landfill!
Joe Richardson	No dumping of the debris from fires into Sunshine Canyon n dump.



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Joey Rafaeli	
John Kassir	Just destroy everything this area and community has worked to preserve for multiple lifetimes in a matter of days!
Jon Daryoush	We do not want hazardous waste from the fires in Sunshine Canyon Dump. ??
Jonathan Dash	We don't want this done here. Calabasas is not the place to dump chemicals. Please find somewhere else further away from mass population
Jonathan Vinas	As a resident of the San Fernando valley, dumping the toxic waste from the recent fires into most some of LA County's water supply would not be right. LA City should dump this toxic waste into a far desert to protect the residents that live in LA
Jordan Frank	
Jorge Luis Rojas	
Joseph Alessandra	We do not want toxic waste from the sunshine landfill seeping into adjacent communities by wind and ground runoff. Elementary schools, children's playfields, and communities are too close to the landfill.
Joseph Baker	As a resident of Balboa Highlands in North Granada Hills, my family has been affected on an almost daily level by the disgusting stench generated by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill operated by BFI/Republic. This facility is unable to adequately manage the existing levels of trash they accept and the basic maintenance of its processes. Rotten, putrid air blows into our neighborhood morning and night and has generated record numbers of complaints and AQMD NOV's. Despite this our elected officials have done nothing. Residents and schools downwind of this facility have been betrayed by these people and news that they are considering allowing highly toxic fire debris to be stored at SCL is shameful. This will cause long term health implications for us, the residents of this area and the responsibility will rest solely on the shoulders of those who support this motion. There are better facilities far away from any part of LA or city that can accept this debris. The choice is simple and obvious.
Joseph Grinbaum	Please do not do this
Joseph Martindale	Sunshine canyon landfill is already unable to control their hazardous waste emissions. Allowing them to increase the hazardous waist they take in would cause substantial harm to the surrounding residence. You must vote NO to increased tonnage limits at sunshine canyon landfill.
Joseph Salinas	do not want fire debris being brought to sunshine canyon
Josh Bernstein	
Joubin Bral	This waste does not belong in Calabasas!!!!
Joyce Glasberg	
Joyce Greenberg	I vehemently oppose agenda item 29. The tragedy in Pacific Palisades and



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	<p>the aftermath of contamination and toxic left behind need to be treated exactly that.</p> <p>While the army core of engineers was able to sift through the hazardous waste then the torrential rains came and combined nontoxic with toxic waste. Currently there is NO way to accurately identify or separate either. Everything must be treated as TOXIC!</p> <p>Today I followed a truck heading to the Calabasas Landfill with liquid and MUD spilling out on the road. It came up PCH, over Malibu Canyon - a sensitive ecological area and though the community, spilling the sludge on the road that students cross to attend A.E. Wright Middle School. Had school been in session, potentially exposing children to this toxic material. And this was just 1 truck.</p> <p>The Calabasas Landfill is in the center of our community, with homes, 4 schools, senior housing and parks within less than 1 mile. Supervisor Horvath's office is 1.4 miles!</p> <p>Additionally, to increase the tonnage limits by 525% (from 800 tons to 5,000) is beyond that the Supervisors would consider this!</p> <p>I have livee in my home near the base of this landfill for over 37 years and plan to age in place as I'm sure may of the seniors who lost their homes in the firs. Are you going to add me to this list of tragedies what came with the fire when I'm exposed to the toxic material?</p> <p>Please do not allow this to continue! Put our lives FIRST, over the additional expense to move toxic waste where it belongs.</p> <p>If you don't pay it now, it may be at the expense of our lives!</p>
Julia Morrow	I don't want increased rotten trash smells, and I don't want airborne toxins from the Eaton and Palisades fires (asbestos, lead, arsenic, etc).
Julie Brooks	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Julio Figueroa	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods
Justin M Goldberg	STOP THE INCREASE OF TONNAGE OF TOXIC FIRE DEBRIS AND ASH INTO OUR CALABASAS LANDFILL! THIS IS A HIGHLY POPULATED AREA OF SCHOOLS AND HOMES!
Kacy Lockwood	
Kaelyn Burlic	
Kaitlin Nudell	
Kamilla Kurmanbekova	
Karen Barrile	I am strongly opposed to debris from the recent fires being dumped at Sunshine Cyn landfill. This community has been impacted repeatedly by poor decisions and being told untruths. Nearly 34 years ago when I moved to this neighborhood the dump had been closed with the promise of it remaining so. The issue was skirted by opening it again on the county side and then expanding it. The operators have been poor neighbors with years of



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	complaints and violations from the impacted communities, yet it continues. Surely you can look beyond convenience and find a solution that does not further negatively impact the health and wellbeing of the residents and schools nearby.
Karen Figueroa	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods
Karen Levy	
Karin Pofsky	So not dump potentially toxic waste in landfills near neighborhoods parks and schools. It's irresponsible. Remember love canal?
Karli Snyder	
Karly Tetlow	As a resident of Calabasas, and I'm appalled that you're allowing toxic ash from the Palisades fire to be dumped at the Calabasas Landfill, which is located in a residential neighborhood, near schools and parks. This decision was made with NO input or consultation from our city council or residents. This decision is completely irresponsible, dangerous to the health of our community, and illegal. Having heard from multiple experts, including representatives of the Army Corp of Engineers, there is NO way to separate the toxicity in the ash of a fire of this magnitude, so there's NO way to guarantee that the debris coming to our RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD is not hazardous and won't jeopardize our long-term health. There are multiple schools within a one-mile radius of this landfill – you are endangering the health of our children! Yesterday at our City Council meeting, we learned that this decision was made without ANY consultation from our city council or residents. We also learned that the County intends on starting this dumping NEXT WEEK. We are shocked and outraged at the lack of transparency and the reckless speed at which this is moving, with NO regard for our environmental and health considerations! The Calabasas landfill is one of the only landfills in a residential neighborhood. The City of Calabasas has a population of 22,000, and neighbors Agoura Hills (population 20,000), Westlake (population 7500) and Woodland Hills (population 80,000). The health of all those people could be impacted! As an elected official, it is your job to protect the health and safety of all your constituents. We implore you to reconsider this decision, advocate on our behalf and direct the disposal of the fire ash and debris to a place with no or less residential impact. That is the safest and most responsible course of action. Calabasas is a wildly inappropriate place to dump this fire debris. We urge you strongly to stop this hazardous move before it is too late. Sincerely.
Kasia Sparks	On February 13, 2025, a zoom town hall meeting organized by the office of County Supervisor Lindsey P. Hovarth was held to discuss the fire debris removal into the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. While residents of Granada Hills were invited to ask questions and have conversation, it became very clear that residents were silenced, and their questions were not answered. This lack of transparency was alarming, frustrating and demoralizing. During the very beginning of the meeting the "Chat" feature was quickly disabled so the



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residents were told they could only post their questions on the "Q and A" tab feature, and then from there the committee would answer them. However, the community's questions announced by the moderators were very limited and selectively answered the most basic and easy to address questions. Why weren't all the questions being answered?

Sunshine Canyon has been a public nuisance to the local residents of Granada Hills North for over a decade. In 2024 alone, the South Coast Air Quality Management district cited Sunshine Canyon with 65 Notice of Violations after receiving 2,187 complaints from local residents for odor and dust complaints. Despite this, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Enforcement Agency unilaterally approved Sunshine Canyon's request to accept ash and debris from the burn sites on January 27th, taking no input from the local community in their decision and despite none of the tough questions being addressed by Super Lindsey P. Horvath's office during the town hall.

Los Angeles public health officials, including Dr. Barbara Ferer repeatedly warned that wildfire debris contains dangerous substances, including brain-damaging heavy metals such as lead, arsenic and cancer-causing chemicals from thousands of incinerated homes and vehicles.

Despite these warnings, fast moving plans are underway and the residents of Granada Hills are creating a call to action, highlighting the community's growing concern and determination to fight back against unsafe waste disposal practices. The town hall on February 13th was a complete failure to address concerns from the local residents as they raised concern about the toxicity of the ash being picked up by the wind and deposited into our neighborhood, our concerns were addressed by calling the ash "inert from an odor perspective", yet nothing was addressed about its toxicity.

"We refuse to let our communities become a dumping ground for toxic waste," said Lizzet Alvarez, a concerned resident. "Our children's health and safety must come first. We urge public officials to be more methodical, reconsider these plans and prioritize safer alternatives."

The community is calling on public officials to halt the planned disposal and engage in transparent discussions with residents and environmental experts to find a safer less populated landfill that is designed to hold hazardous waste. A Granada Hills rally will be held soon to raise awareness and unify the community's voice against these hazardous waste dumping plans.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact:

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Kassy La	I oppose the use of the Sunshine Canyon landfill for hazardous soil and debris from the palisades fire.
Katherine Rosenberg	Katherine Rosenberg
Kathleen Berardi	<p>Greetings, As a family that lives, works, and attends school in Calabasas, I fear for the health impacts of this toxic material being in such close proximity to schools, parks & homes. I would like to share my agreement with what was written in a letter to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors from the City of Calabasas on 2/14/25, excerpts of which I include below:</p> <p>"Despite efforts by the City of Calabasas to secure information from the County on the proposed waiver, the City of Calabasas was not apprised of the process or timing prior to the request being made. The extended hours and increased daily tonnage allowance will adversely affect the community as debris are transported on City streets and eventually disposed of at the landfill. During the February 12, 2025, Calabasas City Council Meeting, the Council engaged in extended discussions on fire debris removal and the intent to dispose of disaster-related material in a facility situated near neighborhoods, schools, senior housing, parks, open space, wildlife corridors and other sensitive locations. At the meeting, Colonel Brian Sawser from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who is overseeing Phase 2 of the debris removal and disposal for the Palisades Fire, provided valuable insight on the process and the timing of the efforts. The City Council also heard from community leaders, key stakeholders, concerned residents, and individuals from neighboring cities.</p> <p>As can be expected, the City Council is alarmed by the broad lack of transparency, the failure to engage the City of Calabasas and local residents, and the haste in which County departments and operators are taking action without the input of key government decision-makers.</p> <p>Furthermore, the City Council is troubled by the inadequate analysis regarding future risks to public health and the environment. The sheer volume of disaster-related material makes it impossible to completely isolate "hazardous" and "non-hazardous" items in the removal of the debris and to fully remediate harmful toxins in the material disposed at the landfill. Disposing of fire debris at the landfill jeopardizes the health and wellbeing of generations of Calabasas residents.</p> <p>Based on the aforementioned information, the City Council is compelled to oppose the disposal of any and all fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill. The City Council is unanimous in this position. Likewise, the City Council is opposed to the increase in the debris tonnage per day and the expanded facility hours of operation that was already approved. As it relates to the item under consideration by the Board of Supervisors, the City Council opposes the waiver of the washed restrictions and the disposal of any debris from outside the current washed boundaries. Finally, the City notes its opposition to any</p>



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	<p>related capacity expansion of the landfill to accommodate such an increase. Please be advised that the Calabasas City Attorney has been directed to seek injunctive relief at the State or Federal level. The City Attorney will be coordinating these efforts with other agencies and organizations that share the concerns outlined in this correspondence</p> <p>The City Council will continue to strongly advocate for our community to ensure that their concerns are fully addressed. The City implores elected and administrative officials at the County, State and Federal level to explore disposal options outside of Calabasas, including redirecting waste to low population areas outside of the state.</p> <p>We look forward to actively working with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and affiliated parties for thoughtful and forward-looking solutions, where the continued safety of Calabasas residents is ensured.”</p> <p>As a resident & parent, I ask to please do everything you can to avoid impacting in a negative way the health and safety of our community and the health and safety of the people who live here.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathleen Berardi</p>
Kathleen Haberlack	
Katia Sarfati	
Katie Bedrosian	<p>My children and grandchildren live in Calabasas and attend Round Meadow Elementary. I am traumatized each time fire breaks out in their area. My heart ?? is with all the residents and businesses that were affected by the Palisades fires. Upon learning that toxic waste was coming to Calabasas landfill I was in shock. Why aren't there landfills in uninhabited areas? I fear for the effects that can happen over time to sicken residents of this area. Please find another site away from the public. Thank you. Katie Bedrosian</p>
Katri Tyni	<p>As a long time resident of Granada Hills I strongly oppose of the fire debris to be hauled to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The landfill's close proximity to residential homes, schools and parks will create a significant health and environmental risks. Airborne toxins from the debris are a serious concern to the entire community. And as it is in the past year Sunshine Canyon Landfill has received numerous violations, already showing they are NOT equipped to handle anything of this magnitude to be deposited there.</p>
Kayli Naim	<p>Please don't allow toxic chemicals, we have young growing kids here!</p>
Kelly ORegan	
Kelly Young	
Kelsey Born	
Keri Gillespie	



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Kezia Gopaul-Knights	
Khachik Dovlatyan	
Kim E Benson	
Kimberly Ancheta	
Kimberly A Mainstain	
Kimberly F Gagnier	
Kimia Karami	
Knarik Barseghyan	
Krista Arnone	I oppose this. My neighborhood and the school I teach at are already experiencing issues with Sunshine Dump and the air quality. I do not want more pollutant, carcinogens, and particles in my neighborhood and school air.
Kristal Kawamoto	Moving fire debris to Sunshine Landfill exposes our community, which is mostly families with children, to toxic chemicals blown in by the Santa Ana winds and significantly detracts from our clean air quality.
Kristin Larson	
Kristina Silbey	Increase tonnage and hours of operation at Sunshine Canyon Landfill will allow for contaminated, untested fire debris and soil to be deposited too close to residential neighbors and schools. Even with a "wet" disposal process, there is no way to be 100% sure that particulates will not be spread into the air and blown downwind directly into the neighboring community of Granada Hills. The short and long term risks this debris poses is too great. Although I understand that the communities of Altadena and Palisades need to be cleaned and my heart goes out to all the people who lost their homes, the debris needs to be disposed of responsibly, in remote locations. Additionally, the increased hours and tonnage has the potential to allow for additional municipal waste as well, which is already causing an odor nuisance to the area with over 2100 complaints and 65 notices of violation in 2024 alone. Please oppose this waiver and protect our community.
Kristine Eckert	Sunshine landfill has a history of neglecting to follow protocols for treating garbage. They are not the right landfill to place contaminated soil fe Burn sites that could potentially spread over the San Fernando Valley. LA County has other disposal farther away in less populated areas that they should use.
Kristine Serobyan	I am against them bringing the fire debris to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Kurt Cabrera-Miller	See attached letter
Kyoko Hibino	I strongly oppose the proposal to temporarily waive waste restrictions and increase disposal tonnage limits at Sunshine Canyon Landfill and Calabasas Landfill. While I understand the urgency of cleaning up fire debris, dumping hazardous materials at a landfill that is not designed or permitted for such waste is a serious threat to public health and environmental safety.



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[Sunshine Canyon is NOT a Hazardous Waste Site]

- Sunshine Canyon is a Class III municipal solid waste landfill, meaning it is not authorized to accept hazardous waste—even in emergencies.
- The statement from Public Works that “Phase 2 fire debris is classified as non-hazardous” is misleading. Fire debris contains carcinogenic, mutagenic, and toxic substances, including lead, arsenic, dioxins, benzene, asbestos, and PFAS. Past fire debris testing (e.g., Camp Fire) has consistently found dangerous levels of toxic substances.
- There has been no clear explanation on how hazardous materials will be sorted out, and no plans for soil testing before dumping.

[Health Department Acknowledges Fire Debris Is Harmful]

Even LA County Health Department officials acknowledge that fire debris poses serious health risks . As stated by county health officials at 2/13/25 community meeting:

“in general, when we talk about fires and smoke and ash, you know, there are concerns related to the tiny fine particles that are produced, there could be harmful substances, meaning harmful to health just in relationship to what may have burned. And so in this instance, you could have things that were part of the property—plastics, chemicals, other things. Tree wood, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials that may be mixed in with the ash. So ashes still can be harmful for your health.”

Despite assurances that dust suppression measures will be in place, there are no guarantees that harmful substances won’t escape during transport or disposal. The fine particulate matter in fire debris is easily airborne and can worsen respiratory and heart conditions, irritate the lungs, and even contain carcinogens.

[Sunshine Canyon’s History of Environmental Violations & Pollution]

- Sunshine Canyon has a long record of odor and pollution violations, affecting residents of Granada Hills, Sylmar, and beyond.
- It is already a major source of toxic emissions, compounded by its proximity to SoCalGas’s Aliso Canyon storage facility. Adding fire debris will further degrade air quality, exacerbating respiratory illnesses and long-term health risks.
- Toxic gases and particulates from buried fire debris will off-gas over time, exposing communities to invisible but dangerous pollutants.

[Sunshine Canyon’s Liner System is NOT a Guarantee of Safety]

Public Works has suggested that Sunshine Canyon’s composite liner system will prevent contamination, but history shows otherwise:

- Toxins still leach out over time. Even the best liner systems eventually degrade, crack, or become compromised.
- Leachate (toxic liquid runoff) can seep through landfill barriers and contaminate groundwater, soil, and air.
- Past landfills with liner systems have still resulted in long-term environmental damage and pollution.



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	<p>[Public Health and Environmental Risks Must Not Be Ignored]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda states that fire debris disposal is necessary to “eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety.” However, relocating toxic waste from one community to another does not eliminate threats—it shifts them to the densely populated neighborhoods surrounding Sunshine Canyon. • Toxic substances from fire debris do not just stay in the landfill—they can leach into groundwater, contaminate soil, and be released as airborne pollutants, putting thousands at risk. <p>[A Better Solution is Needed]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous materials should be disposed of in a properly designated hazardous waste facility—far from residential areas, schools, and parks. • Rushing the cleanup process and waiving critical environmental protections will create long-term health consequences that cannot be undone. <p>We cannot allow Sunshine Canyon or Calabas to become the next Love Canal or Stringfellow Acid Pits—both of which resulted in devastating public health crises due to poor hazardous waste management. This is an avoidable disaster, and I urge the Board to reject this proposal.</p> <p>Kyoko Hibino Porter Ranch Resident</p>
Lacey Alessandra	Toxic waste in the Sunshine landfill is too close to Van Gogh Elementary School, North Valley Youth Baseball playfields and AYSO playfields as well as local neighborhoods of Granada Hills.
Laila Chahayed	i strongly oppose this measure as it relates to Sunshine Canyon landfill. they are a horrible business that can't handle what they have now. do not trust them with more.
Lamorne Morris	
Lana Zitser	
Lana M Roberts	
Lara Goldberg	Unbelievable that it is even being considered. This landfill, which should have been shut down a long time ago to begin with, is in residential area!!!! Are you all out of your minds to put so much toxic waste near homes, schools, parks, etc. 5000 tons a day!!!! Of toxic waste from the fires. Insanity!!!! Stop this and find a further much more isolated dumb place.
Larry Fleck	Dumping toxic waste near anyone's neighborhood is a horrible idea. All elected officials should have to pay if they can't find a better option!
Laura Grenier	
Laura Kaplan	Hazard to local residents especially at nearby schools.
Laura Zolonz	
Laurel Kaufer	You're destroying our community and endangering our children.



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Lauren Gammaitoni	Santa Ana winds directly affect this area and blow any polluted air into densely populated areas from this landfill. Please do not pollute our neighborhood !!
Lauren Myers	
Lauren Pomeroy	This is in close proximity to my children's school and is extremely dangerous to their health and well-being
Lauren Staller	As a member of this family community I STRONGLY oppose this.
Laurie Carter	
Laurie Martin	The waste needs to be kept far away from people, schools and communities
Laya Gillman	I strongly oppose the dumping of fire debris in a residential area all together. This was not thought through and is another disaster in the making!!
Leah Giachetti	
Leah McMullen	
Leanne Norr	Keep waste out of Calabasas Landfill!! It is too close to our schools, homes, parks! Put our kids first!!!!
Lee Weissmann	<p>On behalf of the Braewood Homeowners Association located near Mulholland Drive and Mulholland Highway in Calabasas - a community of 73 homes, I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed plan to dispose of hazardous fire debris at a landfill in Calabasas. We believe this plan, which would involve thousands of trucks transporting hazardous materials through residential neighborhoods, narrow canyon roads, and highways, poses significant risks to the health and safety of our community and the surrounding environment.</p> <p>The transportation of this hazardous debris, which would include toxic materials like asbestos and other carcinogens, represents an unacceptable danger. Studies have shown that asbestos, as well as other materials found in fire debris, are known carcinogens that pose a severe risk to public health, especially during transportation and handling. The exposure to these toxins could have long-term, devastating effects on residents, workers, and first responders.</p> <p>Furthermore, the potential for contamination of local water sources and the surrounding ecosystem cannot be overstated. The degradation of materials during transport or at the landfill site could lead to harmful chemicals leaching into groundwater and nearby bodies of water, further endangering public health and wildlife.</p>



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	<p>Additionally, the construction and operation of a hazardous waste site in Calabasas would permanently affect the character of our community, degrade the quality of life, and compromise our environment in ways that may not be fully recoverable. Generally we believe the landfill is well-run currently by the city and Waste Management, and we want to avoid this becoming the next Santa Susana Field Lab.</p> <p>We urge you and the Supervisors to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative methods for the safe disposal of hazardous fire debris that do not involve placing such a burden on our community. Public safety, environmental preservation, and the well-being of all residents should be our top priorities.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Lee Weissmann President, Braewood Homeowners Association 818-398-0993</p>
Lemor Benayoone	
Lenard Cuevas	Opposing waiver for Sunshine Landfill
Leo Gammaitoni	This will directly impact the dense local neighborhoods when Santa Ana winds blow toxic air directly towards us. Don't bring the waste here to pollute the air with the heavy winds.
Lesli Stein	
Leslie Bacon	
Leslie Sarto	
Liana Berzins	
Lianne Beerman	Oppose. Disgusting bending of laws
Liliana Ambrosio	
Lilit Ogotsyan	Detrimental to the community's health



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Lily Marouf	
Linda Edwards	No increase of disposal tonnage AND NO BURN AREA ITEMS ALLOWED IN CALABASAS LANDFILL AT ALL PLEASE!
Linda Petta	
Linda Skipper	We already suffered through the Aliso Canyon disaster. This is a windy area and we don't need toxic and hazardous materials further eroding our health. Pick a site away from a densely populated nice neighborhood. The people of this area sued and won lawsuits against Sempra Energy before. You can expect lawsuits against local government from the people in this neighborhood if this goes through.
Lindsay Poliquin	
Linh Nguyen	Oppose Sunshine Landfill They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods, schools, and parks !
Lisa Chaudhari	Do not continue poisoning our communities. Find a more suitable site to minimize risk
Lisa Herbert	Our community already suffers from the Sunshine Canyon landfill. There are awful fumes and toxins released into the air from that facility. Its worse with the Santa Anna winds and on rainy days. Just this week there were terrible fumes after the rains. Many of us have health concerns and issues from this already. This community has been through enough. Please DO NOT allow all of the toxic waste from the fires to be sent here and make us even more sick.
Lisa M OCarroll	Toxic waste is dangerous to all, especially our children. We strongly oppose this action.
Lisa Silverstein	It is negligent to allow this without clear explanation about how they can GUARANTEE that hazardous materials will not be brought to the landfill where it could impact our land, air, soil and water.
Lisa Sperling	Don't dump toxic waste in the residential neighborhood of Calabasas right next to 2 schools and a local park. Are you trying to create another Santa Susana??
Lisa Staines	Horrible for our health to breathe in toxic particles!!
Lisa Stern	
lisa weber	
Lisa B Hoffman	
Lisa J Bray	Sylmar has been disproportionately and adversely affected by the waste disposal at several landfills in the area, including Sunshine Canyon. I walk regularly in Sylmar and can personally attest to the unpleasant smells coming from this landfill in my neighborhood and over by O'Melveny Park area. It is disappointing to me that our Board of Supervisors cannot vote to more equitably dispose of waste to other LA geographic areas as well. This is the



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	fair and sensible thing to do considering that we have already been negatively impacted in the past and that the LA Aqueduct Cascades is so close to Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which could potentially result in a disastrous environmental impact if water contamination were to occur.
Lisbeth Silva	
Liza Rotem	
Lizette Serrano	This landfill has been grossly mismanaged and continues to be a threat to my child's health and safety at school and at her sports field.
Lizzet Alvarez	The recently shut down Chiquita Landfill, along with the active Sunshine Landfill in Sylmar, took 70% of LA County's solid waste for the past several years (see attachments). The ArmyCorp, EPA and BOS need to work together to find a true solution to this devastation rather than take the most convenient and quick shortcut. Untested soil does not confirm there is no lead, asbestos, or other contaminants therefore there is a high likelihood of hazardous material in the soil and ash. A strong wind tunnel blows dust and who knows what into the valley from the landfill (see attachment). Van Gogh ES, Robert Frost MS and El Oro ES are just a few LAUSD schools within 1.5 miles from the landfill. Our family's future depends on you to make the right decision. Why not tell the Feds to shift their spending from SpaceX missions towards a proper fire clean up? This is an emergency we cannot rush. Take care of our communities, our children, our food, our planet. This affects all of us. Please do the right thing.
Lonnie B Alperson	
Lori Aivazian	I oppose the waiver for disposal of hazardous waste from the Eton and Palisades fires to be dumped at Sunshine Canyon landfill. The BOS and LACDPH have warned constantly of the hazards of breathing and being exposed to the ash from the rubble of these horrific fires at the scenes, so why is it magically not hazardous to the public who live near these landfills? This debris needs to be trucked away to isolated spots, not dumped in highly populated areas.
Lori Ghazarian	
Lori Kalman	We have had too many issues with Sunshine Canyon and numerous odor complaints that go unresolved! Please do not let this landfill accept this debris. We have unusually strong winds that will gust and will send these pollutants into the local neighborhoods and neighboring homes. I am a homeowner and a business owner in this area, and I strongly opposed this item.
Lori McConnell	We all suffer already here from the dump and So Cal Gas exposure. All of this sits in the basin the the SFV. Why not find a property in surrounding fire area that you know won't be rebuilt on and bury it? Transporting these harards though different towns and then dumped hurts us all. We all become contaminated! This end of the Valley has dealt with the dump,the Mike missile base, the 3 nuclear disasters and the biggest methane blow out in history and we are still suffering. Stop dumping in less desired and lower income areas of



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	California! Leave the toxins where they are.
Lorna Moseley	
Lucy Vartanian	We can not have more tonage delivered to the Sunshine landfill. They can't even handle the trash they receive now. We're constantly smelling it on a daily basis.
Luz Hejazi	I oppose to move the Palisades debris to the landfill in Calabasas.
Ly Baker	<p>I strongly object to the emergency waiver to dump hazardous, toxic wildfire debris at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. AQMD records show the staggering number of Notices of Violation received by the landfill and the thousands of odor complaints in the past 12 months alone.</p> <p>There are days when our family cannot be outside, go for walks, or enjoy our yard because of the nauseating stench of the landfill. We cannot invite friends and family to our home. We removed our child from our home school, Van Gogh Elementary, due to countless times our child was subjected to the pungent, putrid, foul smell while playing in the school yard or walking to and from school. This is unacceptable. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill is a serious health threat to our community — our friends, families...our children.</p> <p>The Palisades hazardous fire debris should not be dumped at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It would be reckless and of extreme detriment to the health and safety of an entire community. We are already currently suffering enough from the effects of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Please don't dump another, huge problem on our laps.</p>
Lynn Kimotsuki	<p>As a longtime resident of Granada Hills, specifically the Balboa Highlands neighborhood, we are constantly inundated with the awful stench of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill gases.</p> <p>In addition to the noxious gases emitted from the landfill, I am equally concerned that Governor Newsom has signed an executive order "suspending the application of the California Environmental Quality Act and permitting requirements under the California Coastal Act to efforts to rebuild or repair properties or facilities destroyed or substantially damaged by these fires and directing other action to remove barriers to rapid rebuilding efforts." gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-1-15.Hazardous-Debris-Removal-EO-FINAL.pdf That includes increasing the daily tonnage limits and hours of operation for Sunshine Canyon over the next 6 months.</p> <p>Malibu residents have already pushed back on having a hazardous waste collection site in their immediate vicinity: malibutimes.com/malibu-residents-push-back-against-epas-hazardous-waste-staging-site which means that hazardous waste has to go somewhere. Just because Granada Hills "isn't Malibu" doesn't mean we are not just as concerned for the environmental safety of our neighborhood that is already compromised by the landfill along with the Porter Ranch gas leak issues.</p> <p>I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to waiving the current restrictions for Sunshine</p>



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	Canyon Landfill and trust that you will consider the residents of the neighboring communities to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and NOT ALLOW the increased tonnage and hour limits for the landfill.
LYUBOV L FIKS	Enough polluting in our area! Please find another dump!
M Dragavon	We've recently had years inhaling the worst gas leak in the United States history (Aliso Canyon). We don't need more health issues by inhaling the poisonous particles found in the ashes. We have strong Santa Ana winds that will blow the dangerous particulate matter to affect millions in The Valley. These fires were not our fault and we've had enough.
M Shneider	Oppose dumping toxic fire debris , ash and dirt @ Sunshine canyon landfill
Madeline Fuhrman	Are you all insane ?! Waivers on how much TOXIC DEBRIS can be dumped? You monsters.
Madeline Ovanesian	Please, do not harm us by bringing all the fire debris to the Sunshine Canyon landfill.
Mahayan Berenshtain	
Mahsa Farid	
Mallory Rees	
Mandana Hashem	
Manuela Testolini	
Mara Maxfield	
Marc McNeil	We don't need more traffic on local roads or toxic waste in Sunshine Canyon not rated for this material
Marci J Edge	Homeowner in area and employee of Van Gogh Charter. Keep toxic waste from the land fill.
Marcia jones	I oppose
Marcie Pendola	This is not safe for Calabasas residents
Marco Quevedo	
Margarita Alcaraz	
Margarita Shneider	Against fire debris from recent fires being brought to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Due to the toxic debris, ash and dirt containing toxic chemicals.
Mari Sargsyan	
Maria Caddis	
Maria Nicolacakis	There is no safe plan in place to carry out this action and it is a hazard to nearby residential communities and parks- which are already battling environmental hazards from the Santa Susanna meltdown.
Maria Strmsek	Do not want the waste from areas that have been affected by the recent fires



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	in the Sylmar landfills. Thank you for voting appropriately to those who live in the area.
Maria E Jones	
Marianne F Price	
Marina Pismennaya	<p>My name is Marina Pismennaya, I'm a resident of Calabasas, and I'm appalled that you're allowing toxic ash from the Palisades fire to be dumped at the Calabasas Landfill, which is located in a residential neighborhood, near schools and parks. This decision was made with NO input or consultation from our city council or residents. This decision is completely irresponsible, dangerous to the health of our community, and illegal. Having heard from multiple experts, including representatives of the Army Corp of Engineers, there is NO way to separate the toxicity in the ash of a fire of this magnitude, so there's NO way to guarantee that the debris coming to our RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD is not hazardous and won't jeopardize our long-term health. There are multiple schools within a one-mile radius of this landfill – you are endangering the health of our children!</p> <p>Yesterday at our City Council meeting, we learned that this decision was made without ANY consultation from our city council or residents. We also learned that the County intends on starting this dumping NEXT WEEK. We are shocked and outraged at the lack of transparency and the reckless speed at which this is moving, with NO regard for our environmental and health considerations! The Calabasas landfill is one of the only landfills in a residential neighborhood. The City of Calabasas has a population of 22,000, and neighbors Agoura Hills (population 20,000), Westlake (population 7500) and Woodland Hills (population 80,000). The health of all those people could be impacted! As an elected official, it is your job to protect the health and safety of all your constituents. We implore you to reconsider this decision, advocate on our behalf and direct the disposal of the fire ash and debris to a place with no or less residential impact. That is the safest and most responsible course of action. Calabasas is a wildly inappropriate place to dump this fire debris. We urge you strongly to stop this hazardous move before it is too late.</p>
Mario Moogan	I'm opposed to dumping contaminates in Sunshine Canyon because the facility already causes noticeable air pollution across the North Vally and refuge from the fire zone will likely contaminate our air further, especially with the high winds that regularly sweep through the area.
Marisa Bernstein	
Marisa Johnstad	Please don't store in our neighborhood
Marissa Feinstein	
Marissa Jasmine	Oppose
Mark Berger	



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Mark Deitch	Opposed to unsorted toxic waste near residential neighborhoods and schools
Mark Ebner	
Mark Steres	<p>The Calabasas Landfill is a Class III solid waste landfill. Class III landfills can not accept Hazardous Waste. The Board Letter has one sentence that states a conclusion that the fire debris "will not include household hazardous waste". That's all that is said.</p> <p>How is that POSSIBLE.</p> <p>Until we all receive detailed information on how hazardous waste material is removed from the fire debris prior to the debris being transported and dumped into the Calabasas Landfill, please halt any such activity.</p> <p>It is especially important as, unlike many landfills, the Calabasas Landfill is next to residential, parks and schools.</p>
Marsha Otkupman	
Marty Guerrero	I vehemently oppose the dumping of hazardous ash at the Sunshine Landfill in Sylmar. It has already been verified the site cannot handle hazardous waste now the city plans to dump hazardous ash there! It has no regard for the residents who will be affected.
Mary Dudley	I live near the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to the dumping of any hazardous waste at this landfill!
Mary Durham Kouzehkanani	oppose we live here and we do not want toxins in our community
Mary Enriquez	
Mary Gadallah	I'm against bringing any fire debris to Sunshine Canyon Dump
Mary Gentry	I strongly oppose this waiver for Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The Sunshine Canyon Landfill has a long history of complaints and violations, with those numbers increasing year-over-year. In light of the poor operating record of this landfill, taking in toxic fire debris should not be allowed as it poses a significant health and safety risk to the nearby residences, schools, and the Jensen Water treatment plant.
Mary Kandilian	
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Mary Mau	
Mary Lee Parisi	
Maryam Ghavami	
Maryam Hoorfar	No hazardous trash in Sunshine landfill.
Maryam Kazemi	



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Maryann Carhart	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods
Mashid Harrell	
Matt Pakucko	<p>Subject: VOTE NO on Agenda Item 29 – DO NOT DUMP FIRE DEBRIS IN OUR COMMUNITIES!!!</p> <p>To the LA County Board of Supervisors: We are not asking—we are DEMANDING that you VOTE NO on Agenda Item 29 and STOP this reckless plan to dump toxic wildfire debris at Sunshine Canyon and Calabasas Landfills. THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CATASTROPHE IN THE MAKING</p> <p>Sunshine Canyon is already an environmental disaster. The landfill cannot even control its current emissions. Now you want to pile on thousands of tons of hazardous fire debris—loaded with cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals, and airborne toxins—and pretend this is safe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIRBORNE CONTAMINATION CANNOT BE STOPPED. Even with air monitoring, it's too late once it's detected. It's already in our lungs. There is no "safe" way to keep this poison from spreading. • YOU ARE SETTING UP THE NEXT DISASTER. The Woolsey Fire debris was dumped at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, and what happened? A chemical reaction poisoned nearby communities and forced the landfill to shut down. You are about to make the same deadly mistake, but on an even bigger scale. • YOUR OWN AGENDA ADMITS THIS WASTE IS AN "IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH." Moving it from one neighborhood to another does not eliminate the danger—it spreads it. This is nothing more than a deliberate act of environmental injustice. <p>THIS IS HAZARDOUS WASTE – AND THESE LANDFILLS ARE NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE IT</p> <p>This isn't just dirt and debris—this is a toxic mix of known carcinogens and poisons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead, arsenic, cadmium, mercury – Cause neurological damage, birth defects, and cancer. • Benzene, toluene, styrene, formaldehyde – Linked to respiratory disease, organ failure, and leukemia. • Dioxins, furans, and PCBs – Persistent toxins that accumulate in our bodies and never go away. • Asbestos, flame retardants, PFAS chemicals – Linked to cancer, immune suppression, and irreversible harm to children. <p>You CANNOT dump this waste in a landfill that is not designed to handle hazardous materials. This is illegal, irresponsible, and deadly. THE SOLUTION IS CLEAR – GET IT AWAY FROM HUMAN POPULATIONS We demand that you DO YOUR JOB AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. Instead of exposing LA County residents to irreversible toxic exposure, send this debris to a proper hazardous waste site, far from populated areas—just like Phase 1 contamination was handled.</p> <p>This is not a request. This is a DEMAND for you to put public health over politics and corporate interests. VOTE NO on Agenda Item 29. DO NOT DUMP FIRE DEBRIS IN SUNSHINE</p>



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	<p>CANYON OR CALABASAS LANDFILL. Failure to stop this will result in irreversible harm—and we will not forget who was responsible. THE PEOPLE ARE WATCHING. DO NOT BETRAY US. Sincerely, Matt Pakucko President and Co Founder Save Porter Ranch, a North Valley 501(c) 3.</p>
Matt Paolasso	
Matthew Aw	<p>As a longtime resident in the San Fernando Valley, I strongly oppose allowing hazardous soil, ash and debris from the Palisades fire to be dumped in the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Strong Santa Ana winds will likely blow toxic particulate matter into the densely populated San Fernando Valley exposing countless residents to asbestos, lead, chromium, formaldehyde, and benzene. These are all know to be cancer causing chemicals that can also cause many other chronic illnesses. Children, unable to take precautions to protect themselves, will be exposed to these chemicals on a daily basis simply by playing in elementary school playgrounds. This broad has a moral obligation to protect San Fernando residents by voting "NO" on this measure.</p>
Matthew Poliquin	
Max Fefferman	<p>Do not send the toxic fire debris to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. I am only 3 years old and there are already so many days that I have to stay inside because it is so smelly outside due to the landfill. Please don't allow me to get sick from all of the extra garbage</p>
Meg Kahane	
Meg Volk	<p>I would like to express my disapproval of Sunshine Canyon Landfill taking on ANY Fire debris materials from the fire zones throughout Southern California.</p> <p>First of all the this landfill is a CLASS III Landfill and is not designed or authorized to be taking on hazardous waste.</p> <p>Secondly this landfill has been unable to contain their odors on site throughout this entire year of 2024 with 2187 odor complaints and 65 Notices of Violation, the most they have had since 2008. They blame the problem on various issues from rain to heat and wind but still have not been able to contain these odors when those conditions do not apply.. That being said how are they going to contain the odors and toxins from the fire debris? Even is they burrito wrap the waste. one they compact it with their tractors, toxins will be released into the air.</p> <p>Thirdly this landfill was never designed to be in this area but grew from an illegal dump to one of the largest landfills in the US. The landfill was closed when i moved here in 1991 and was set up to become a nature preserve. But due to the corruption and greed of the City Council at that time they voted to re-open and the merge the City and County sides together.. The community</p>



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	<p>lost by 1 "Stinking Vote" as the council was split and frankly confused as to what they they were actually voting for. The mayor at that time was Richard Riordan and he promised this would be the best and safest landfill in the US. Well, history has proved time and time again that was not true.</p> <p>In 2016 the SCAQMD issued an order of Abatement which forced the landfill to curtail the morning hours when most of the complaints occurred , decrease the tonnage accepted and improve the gas collection system. The is the only period of time in which the residents , schools, businesses and churches got some relief from the continuous trash and gas odors. We are now back to that same point as noted by the number of complaints reported and Notices of Violations issued. The SCAQMD was going to impose another Order of Abatement in January of 2025. However these fires occurred and because of Trumps claim we could clean all this up in 30 days Governor Newsom declared new policies reducing environmental restrictions to help move the process along.</p> <p>We are in a wind tunnel just under the newhall Pass and just north of an open reservoir serving all of LA County. Not to mention several fault lines from the San Andreas Fault (Earthquake January 17, 1994) if governor Newsom looked at all these factors I am sure he would reconsider dumping toxic fire waste here so close to homes, schools, parks and places of worship.</p> <p>Il feel for the victims of this horrendous fire event. One of our dear friends lost their home in Alta Dena. We know the debris needs to be debited somewhere. However given the history of this landfill and the issues the residents of Granada Hills have been dealing with for decades can you in all good conscience deem that Sunshine Canyon is a good choice? There are other options and other landfills that are authorized to take on hazardous waste and are designate das Class I.</p> <p>Please consider this very seriously as there will be long term consequences especially for the children whose developing ungs are dealing with these toxins even now.</p> <p>Can Simi Valley, Calabasas, Lancaster or other landfills claim ongoing current issues in their landfill ? O7&r are they just being NIMBYS? We have suffered long enough. Please consider this landfill as the very last and possibly worst option EVER!</p> <p>Very Sincerely,</p> <p>Meg Volk and fellow neighbor Roxie Deukmedjian</p>
Megan Laufman	This is such a dangerous hazard to the residents living nearby to dispose of toxic ash from the fires and there is no way they can assure that we are protected and safe. We strongly oppose and would like to propose another solution not in a residential area.
Megan Rowsey	



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Meirav Bengal	
Melanie Buttarazzi	You cannot put convenience over the health of the citizens who live less than a mile from this landfill. This is extremely negligent, hazardous, and inhumane. Our lives matter, and this must be stopped!
Melanie Chavez	
Melanie Maslan	No fire debris should be dumped in the calabasas landfill, which is surrounded by parks and schools.
Meline Barseghyan	
Melissa Castaneda	
Melissa Improta	
Melissa Oakland	No reference to the transparency and use of the neighboring landfill adjoining calabasas neighborhoods. Let me explain the use of transparency "The city of calabasas" must create the proper legal description and use language regarding the NEW DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS in the calabasas landfills from THE PALISADES FIRES. The palisades fires are 100% lethal and toxic. More importantly the factors that have not been considered is there is zero legally description due to lack of knowledge on the toxicity levels. This will have deadly consequences. If the city of Los Angeles will not allow residents themselves to remove debris based on its toxicity factor then that description alone states the landfill should not harbor these chemicals and toxins. I demand this debris be moved to the a desert location far away from human beings. If THE CITY OF CALABASAS CONTINUES THIS PROCESS THE CITY OF CALABASAS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIALLY. WE THE PEOPLE WILL SEEK RESTITUTION. In addition I noticed not 1 of these checked boxes directly refers to The Palisades fire or the calabasas landfill once again not being transparent but manipulating the system. WE THE PEOPLE OPPOSE THE USE OF CALABASAS LANDFILL AS A DUMPING GROUND FOR PALISADES FIRES DEBRIS OR ANY OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE. Do Not Proceed With Acceptance Of Fire Debris From The Palisades Fires Or Any Others. You Will All Be Responsible For Impacting The Lives Of Children And Families For A Large Circumference.
Melissa Paolasso	
melissa rasak	
Melissa Wallace	
Melissa S Olen	OPPOSE DUMPING ANY FIRE DEBRIS INTO CALABASAS LANDFILL!! live in close proximity to the Calabasas Landfill, and I am deeply alarmed that the County is even considering dumping toxic ash and fire debris from the recent fires in a site that is neither equipped to handle hazardous materials nor safely located. This landfill is surrounded by homes, parks, and schools—placing toxic waste here would endanger countless residents for generations to come. SEE ATTACHED GOOGLE MAP SHOWING HOW CLOSE THIS LANDFILL IS TO PEOPLE'S HOMES AND SCHOOLS



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	Why compound an already tragic situation by exposing even more people to harm? The long-term health and environmental consequences of this decision would be devastating. I urge you to do what is right: transport this toxic debris to a properly designated facility far away from where people live.
Melody Jones	No dumping in Sunshine Canyon or any other dump close to people. Stop poisoning us!
Melody Zaghi	
Meredith Momoda	Please do NOT bring debris into the Calabasas landfill!!
Meri Harutyunyan	
Merrie Doherty	I am asking that the board oppose this request and instead keep me, my family and all of my community, safe from the toxic waste and hazardous chemicals they want to bring to the Sunshine canyon landfill. Sunshine canyon is not zoned for category 2 toxic waste and Republic has failed us in the past. Please support our communities and vote no!
Michael Femia	As a resident of Granada Hills, I would like to strongly oppose the temporary waiver being considered for local landfills, especially Sunshine Canyon Landfill. To dispose of potentially hazardous material so close to schools, water treatment facilities, a reservoir, and residences is unthinkable. Let's not make one tragedy worse by ignoring the regulations that keep residents safe from hazardous materials. Please vote down this temporary waiver for the good of all Los Angeles residents.
Michael Kaplan	This landfill is near parks, school and family residences. It should not be taking on this waste which no one can guarantee is not toxic.
Michael Miller	
Michael Murphy	
Michael Pakdaman	PLEASE do not dump ANY ash or waste from the palisades fire in the calabasas landfill. There are neighborhoods with kids, parks and schools RIGHT NEXT TO the landfill. the landfill is NOT DESIGNED for fire related waste. NOBODY wants this
MICHAEL SPARKS	I do not want toxic waste near my house.
Michael Woodley	
Michael D Bridges	Do Not Poison our community
Michal Brison	Local resident concerned about the long term implications of!!
Michal Keswick	I can't even believe this is up for discussion. Remember when Newsom said he would clean up Santa Susana I believe to get elected and then backed out? Why does the government think it can bend the rules at the expense of the health and safety of others. The fact that hazardous materials (sorry there's no way to separate it out) is going to a landfill it shouldn't be going to next to schools and communities is negligent. Corners are being cut to expedite this. Why is Calabasas taking the hit for Newsom and Bass not



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	doing their jobs properly? How many times was Newsom warned he needed to clean the brush and don't get me started on the no water situation in the fire hydrants. These materials needs to go to Nevada - away from communities and schools.
Michal Temkin	We cannot have dangerous, untested chemicals dumped in our communities. We have children at school in Calabasas and very concerned with hazardous waste.
Michele Feher	
Michelle Freeman	This is extremely hazardous to the safety and health of families in residential communities.
Michelle Rick	
Michelle Theriault	I understand the need to quickly clean up toxic debris from the fire areas, but not at the expense of our health and our environment. The citizens of Porter Ranch and the surrounding areas do not need any further exposure to toxic materials. The Sunshine Canyon landfill management has struggled for decades with controlling the odor from standard household trash, please do not allow them to also manage toxic materials so close to our homes and schools. These toxic materials need to be transported as far as possible from populated areas.
Michelle Wen	
mike dickinson	i want clean breathable air
Mike Gank	
Mike Hazan	WE DO NOT WANT THE TOXIC WASTE DUMPED IN OUR CALABASAS LANDFILL WHICH IS TOO CLOSE TO HOMES. PLEASE RECONSIDER.
Mike Levy	
Milton Orellana	
Mina Milosavljevic	Please do not dump into the Calabasas Landfill. We live a mile away; we have a newborn and are very concerned for her health.
Mir Saidpour	I express strong opposition to any and all fire debris being transported to and disposed of at the Calabasas landfill.
Miriam M Koenig	I am opposed to any debris or waste from the Palisades or Eaton fires being brought to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. For years the landfill has failed to handle the trash they receive without constant complaints from neighbors and NOV's. As recently as this past month I called to complain and was told there was a NOV for the day. They have repeatedly shown they cannot handle the trash they do have, the landfill was not designed to handle hazardous waste, it is a high-wind area, there is wildlife at O'Melveny Park and children and hikers are there, Van Gogh Elementary is right behind the landfil and they often have to bring the children inside when the smell is bad. There are many homes in the direct area. It would be a catstrophe to bring in hazardous waste and I am firmly opposed.



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Moises Carrillo	I oppose any waste from the devastating Eaton and Palisades Fires being disposed of at landfills or spreading grounds in the Sylmar area.
Mollie Fefferman	I am a longtime resident of Granada Hills. I have 2 young children and work in the local public school. I am vehemently opposed to allowing untested toxic, brain damaging fire debris to be sent to Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Our health and safety are in jeopardy. SCL has already proven they cannot handle the tonnage they receive daily. Our neighborhood is bombarded with rancid trash odors year-round. It is unsafe and irresponsible to allow SCL to accept more toxic debris.
Molly Larson	I am opposed to this effort and in agreement with the opposition outlined by the City of Calabasas City Council in the letter they submitted.
Mona Shemtoub	
Monica Lieberman	The fire debris from the recent L.A. fires simply cannot be dumped in a landfill that is less than 1 mile from schools, parks, and an entire community. Allowing this would destroy the lives of far more people over the next few years than the actual fires. Please do not allow this toxic debris to be dumped in the Calabasas landfill.
Monica Miller	
Moran Nachum	I do not believe that the threshold for "safe" debris in Phase 2 can truly be met, especially given that this phase includes collection of soil up to 6 inches deep from areas of impact. As a result, I am opposed to this debris entering the Calabasas Landfill, one of the few landfills that's very much in a residential area surrounded by homes, parks, and schools.
Morena Glazer	
MORGAN G MCGRAW	As a concerned citizen and resident of Agoura Hills, I am deeply troubled by the removal, transportation, and disposal of disaster-related materials from the Palisades Fire. Transporting untested debris through Kanan Road puts residents at risk of exposure to toxic materials, with potential health impacts both in the short term and for generations to come. Given the sheer volume of disaster-related waste, it is nearly impossible to fully separate "hazardous" from "non-hazardous" materials or to ensure complete remediation of harmful toxins before disposal. Dumping fire debris at the landfill endangers the health and well-being of Calabasas residents and those in surrounding communities, including neighborhoods, schools, senior housing, parks, open spaces, and wildlife corridors. While I empathize with those who have lost their homes and want to rebuild quickly, we must not trade one disaster for another. I strongly oppose the dumping of untested materials—such as asbestos, electric vehicle batteries, and contaminated liquids—that could leach into our air and environment. Additionally, I oppose the transport of toxic materials through Kanan Road, where it poses an unnecessary risk to residents. I urge you to find safer, more responsible solutions for the disposal of this



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	debris to protect our communities now and in the future.
Muhammad Khusro	
Myasnik Barseghyan	
Nadine Levit	<p>I strongly oppose the proposal to waive washed restrictions and increase disposal tonnage limits at the Calabasas Landfill, particularly to allow the dumping of fire debris that may contain hazardous materials. While we all want to support the rebuilding efforts in Malibu and the Palisades, placing this burden on a landfill surrounded by homes, schools, and parks is unacceptable.</p> <p>What's most concerning is the lack of transparency around this decision. Residents deserve clear, detailed answers to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How will hazardous materials be identified and safely removed? - Who is making these decisions, and why hasn't the community been properly informed? - Can you guarantee that toxic substances—including heavy metals, asbestos, and other carcinogens—will be fully excluded? - What is the actual volume of debris expected to be dumped at the Calabasas Landfill? - What transportation routes will be used, and how will this impact local traffic and air quality? - What safeguards are in place to ensure no long-term health risks to our community? - Without clear answers to these questions, it is reckless to move forward with this plan. - Fire debris has been linked to serious health risks, including increased cancer rates, and exposing thousands of residents to these dangers should not be taken lightly. <p>There are better alternatives—remote landfills designed to handle this type of waste far from densely populated areas. If the county is committed to acting responsibly, it must explore these options rather than forcing communities to bear unnecessary risks.</p> <p>I urge you to reject this motion until a proper, transparent plan is in place—one that prioritizes public health, environmental safety, and accountability.</p> <p>Protect our community. Do not allow hazardous waste dumping in Calabasas!</p>
nalumith kampan	<p>We strongly oppose this temporary waiver which will allow the government to dump hazardous waste near our drinking water reservoir not to mention the proximity of the dump site so close to many residents in the San Fernando Valley. It is infuriating to me that our public official have zero concern about our safety and choose the easy path to solve a serious problem. This is our tax payer's dollar. These public official should be serving us and look out for our best interest. This is what you get paid to do. Please find a better solution.</p>



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	For example you can divert the dumping grounds to the desert region, far from human habitat. Or any other region that is far away and will not pose any safety concern for the population at large.
nalumith kampan	
Nancy Futterman	I absolutely do not want toxic ash from the Palasades fire in our landfill.. This is dangerous and not acceptable!!!! There are schools, homes, and parks nearby.
Nancy Scott	We are opposed to any fire trash in our backyard. We have lived near the sunshine landfill for over 40 years and this fire trash should not be dumped near us. This toxic waste needs to be dumped elsewhere. The toxins are not harmful and detrimental to our health.
Naomi Flores	I vehemently oppose the increase in tonnage and disposal of waste at the Calabasas landfill facility. The site is directly next to residential neighborhoods and the county has done poor due diligence and provided little forewarning about the impacts of dumping in the area. The wildfires were disastrous and unfortunate, and the county is again making poor choices that will forever impact the landscape of their communities . An appropriate site outside of residential neighborhoods needs to be found in order to remove and contain toxic and hazardous materials. I employ you to not make additional mistakes and oppose dumping and increase of tonnage of the Calabasas landfill.
Natalia Chaves haddou	
Natalie Bernstein	
Natalie Keshishian	OPPOSE any consideration to bring more toxic waste into Sunshine Canyon Landfill! This landfill is a public nuisance and grossly non-compliant as evidenced by the staggering number of odor complaints and notices of violation. It is the LAST place any sane public official should even think about sending more tons of hazardous waste. How can a facility that already operates in a manner that torments the North Granada Hills community on a daily basis be rewarded to take in fire debris that will result in exponentially graver circumstances that it is already in? Enough is enough, stop this madness!
Natalie Odien	Please keep your toxic waste away from our children! We are not your dumping ground!
Natalie Prisco	
Natasha Losada	You are putting all the constituents that live, study and work around the Calabasas landfill in jeopardy. We don't want toxic waste in our community. To disregard the restrictions put in place and show no regard for the health of the residents that will be affected is criminal behavior and opens you up for years of litigation when people start getting sick. The majority of houses in the fire have asbestos, heavy metals and toxins that reck havoc in our bodies, resources and communities. The toxicity of the debris is not being disclosed. Pay the money on the transportation of the waste instead of



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	<p>Lawyers. At the end of the day, it is our tax dollars that you are using and we adamantly oppose the approval of this temporary waiver.</p>
Natasha J Downing	<p>The role of elected officials is to protect and serve their constituents. The Calabasas Landfill is a residential landfill that is not equipped to handle toxic debris. It is within a 1 mile radius of 6 schools, and many playgrounds, parks, and homes.</p> <p>The LA Times has made it clear that corners are being cut when it comes to testing this debris. What is more, Colonel Sawser confirmed that he cannot guarantee that any of the ash that is coming is not toxic.</p> <p>We all know the health implications of bringing this kind of toxicity to a residential neighborhood. We've seen what has happened in places like Flint and Hinkley. We saw what happened after 9/11. You are addressing some of the greatest minds of California, and expecting us to buy your nonsensical rhetoric that this is "safe."</p> <p>Calabasas is an idyllic, beautiful, and peaceful community. It is a city full of families - people who fell in love with its quaint charm and fabulous schools. If you dump here, you will destroy this city for decades to come.</p> <p>I beseech you to stop this dumping. It is your civic duty.</p>
Nate Tetlow	<p>As a resident of Calabasas, and I'm appalled that you're allowing toxic ash from the Palisades fire to be dumped at the Calabasas Landfill, which is located in a residential neighborhood, near schools and parks. This decision was made with NO input or consultation from our city council or residents. This decision is completely irresponsible, dangerous to the health of our community, and illegal. Having heard from multiple experts, including representatives of the Army Corp of Engineers, there is NO way to separate the toxicity in the ash of a fire of this magnitude, so there's NO way to guarantee that the debris coming to our RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD is not hazardous and won't jeopardize our long-term health. There are multiple schools within a one-mile radius of this landfill – you are endangering the health of our children!</p> <p>Yesterday at our City Council meeting, we learned that this decision was made without ANY consultation from our city council or residents. We also learned that the County intends on starting this dumping NEXT WEEK. We are shocked and outraged at the lack of transparency and the reckless speed at which this is moving, with NO regard for our environmental and health considerations! The Calabasas landfill is one of the only landfills in a residential neighborhood. The City of Calabasas has a population of 22,000, and neighbors Agoura Hills (population 20,000), Westlake (population 7500) and Woodland Hills (population 80,000). The health of all those people could be impacted! As an elected official, it is your job to protect the health and safety of all your constituents. We implore you to reconsider this decision, advocate on our behalf and direct the disposal of the fire ash and debris to a place with no or less residential impact. That is the safest and most responsible course of action. Calabasas is a wildly inappropriate place to dump this fire debris. We urge you strongly to stop this hazardous move before it is too late.</p> <p>Sincerely.</p>
Nathalie Blossom	<p>I am opposed to the temporary waiver of the wastehhead restriction and</p>



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	subsequent increase in disposal tonnage limits as it will endanger the lives of the wildlife that is being protected by the construction of the wildlife animal crossing just yards away from the the Lost Hills landfill. Increasing tonnage limits at our local landfill will send all that wildlife to their extermination. It endangers the residents who live near the Landfill as well.
Nazanin Cohen	Insufficient measures are being taken to ensure the safety of residents in the areas surrounding the Calabasas Landfill. The materials being dumped are toxic. There is no guarantee they will not have long term health consequences for residents in the area. The materials that they intend to dump should be dumped in landfills that are NOT is such a deny populated area. Moreover, this landfill is not equipt for this amount and nature of refuse.
Nazanin Davidson	I oppose the fire debris to be dumped in Calabasas Landfill
Negar Nowzar	I am a resident of Calabasas and a mother of two. We, concerned parents of Calabasas are not letting any fire debris to be dumped in Calabasas landfill. You must reconsider this decision. Thanks, Negar Nowzar
Niamh Sproul	
Nicolas Montano	The last time there was a fire all the hazardous materials were shipped to the valley.
Nicole Mixdorf	The toxic ash and debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires have no place in the Calabasas landfill which is not designed for these types of hazardous materials. This landfill is in a residential area with homes, schools, and parks that our children play in. This material needs to be sent to a facility that is designed for toxic waste.
Nicole Osyka	
Nicole B Munn	
Nicole M Brown	Sunshine Landfill fire debris will pollute our neighborhood!
Nicole M Grossman	This Wildfire debris will contain toxic substances, no matter how many "precautions" are taken. Exposure to these toxins whether through the air, or soil poses Serious short term and long term health risks. There is no way to 100% guarantee that all the "toxic" materials don't go into the landfill. The Calabasas landfill is in a highly populated residential community. There are schools, parks and communitis all in the same vacinity. I urge you to take immeidate action and halt the use of the Calabasas landfill for fire debris disposal. There are alternative waste disposal sites in less populated areas that would be better suited for this purpose, minimizing the risks to public health and safety. I grew up in Chatsworth where the Santa Susana labs were and I have a large group of very good friends who came down with various cancers and brain tumors. One best friend won a case against Rockedyne for his brain tumor which was clearly from the contaminated soil/water in Chatsworth. This will happen again if we don't take extreme preccations!



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Nieves Millar	Sunshine Landfill is not authorized to receive Class III toxic hazardous waste, therefore shouldn't receive toxic waste from the fires. Unless all the lawmakers involved & Sunshine Landfill that approves dumping at Sunshine wants to receive a Class Action Lawsuit. Furthermore, they will be responsible for tax paying residents to potentially receive harmful diseases like cancer & others harmful diseases due to their harmful, reckless & negligent decisions. Sunshine Landfill has already been sued a number of times for their violations, negligence & recklessness. Sunshine has not changed their operating procedures. This waste needs to go to a landfill that is equipped to receive toxic & hazardous waste, which Sunshine Landfill is not.
Nikki Mendelsohn	
Nikki Nosrati	
Nili Kempler	No waste of pacific Palisades fire in Calabasas/ Agoura landfill
Nina Savelle-Rocklin	Not acceptable to put this community in danger!
Noah Nusinow	
Noah Petersen	I'm six years old and I'm not okay with this. Do not dump at sunshine canyon landfill. Protect my health and do not dump at this location. It's already so stinky at this landfill that I can't even go outside at times.
Nora Dovlatyan	
Norma Gallegos	AS LONG TIME RESIDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE HEALTH HAZARDS THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY THE FIRE DEBRIS BEING SENT TO LANDFILLS IN SYLMAR. IT COULD CONTAMINATE LA'S DRINKING WATER AT THE CASCADES. AS IT IS THE LANDFILL IS CAUSING SO MUCH HEAVY SEMI TRUCK TRAFFIC AND POLUTION IN THE COMMUNITY.
Noya Zaraya	
Nune Gipson	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods!!
Nurha Hindi-Chahayed	Sunshine canyon landfill has shown it is not capable of operating without harming the neighboring community given the many years of odor complaints and notices of violations. They are a nissance to the neighborhood and should not be given more ability to taken on more debris or allowed to operate longer hours
Octavia Radu	
Olena Svetlov	oppose on 29: no toxic waste to the land
Oliver Freund	Do not dump hazardous waste in our community. You are putting the health of our children at risk. This waste should be properly disposed of at a site far away from population centers.
Olivia Cohen-Cutler	DO NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS DANGEROUS WAIVER! This landfill is in the middle of residential areas, schools, businesses! Do not allow the



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	hazardous waste to poison our community!
Ozi Amir	No to dumping toxins into Sunshine Canyon landfill
Paige Johnston	
PAMELA J MCCRORY	I am deeply opposed to any fire debris being transported to and disposed of at the Calabasas landfill. This action lays the foundation for future public health and environmental catastrophes which will affect our entire community.
Parisa Shaban	
Parviz Jarrahzadeh	Baca use of more toxic material in this area which is cause sickness and additional health problem more than the current for neighborhood who are suffering from Sunshine canyon landfill for years. We as the neighbor residence are already challenging the current issues and pollution that SUNshine. Anton Landfill cause for this area and cannot take more input on our health special for our children. Unfortunately the health issues such as cancer and respiratory problems takes years and it is not easy to follow-up and nothing just a test result cannot prove the affection of the ash waste into this neighborhood. We are asking for a prove to show there is no danger for this neighborhood before any decision taken!
Patricia Bohan	
Patricia Fuentes-Gamboa	I oppose dumping fire waste in Sunshine Canyon. We've been affected already by the materials dumped. The fire waste will further add contamination. It's not fair to dump in our neighborhoods from the rich areas.
Patricia Glueck	The waiver for extending the amount of debris received and the hours open for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill needs to be rejected. This facility has been receiving numerous Notices of Violation from the AQMD because it can't handle the trash already there. It adversely affects schools, homes, and a water reservoir. It's very possible that hazardous material will be mixed in with the ashes from the LA fires and this can affect the health of residents downwind from the site, which is located in a wind tunnel and susceptible to seismic activity.
Patricia LoGiudice	
Patrick Gipson	The proposed dumping of toxic waste at the Sunshine Landfill poses a serious threat to public health, environmental safety, and the well-being of surrounding communities. Hazardous materials seeping into the soil and groundwater could contaminate local water supplies, endangering residents and wildlife alike. The release of harmful chemicals into the air could also exacerbate respiratory issues and contribute to long-term health risks. Given the landfill's proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, and natural habitats, allowing toxic waste disposal there would be an irresponsible decision with potentially devastating consequences. Opposing this proposal is not just a matter of environmental responsibility but also of social justice. Many landfills disproportionately impact marginalized communities, forcing them to bear the brunt of pollution and health hazards. Instead of risking irreversible damage, officials should focus on safer, more



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	sustainable waste management solutions that do not endanger local populations. Community members, environmental advocates, and policymakers must unite to demand better protections, stricter regulations, and investment in alternative waste treatment technologies that prioritize both people and the planet.
Patrick Murray	We do not want this hazardous and radioactive material placed in our landfill.
Patrick T Finn	The Calabasas Landfill is not equipped to handle the additional amount of waste. In particular, the potential hazardous waste that simply is impossible to make sure none of it is hazardous. This landfill is in and surrounded by residential neighborhoods and should not be considered for receiving any additional waste resulting from the fires.
Paul Burlic	
Paul Sparks	This community already deals with so many issues from Sunshine Canyon Landfill, that the absolute last thing this fantastic neighborhood needs is to acquire toxic ash and debris that will never be tested in our landfill. Look at this petition that my wife put together and in less than 2 days she has already received over 737 signatures and counting. Please hear us out, and PLEASE DO NOT AGREE TO THIS! change.org/p/stop-dumping-of-toxic-fire-debris-into-local-unfit-landfills
Paula Fong	I oppose the hazardous material coming into the local landfill near Granada Hills. It puts health and lives in danger.
Paula S Garrett	Sunshine Canyon Landfill - concerned mom of 8year old. don't want any waste from the LA fires onto sunshine canyon landfill.
Pearl S Tauro	
Pegah Pourrahimi	Do not dump any fire debris in Calabasas or we will all sell our homes and move!!
Pegah Samouhi	
Penelope E McMillan	Please do not increase the tragedy of recent wildfires by placing the health of North San Fernando Valley residents at risk by dumping these toxic materials into our area landfills. You know we have long struggled against the problems already created here. You also know the LA Aqueduct Cascades are less than a mile from Sunshine Canyon, too close for possible water contamination.
Philip Hache	This waiver should be denied. Increasing the disposal at these landfills would likely cause additional health issues and concerns for the local residents, as well as other problems locally. Please protect the people and deny this waiver.
Poonam Dua	
Portia Scott	Toxic waste from the fires will be moved to the Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air into our neighborhoods!!
Prianka Shahrin	



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Qin Cui	
Rachael Williams	
Rachanee Srisavasdi	
rachel fishenfeld	
Rachel Ginsberg	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!
Rachel Rabizadeh	
Rachel Rafaeli	
Rajesh Patel	
Ram Paul Silbey	This is a very bad idea seeing how close the landfill is to residential areas.
Randi Grinbaum	
Randy Breskin	
Rebecca Weiser	Strongly oppose for our children
Rebecca L Cisneros	I oppose moving any of the hazardous materials from the recent fires to the Sunshine landfill as I live at the foothills in Sylmar and when the Santa Ana winds blow, they blow fiercely here. Hence, any hazardous particles would definitely find its way in our city (my home). Do not allow this! Please find a landfill away from all cities.
Rebekka G Hosken	Sunshine Canyon has already negatively impacted our community, please don't make it worse by increasing capacity.
Richelle Blanken	I oppose toxic waste being deposited in a landfill so close to residents
Robbie Amodio	Do not send toxic fire-waste to the Calabasas Landfill which is too close to children, schools, playgrounds, public parks, and residential areas. Do not create another Disaster!! Stand up and do the right thing.
Robert Andonian	
Robert Ferber	I oppose using the Lost Hills landfill for storing debris from the fires
Robert Haiat	The waste needs to be kept far away from people, schools and communities
Robert Kraft	
Robert Younesian	I oppose of any type of landfill disposal coming from The palisades fires. You should find another landfill maybe near the desert? Have you considered Palmdale ? Theres a massive amount of land that is ideal for any type of waste and landfill coming into our community. There for I oppose
Robin Lipscomb	Strongly oppose citing health reasons for myself, elderly husband, grandchild and all others in this community and adjacent communities.
Robin Shirian	



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Robin Stroll	The waste from Pacific Palisades is highly toxic and causes cancer. It would make living in communities surrounding the site very hazardous.
Robin G Pomeroy	
Robyn Brill	
Robyn Doten	<p>February 17, 2025</p> <p>My husband and I have lived in California for over 30 years, and for the past 20 years, we've lived in Calabasas.</p> <p>We are writing to express our grave concern regarding the proposal to allow the Calabasas Landfill to accept fire ash from the Palisades Fire, and possibly the Eaton Fire.</p> <p>Allowing this toxic debris to be placed in the Calabasas Landfill would have long-lasting health consequences for our community, diminish property values, and potentially lead to numerous lawsuits.</p> <p>At our Calabasas Town Hall meeting on February 12th, The Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Brian Sawser, acknowledged that there is no guarantee that the Phase 2 fire ash and debris are non-toxic. Any reasonable person would know that when entire contents of a person's home and cars are burned and melted together, then is no possible way to separate toxic ash from non-toxic ash.</p> <p>The Calabasas Landfill is located in a densely populated area, and there are numerous schools, parks, neighborhoods and assisted living homes within a 1-2 mile radius.</p> <p>The proximity of these communities to the landfill, if fire ash were allowed to be dumped there, raises serious health concerns. The safety of our children and families must come first.</p> <p>Schools and Parks: Lupin Elementary School AE Wright Middle School Montessori Malibu Canyon Preschool Ilan Ramon Day School Grape Arbor Park Gates Canyon Park De Anza Park</p> <p>Neighborhoods: Saratoga Hills Community (directly right next to the landfill) Deer Spring Community (300 homes) Calabasas View Community Via Mira Monte Community Steeplechase Condos Stone Creek Community</p>



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	<p>Mont Calabasas Community Malibu Canyon Community Mountain View Community El Encanto Community Malibu Meadows Avalon Calabasas Aparments Meadowbrook Assisted Living (Agoura Hills) Oakmont Senior Living (Agoura Hills) Horizons 55+ Apartments in Calabasas (1 mile from Landfill)</p> <p>Respectively,</p> <p>Robyn Doten Sol Doten</p>
Ronit Unikel	<p>The City of Calabasas was not informed that the Calabasas Landfill was even being considered for fire debris disposal until January 25th. Since then, they have taken every possible step to gather information, identify the decision-makers, and understand exactly what is happening—all while reiterating the firm position: no hazardous material should ever be brought to this landfill. Last night, we learned from the Army Corps of Engineers that fire debris could begin arriving in Calabasas as early as next week. I oppose any fire debris being sent to the Calabasas Landfill. This opposition stems from several critical concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No clear explanation of how hazardous materials will be sorted out 2) A lack of transparency in the decision-making process 3) No guarantees that toxic materials will be excluded 4) No information on the volume of debris coming to the landfill 5) No details on transportation routes 6) No confirmation that there will be no health or safety risks to our community <p>This is not how decisions of this magnitude should be made. While I recognize the urgency of clearing fire debris to help Malibu and the Palisades begin rebuilding, bringing it to a landfill surrounded by homes, parks, and schools is not the answer. The fire debris should not be allowed to be disposed of in the Calabasas landfill and, instead, should be disposed of in a landfill that is not near a residential area.</p>
Ronnie Kraft	
Rosa Manzanares	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Rose Camp	
Rouben Keshishian	OPPOSE permitting ANY fire debris coming into Sunshine Canyon Landfill!
Roxanne M Baden	
Roza M Besser	Nobody wants dumping of the Palisades fire waste. BUT it should not be done in residential areas such as the landfill in Calabasas. Although assurances have been made, I am concerned about the oversight of such a project. Toxic waste is a grave concern that could put us and future



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	generations in an early grave.
Runya Simon	<p>I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the use of the Calabasas Landfill as a disposal site for debris from the Palisades Fire. This landfill is in close proximity to our family's schools our residential neighborhoods, parks, and other densely populated areas, creating a significant public health risk for thousands of Californians. The potential consequences of allowing fire debris—potentially contaminated with toxic materials—to be dumped in such a sensitive location are alarming and demand immediate reconsideration.</p> <p>Wildfire debris often contains hazardous substances, including heavy metals, asbestos, and carcinogenic compounds such as dioxins and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Exposure to these toxins, whether through air, water, or soil contamination, poses serious risks to public health, particularly for children, seniors, and individuals with respiratory conditions. The long-term effects of such exposure can lead to increased cases of asthma, lung disease, cardiovascular issues, and even cancer.</p> <p>A tragic precedent exists in California's history—the Santa Susana Field Laboratory disaster. The 1959 partial nuclear meltdown and subsequent chemical contamination at the Santa Susana site led to decades of environmental and health repercussions for nearby communities. Residents suffered higher rates of cancer and other illnesses due to the toxic exposure. The failure to properly handle and contain hazardous waste at Santa Susana serves as a dire warning of the dangers of improper waste management. We cannot allow history to repeat itself.</p> <p>The Calabasas Landfill sits near vital community spaces, including elementary and high schools, residential developments, and popular recreational areas. If toxic debris is deposited there, harmful particulate matter could become airborne, contaminating the local environment and water sources. Furthermore, potential runoff from the site poses a serious risk to the Los Angeles River watershed and the greater regional ecosystem</p> <p>I urge you to take immediate action to halt the use of the Calabasas Landfill for fire debris disposal and to conduct an independent environmental impact study before any further decisions are made. There are alternative waste disposal sites in less populated areas that could be better suited for this purpose, minimizing the risks to public health and safety.</p> <p>California has long been a leader in environmental responsibility, and this is an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to protecting our communities. I urge you to intervene and ensure that the health and safety of Calabasas residents, and all impacted Californians, are prioritized over convenience.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response and to seeing decisive action taken to prevent a potential public health disaster.</p>



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Ruth Irwin	For the health and safety of our families I strongly oppose
Ruth Paul	They are taking the toxic waste from fires and moving it to Sunshine Landfill where Santa Ana winds will blow polluted air to our neighborhoods!! Move to the desert where there are no homes or families. We in this area do not need more issues than we have with the Sunshine dump
Ruth Turobiner	
Ruzanna Saakyan	
Ryan Gabler	
Ryan Yatman	No Toxic Waste in our neighborhood or community.
Sabina Bral	I Allowing wildfire debris to be transported to the Calabasas landfill—an area surrounded by homes, schools, and a daily population—is completely negligent. This debris must be taken to a remote location where it will not pose a health risk to the majority of the population. While it is crucial to clear the waste so affected communities can rebuild, depositing toxic materials in densely populated areas is a serious mistake with significant health and legal consequences for the county. This order must be stopped immediately.
Sabrina Farhang	
Sakinah Thobani	
Samantha Figura	
Samantha Molinar	
Samar Kadi	Already sick from landfill fumes! No more toxic chemicals! Do not bring fire waste to Sunshine
Sameer Deo	This action is highly shortsighted and poses a significant health and safety hazard. Reconsider this action until a comprehensive risk assessment is completed.
Samin Joshi	
Samvel Ratevosian	
Samy Benkirane	I am totally against any sort of debris from the recent fires being dumped in the Sunshine Canyon Dump. This could personally affect the health of surrounding neighborhoods as well as my own. This could affect natural life nearby and affect peoples health who live nearby the dump.
Sandra Fein	We do not want toxic waste being dumped in our neighborhood. It will pollute our air and make us sick.
Sandy Yasharel	
Sara Bronner	
Sara Heum	No to toxic waste in Sunshine Lanfill. We have tons of wind in the North Valley and should not risk exposure to toxic materials for residents.



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			Sara Mirmirani	
			Sara Rodich	
			sara S ganzel	Do not dump in our Sunshine Canyon Landfill!!! Think of the health and safety of our community, especially our children!!!
			Sarah Bertalotto	
			Sarah Bittle	
			Sarah Nussbaum	
			Scott Glazer	
			Scott Goldman	Toxic waste from the Palisades fire is dangerous to the schools and residents in the nearby surrounding community.
			Seda Keshishian	OPPOSE bringing ANY fire debris to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It is already well-documented that it is incapable of managing waste as trash odors and fugitive gases are a daily problem in our community! It is uniquely problematic as it is located in a wind tunnel and blows noxious fumes and toxic air directly into our homes and schools. Do not reward their violations by allowing them to accept increased tonnage of toxic fire debris!
			Sergiy Chernukha	My 5 and 7 year old daughters attend Lupin Hill Elementary and we live around the corner from the school. While we are heartbroken by the devastation and loss from these recent fires, we've been told for the entire month of January how dangerous the ash is, and now they want to dump it in a landfill by our homes, schools, and parks. There are many other landfill options that are NOT in residential neighborhoods. They are just farther away, so it takes more time and money. There is no price that can be put on the health and welfare of our children, neighbors and wildlife. Please do not allow short sighted gains be at the expense of our lives... not to mention the impact it will have on property values and the tax revenue you rely on from the homes in our area.
			Serineh Marashlian	
			Sev Markari	
			Shabnam Shirian	
			Shadi Tamaddon	
			Shadi Youssef	
			Shauna Jackson	THIS WASTE NEEDS TO BE KEPT FAR AWAY FROM PEOPLE, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES!!
			Shawn Mond	
			Shea Scullin	Attention the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors: I am so deeply concerned about people dumping toxic substances so close to



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	<p>where humans live, work, eat, and attend schools. It's frightening that people actually thought about this plan and somehow decided it should be implemented. Toxic chemicals and waste near human beings? As a cancer survivor in an apartment building where 5 of us developed cancer at relatively young ages, please reconsider inflicting access to harmful substances upon the neighborhood of a dumpsite. There MUST be a better solution. And one NOT involving harm to local communities. Please think about the consequences before you simply sign a contract. Lives, futures, children's reproductive health are all at stake!</p> <p>This is much bigger than you! Bigger than me. Please vote NO on 29 and do NOT allow toxic elements to enter the airspace in neighborhoods that were NOT burned. There has been so much damage, destruction and loss already! Please don't add lives to that as well.</p> <p>Thank you very much, Shea Scullin SheaPScullin@gmail.com 818-415-4323</p>
Sheila Rini	I do not want my children to be affected by these toxic chemicals
Sheilla Josanna	Sunshine Canyon Landfill
Shelley Kierman	
Sheri Bergman	<p>Subject: Urgent Opposition to Fire Debris Disposal at Calabasas Landfill Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed waiver that would allow fire debris from outside the watershed to be disposed of at the Calabasas Landfill. This decision, if approved, would pose unacceptable risks to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Calabasas and surrounding communities.</p> <p>The City of Calabasas was only informed of this plan on January 25, giving the community little time to respond. Since then, we have seen no clear explanations or assurances on the following critical issues:</p> <p>1. Hazardous Materials Risk & Airborne Contamination * Fire debris often contains asbestos, lead, arsenic, and other carcinogens. Without a clear and enforceable sorting process, toxic dust could become airborne as trucks unload and bulldozers move the debris. * The landfill is located in a high-wind corridor, meaning that hazardous ash and particulate matter could be carried for miles into neighborhoods, parks, and schools. Santa Ana winds could make exposure even worse, increasing the risk of respiratory diseases, asthma, and cancer.</p> <p>2. Water Contamination & Runoff Dangers * The landfill is near the Malibu Creek Watershed, which feeds into the Santa Monica Bay. Rainfall could cause hazardous ash, heavy metals, and other toxic materials to seep into our water sources. * Leachate pollution (toxic liquid produced by decomposing waste) could further threaten local groundwater, impacting drinking water for thousands of residents.</p>



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	<p>* Children and pets playing in local parks could unknowingly be exposed to contaminated soil if hazardous debris runoff is not properly contained.</p> <p>3. Severe Traffic & Safety Risks in the Canyons</p> <p>* Hundreds of diesel trucks transporting debris will overwhelm Malibu Canyon Road, Topanga Canyon Boulevard, and Las Virgenes Road—all narrow, winding roads with limited capacity.</p> <p>* These roads are already prone to landslides and accidents, especially when overloaded with heavy, unstable materials. A single collision or road closure could cause hours of gridlock, delaying emergency response times and affecting thousands of commuters.</p> <p>4. Fire Risk from Flammable Debris</p> <p>* Some fire debris may contain smoldering embers or flammable materials, posing a direct risk of secondary fires at the landfill or along transport routes.</p> <p>* Given Southern California's history of extreme drought and high fire danger, it is reckless to allow potentially hazardous, flammable waste to be dumped in a landfill surrounded by dry brushland.</p> <p>The urgency of clearing fire debris is understood, but placing this burden on Calabasas—without proper planning, transparency, or safeguards—is dangerous and unacceptable. There are safer alternatives that do not put the health and safety of thousands at risk.</p> <p>I urge you to reject this proposal and find responsible alternatives that will not endanger the residents of Calabasas, the Las Virgenes region, and surrounding communities.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sheri & Jay Bergman of Calabasas</p>
Sherli Frank	The lifting of this restriction is an egregious error that puts the health of our community in danger. This landfill sits in extremely close proximity to schools, parks and communities. I oppose this request!
Sherri Cirac	This is absolutely unacceptable in a neighborhood with parks, schools and playgrounds.
Sherri Rosenthal	
Sherry Yatman	No toxic waste in Calabasas ever.
Shirin Pezeshk	
Shlomete Harel	
Shula Goldfarb	This needs to go to Nevada landfill not close to schools and communities. City of LA is cutting corners and trying to rush this. We aren't dumb and won't stand for this. If sovereign immunity didn't exist and all you public officials could get sued, this wouldn't be happening. Shame on anyone trying to do this. You're on the wrong side.
Siang K Aw	Dumping toxic dust/waste in Sunshine Canyon Landfill will harm health of people in surrounding area. Class action lawsuit waiting to happen.
Sidisa Levin-Katz	
Sigal Adini	Sylmar is not a dumping ground for waste from other parts of LA City and LA County. Do not bring waste to the current landfills and do not create new



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	landfills.
Siobhain Carroll	I vehemently oppose the dumping of hazardous ash at the Sunshine Landfill in Sylmar. It has already been verified the site cannot handle hazardous waste now the city plans to dump hazardous ash there! It has no regard for the residents who will be affected by this.
Sofya Barseghyan	
Sogol Drake	
Sonia Gewargis	Fire ashes are harmful to our health, we do not want it at the Sunshine Canyon. Please, keep it away from our kids, schools & our community.,
Sonya Medrano	
Sophia Toussi	Save Calabasas. You can't dump toxins in a residential community.
Sorena Sacket	Our family Strongly opposes this.
Sri Purnomo	
Stacey Borden	Keep our children safe
Stacey Hache	STOP ANY HAZARDOUS Dumping in North Sam Fernando Valley. Dumping fire debris containing these dangerous substances into Sunshine Canyon Landfill—a site not designed for handling such hazardous materials—creates a serious risk of toxic exposure through air, water, and soil contamination. This endangers nearby communities, workers, and ecosystems while violating fundamental public health and environmental protections.
Stepan Dovlatyan	
Stephanie McLaren	It's bad enough that our State has shown little preparation for fires and safety throughout my 20 years of living in calabasas, now we as residents, will be living amongst hazardous materials potentially causing cancer and other illnesses. The landfill is too close to schools, parks and homes. When is the time coming to protect our children and community. Your irresponsibility has officially gotten old. Come up with another solution. This isn't it!! I understand the materials need to go somewhere but if they are hazardous you don't dump them in a community and cause harm. We want guarantees that the materials aren't hazardous. If you can't answer then the answer is DONT DO IT!!!!
Stephanie Paysinger	My young family lives in this community and fear the use of this landfill for hazardous materials and increased use while it's clear the amount of waste currently being placed there is beyond their capacity to manage.
Stephanie A Nadanarajah	Send the materials to a less populated area please such as Simi valley or a new landfill location.
Stephen Ridley	Residents near the Calabasas Landfill will NOT tolerate dumping of Palisades



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	waste. This is not something you can do without the consent of community leaders. This would be illegal dumping and should not be allowed to continue. Do the hard work to find a SAFE place to dump this material, not near other people's homes.
Steve Frankland	In opposition of bringing hazardous material to a residential location and to a landfill which cannot support such waste. This is a residential area with elementary schools and in 3 months an immense amount of waste can be introduced to this place which I am opposed to on an ethical and health code
Steve Garrett	Sunshine canyon landfill is too full and can not handle additional disposal
Steve Ma	
Steven Raft	<p>I strongly oppose a decision to use the Calabasas landfill for the disposal of potentially hazardous or toxic waste resulting from the destruction of homes and property in Pacific Palisades and Altadena. While this may seem like an expedient solution, it is ultimately against the best interests of Calabasas residents, particularly those who live in close proximity to the landfill.</p> <p>The health and safety of our community should be the highest priority. Allowing hazardous waste to be deposited in a local landfill presents significant risks to both the environment and the public, especially considering the potential long-term consequences of contamination.</p> <p>I urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to consider this in their decision and instead direct the waste to a federal facility designed to handle such materials, such as Kettleman Hills, safely. This approach would protect the well-being of Calabasas residents, safeguard our environment, and ensure that this challenging situation is addressed responsibly.</p> <p>Thank you for considering the safety and health of our community.</p>
Sunny Ellis	
Susan Gould	
Susan Siegel	
Susan R Morris	exposes residents, school children to toxic waste, insufficient testing has been done, a devastating fire in one area should not cause another area to suffer irreparable harm that may cause illness and disease for untold decades. I oppose.
Susanna Barseghyan	
Suzanne Goldstein	We oppose the dumping of hazardous waste in Calabasas. We live close to the Calabasas landfill and are worried about the effects of pollution in our water, air, and environment. Please do not allow debris to be dumped in the Calabasas Landfill.
Suzanne Gonzalez	
Suzanne Steres	I am a longtime resident of Calabasas and strongly oppose the dumping of



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	hazardous fire waste from the Palisades and /or Altadena, and/or ANY hazardous materials into the Calabasas landfill. The residents of nearby communities deserve a robust reporting of how the county plans on identifying and removing hazardous waste from the ash/debris from these fires, BEFORE transportation and dumping of such waste begins. If it is determined that the proposed waste cannot be accurately segregated and the hazardous ash and debris removed, than the county should not be allowed to use the Calabasas Landfill for evacuating the waste, and other landfills that are designed for Hazardous Waste should be used.
Suzanne Welsh	Dumping toxic waste from any of wildfires should ABSOLUTELY not be permitted at the Calabasas landfill. It presents an immediate and present DANGER to the health and safety of nearby residents and to our environment. Calabasas landfill has already been the target of government-sanctioned illegal and unsafe toxic dumping (i.e., radioactive waste from Santa Susana Field Laboratory) in the past and NO MORE SHOULD BE PERMITTED IN OUR COMMUNITY now or in the future!!
Svetlana Mirakyan	i dont think we should do that
Syuzanna Dovlatyan	
Tahel Ben David	The Calabasas Landfill which is a residential landfill should not be used for the fire debris whatsoever and certainly not in this capacity and volume
Tal Steinberg	
Tamar Ekizian	Oppose to bringing fire debris to Sunshine Canyon
Tanner Goldstein	This is a health risk to people in Calabasas and should not be done at all.
Tanya Martin	Extremely against this as this put my 5 children's lives and health at risk as well as mine and my husbands!!!
Tara Eisendrath	Do not dump toxins by our homes and schools!
Taryn Reitman	
Taryn Van Dyke	
Taunia Post	Please do not allow these hazardous materials to be deposited in our calabasas landfill which is in the middle of homes, schools, and wildlife. I strongly object to all of us being exposed to these toxic materials due to health and yet unforeseen consequences. These waste materials need to be taken to an area in the middle of the desert where there are no humans and chances of infecting water and soil that will impact future generations. Thank you.
Tawni Tyndall	I oppose the use of sunshine canyon landfill for disposal of toxic waste from recent fires. This is in my back yard.
Taylor Forman	
Thomas Downing	



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Tigran Dovlatyan	
Tigran Sargsyan	
Timothy Yoon	Dumping toxic wastes from recent fires in sunshine canyon landfill will harm people living in the SF Valley.
Tina Amirteymoori	Opposing to dump Hazardous fire ashes in the Sunshine Canyon dump.
Tina Fanelli Moraccini	<p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to dispose of fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires at the Calabasas Landfill. As a resident of Calabasas, I am deeply concerned about the potential health and environmental risks this poses to our community, particularly given the landfill's proximity to homes and schools.</p> <p>Fire debris can contain hazardous materials, including toxic ash, heavy metals, and other contaminants that may become airborne or leach into the soil and groundwater. Transporting and depositing this waste so close to residential areas could expose our families and children to unnecessary health risks.</p> <p>Additionally, this plan raises concerns about air quality, increased truck traffic, and long-term environmental impacts. Our community should not bear the burden of this debris disposal when safer, more appropriate locations exist.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose this proposal and advocate for alternative sites that do not put Calabasas residents at risk. I hope my concerns will be taken into serious consideration.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for your commitment to protecting the health and safety of our community.</p>
Tina S Bernard	
Todd S Russ	
Tonia Arey	This is irresponsible. There are many other landfills that can effectively handle and process this debris. Yes, it may take more time and the city may have to spend more money, but that's the city's problem to sort out. This burden cannot and should not be placed to the nearest site, that act is negligent and lazy. This is not Calabasas' problem. The subject site was built to accommodate a certain amount and type of waste- toxins was not and is not on that list. This is a temporary fix for a lifetime of problems.
Tony Della Ripa	
Traci A Schwarz	
Trevor Rick	Parent of a student at Balboa Gifted Elementary which will be downwind of this toxic material being dumped at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. I do not want these kids to be breathing in this material when it blows from that landfill.



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Tricia DeTuno	
Tricia Gordan	This is terrible idea to endanger millions of citizen by putting hazardous materials in an area not designated to receive toxic waste on top of a hill where it is known to be windy and catch on fire! Not to mention right next to the San Fernando valley water source!! This doesn't make any sense!! It'll cause much more devastation in the future to many more families! Why not put it in the middle of nowhere! It should not be by 500,000 families that call this piece of Los Angeles home!
Tushar Ranka	
Vadim S Zitser	
Valerie Punwar	No!!! Too close to playground and homes
Vanessa Reid	Our small, residential-neighborhood landfill is not the appropriate place to take hazardous materials from the Palisades fire cleanup. These materials are toxic and dangerous. Let us not pretend otherwise. A remote, isolated landfill should be utilized which has experience handling dangerous materials, and is not located within half a mile of homes, schools, and parks. Additionally, hauling mass tonnage of these toxic materials through our canyons and city streets will not only cause a lot of wear and tear to our infrastructure, but will also cause hazardous conditions and traffic to the other cars on our small roads. Consideration of increased hours/days/terms of operation at our landfill is wholly premature and moot. I understand the desire and need for expediency, but please don't let it be at the expense of the health, safety, and longevity of wildlife and people in our homes, parks, and schools; as well as our high-end property values. We shouldn't trade one disaster for another. The disposal of these toxic materials should be carefully considered, and handled safely and correctly at a site designed for just that.
Vanessa M Chavez	
Vanuhi Zohrabians	Please vote against a quick fix to this serious problem. The LA aqueduct and county's water source is nearby. These are the communities that dealt with the Aliso Canyon gas leak. Sunshine Canyon Landfill already does not follow proper protocol. This could endanger our community for years to come for the sake of political victories at the state / federal levels, and profit for Sunshine Canyon Landfill, at the cost of a future major class action lawsuit against LA county. Please oppose this unnecessary measure and allow for the proper timing, testing for toxicity and other necessary steps to dispose of this waste in a safe manner.
vi AV nguyen	
Vianey Cifuentes	
Victoria Shuster	So many children at risk if doing this.
Victoria Stone	I vehemently oppose the toxic waste of the Palisades fire debris in Calabasas!!
Vida Ghiam	Stop dumping Palisade toxic waste in our city of Calabasas . You are



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	cleaning one city by toxicating another city , please don't move these hazardous waste , this endangering our children . Just stop
Wayde A Hunter	SHAME on you if you approve Sunshine Canyon Landfill. There is not a worse place in California that you could put this fire-related debris in from Phase 2. The landfill is a PUBLIC NUISANCE located in a WIND TUNNEL in which the landfill operators plan to dump the material high up on an exposed south facing slope approximately 384,000 tons in 120 days. Fire-related potentially hazardous waste that they will have to keep wet to prevent it from drying out and becoming airborne until it is covered at the end of the day. And don't you forget that the US Army Corp of Engineers will be using 10-ton trucks and resulting in 69,600 trip ends which will further degrade our air quality and impact our local traffic further risking the health, safety and welfare of the communities of Granada Hills and Sylmar.
Wendy S Nathan	To dump toxic waste so close to schools and communities is unconscionable and extremely dangerous for the health of us all! CHANGE THE LOCATION OF THE DUMP SITE!
Wesley Brodsky	
Will Effertz	I am asking that you do not send the toxic waste from the fires to the Sunshine Canyon facility. The Santa Ana winds and rain run off carry the toxic waste directly to our community and homes. This settles in our yards, our pools, and blows into our homes open windows. Many of us are already suffering health issues from the existing toxic waste and smells from that facility it is ludicris to add any more to it.
William Reinhart	Say no to this!
WILLIAM J CASTILLO	Sylmar has been disproportionately and adversely affected by the waste disposal at several landfills in the area, including Sunshine Canyon. I walk regularly in Sylmar and can personally attest to the unpleasant smells coming from this landfill in my neighborhood and over by O'Melveny Park area. It is disappointing to me that our Board of Supervisors cannot vote to more equitably dispose of waste to other LA geographic areas as well. This is the fair and sensible thing to do considering that we have already been negatively impacted in the past and that the LA Aqueduct Cascades is so close to Sunshine Canyon Landfill, which could potentially result in a disastrous environmental impact if water contamination were to occur.
William J Cotter	The operators of the Sunshine Canyon landfill have shown repeatedly – for many years – that they will always place profit over community safety. They have received a staggering number of Notice of Violations from the SCAQMD – a number that continues to get worse by the year – yet they allow the stench to continue to come into our houses. A small is bad enough, but what toxins are mixed into it? So now the state, county, and city seem to think that Sunshine Canyon is a good spot of ton after ton of proven hazardous waste? Waste that is not in the category this dump was designed for or permitted for. Waste that is far more dangerous than the rotting garbage that has plagued us for years. I have a simple questions for those making these decisions. If the dump can't keep the



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	<p>odor of rotting food waste from escaping why on earth would you think they will do any better with material far more dangerous?</p> <p>The dump is in a proven wind tunnel. This means the toxins can spread quite far, and not just into our neighborhood. How about right into the reservoir that is the main source of water for the entire city of Los Angeles, which is just downwind of the dump.</p> <p>The dump is in a seismically active area. The only school that did not survive the Northridge quake is just to the south of the dump (also downwind, thereby exposing students every day gasses escape.) Highways fell down at the dumps entrance. And with that we are supposed to assume the dumps liner will remain intact and will not leach toxins into that very nearby reservoir?</p> <p>How about all the diesel particulates we will let from trucks idling outside the entrance? How about the extra traffic in the area? How about the wear this will cause on a section of road that is already dangerously rutted from the constant weight of the heavy trucks?</p> <p>I have read that there are plans to "examine" the trash to make sure there are no items such as lithium batteries going into the dump. Are we really expected to believe that no one, in the interest of saving time and/or money, isn't above putting such waste at the bottom of a truck then covering it with tons of other debris? What happens if a lithium battery later ignites and causes an underground fire like at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill – a fire that has caused massive issues for local residents and defies all efforts to extinguish it? Do you really want to take the chance that such a fire will not erupt at Sunshine Canyon? If it does, and if that causes a permanent closure like at Chiquita, where will the county turn to for disposal of household waste?</p> <p>Yes, the waste needs to go somewhere. How about one of the landfills specifically designed and licensed to handle such waste? Yes, that will cost more, short term, but to me that far, far exceeds to cost of what this decision will lead to when junk escapes the dump. The thousands of complaints and hundreds of Notice of Violations clearly demonstrates that it will indeed escape.</p> <p>There are NO good reasons to dump this fire waste at Sunshine Canyon but many, many reasons not to. Top of that would be the risk to the health of millions if the city water supply is compromised?</p> <p>Why would you even consider, just for a moment, to do such a dangerous thing?</p>
william L scott	<p>We are opposed to any fire trash in our backyard. We have a water treatment plant next to the Sunshine Landfill for clean drinking water. The plant serves a great deal of the city of Los Angeles. We have strong Santa Susana winds which help carry the toxins to our drinking water and innocent communities in LA. The ash and hazardous waste will affect all of us in LA. We have been</p>



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	<p>tolerating the constant violations from the landfill for 40 years. We cannot tolerate additional wastes and toxins blowing in our neighborhood and affecting our health. Take this problem out to the middle of the desert where it won't be a hazard.</p>
Yas Rad	<p>I strongly oppose the disposal of fire debris at Sunshine Canyon Landfill due to the potential environmental and public health risks. Fire debris can contain hazardous materials such as heavy metals, asbestos, and toxic chemicals that may contaminate the air, soil, and water. Given the landfill's proximity to residential areas, there is a serious concern about increased air pollution and potential health effects for nearby communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, Sunshine Canyon Landfill has a history of odor and environmental compliance issues, raising doubts about its ability to safely manage fire debris. Alternative disposal sites with better safeguards and monitoring should be considered to prevent further harm to public health and the environment.</p> <p>I urge local authorities to prioritize the safety of residents and explore more responsible waste management solutions.</p>
Yelena Goldman	<p>I would like to express my disapproval of Sunshine Canyon Landfill taking any fire debris materials from fire zones throughout Southern California. This landfill has been unable to contain their odor on site throughout entire year of 2024 with 2187 odor complaints and 65 Notices of Violation, the most they have had since 2008. We are located in a wind tunnel just under the Newhall Pass and north of an open reservoir serving all of LA County. We know the debris need to be debited somewhere. However given the history of this landfill and the issues the residents of Granada Hills have been dealing with for decades can you deem that Sunshine Canyon is a good choice? There are other landfills that are authorized to take on hazardous waste and are designate as Class 1. Please consider this very seriously as there will be long term consequence especially for the children whose developing lungs are dealing with these toxins even now. We suffer from landfill gas and dust. We suffered long enough. Please consider this landfill as the very last and worst option ever. Sincerely, Yelena and Grigoriy Goldman</p>
Yeranuhi Barseghyan	
Yuki Arai	<p>Sunshine Canyon landfill is too close to populated areas and dumping the debris from wildfire affected areas to the landfill will only cause future health problems for local residents. It's not only about the immediate locals but, with Santa Anna wind flowing south to the entire city of Los Angeles, the negative impact can also affect everyone living in LA. The fires were awful and Los Angeles residents should not be affected by them anymore for the convenience of landfill location.</p> <p>We, including our 4 years old child, lives in Granada Hills very close to the landfill. We strongly oppose to the temporary tonnage increase for Sunshine Canyon landfill. We have already been affected by their odors, which most likely means toxins as well, daily. Please do the right thing for the people</p>



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		living in this city.
	Zachary Mendelsohn	Let's keep our community safe and clean. Why this is an issue is shocking to me
	Zane Koss	
	Zari Val	Do not dump hazardous ashes in the Sunshine Canyon landfill.
	Zerlinde Johnson	Just because there is a ton a debris from the wildfires does not mean that other areas of our community need to be put in harms way to house the toxic debris. Those tonnage limits were put in place for a reason. Truck the debris far out where it's not in close proximity to several communities!! This disaster has been epic, but don't make it an ongoing battle for the abatement of toxic land, like seen in Simi Valley when Rocketdyne was in business. Do it right the first time and carry it far far away from the LA community! Do the job you were elected for - PROTECT THE CITIZENS, US!
Other	Ariel Brown	NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY DUMPING OF FIRE WASTE/DEBRIS ENTERING SUNSHINE CANYON!!! SAVE OUR CHILDREN! SAVE OUR FAMILIES! SAVE THE PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
	Diana Zahn-Storey	As a resident of the Calabasas and Agoura Hills community I am requesting that LA BOS provided written and legally binding assurances that the debris being deposited has been properly tested and PROVEN safe BEFORE a waiver is granted to allow this fire debris to be placed in the Calabasas Landfill. Anything less will jeopardize the safety of our communities. This is what we wrote if anyone wants to copy and paste. make sure to scroll to the bottom and enter/acknowledge your comment.
	Erina Kwon	1) The City of Calabasas has stated that "Before being transported to the Landfill, debris collected at the fire sites will be saturated with water, placed in a dump truck lined with 10 mm plastic and covered to prevent dust particles from entering the air... Once at the Landfill, the debris will be off-loaded per LA County Sanitation District procedures. This includes covering the debris each night before the facility is closed." a. At the Town Hall, it was my understanding that the fire ash will remain sealed in the 10mm plastic bags once it is placed in the landfill. However, the above statement sounds like the ash will be removed from plastic lined trucks, and then processed like normal trash, where the ash will remain exposed to the wind, and only be covered at night. Can you please elaborate on the process and procedures once the ash reaches the landfill? b. How much storage capacity remains at the Calabasas landfill, and how much tonnage of ash is the landfill planning to accept? c. The Sanitation representative stated that once deposited, the landfill only samples twice a year, and the results will be reported to the Regional Water Board. If the samples reveal exceedances of the safety standards, how would the Regional Water Board address this issue and in what time frame? How would the public be notified of contamination? 2) Where are the hazardous waste facilities that the hazardous material collected from Stage 1 going? Why is the remaining ash not being transported to the same location(s)? Is it because of cost? Is it because of

			volume? Is it because of time? Or some other feasibility issue?
		Helene Coverston	Adamantly opposed to dumping toxic waste from recent fires at Sunshine Canyon which is in very close proximity to nearby neighborhoods and schools. This waste must be removed to an area in the desert and buried away from local communities where families would be exposed to dangerous chemicals and waste from the fires.
		S M	<p>Please implement measures to ASSURE that none of fire debris, including dirt, does not end up illegally dumped in our open deserts in the Antelope Valley and surrounding areas. Illegal dumping is widespread in the North County due to the high cost to legally dispose of construction materials such as dirt and concrete. Property owners must then bear the cost of the cleanup of the illegally dumped debris. Please do not sacrifice the high desert. Be sure that no invoices for disposal are paid without authenticating the invoice with the landfills. Anyone can create official looking invoices. Hold the private contractors responsible for the legal disposal of the loads they are paid to dispose of properly.</p> <p>The Board should set aside some of the FEMA money to assist North County property owners with cleanup costs when this fire debris ends up illegally dumped on their properties, because I have no faith that some of it will not, especially from private contractors hired by victims of the fires.</p>
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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal of disposing fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill. This landfill is in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, and parks, and introducing potentially hazardous materials poses significant health and environmental risks to our community.

Historically, communities near landfills accepting hazardous waste have experienced increased health issues, including respiratory problems and higher cancer rates, due to exposure to airborne toxins. The assurance of completely eliminating hazardous materials from the debris is not feasible, and the potential for contamination remains a serious concern.

Furthermore, the decision-making process has lacked transparency, with insufficient information provided regarding the methods for hazardous material identification and removal, the volume of debris to be processed, and the transportation routes to be utilized. This absence of critical details undermines public trust and confidence in the safety measures purportedly in place.

It is imperative to consider alternative disposal sites that are situated away from residential areas. For instance, the Antelope Valley Public Landfill in Palmdale and the Chiquita Canyon Landfill in Castaic are located farther from densely populated communities and may present safer options for debris disposal.

Additionally, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park has suggested managing the debris within the burn areas themselves to prevent environmental harm and contamination. This approach could mitigate the risks associated with transporting and disposing of hazardous materials in or near residential communities.

I urge you to reject the waiver permitting fire debris disposal at the Calabasas Landfill and to explore these alternative solutions that prioritize the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Candice Dobkousky

candicecostumes1@gmail.com

Subject: Public Comments re: item# 29

To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

With regard to item #29 on the agenda, please consider the following comments:

My family and I have lived in Calabasas for the past 34 years. Our house is located in the Deer Springs development, just south of the 101 freeway off of Lost Hills Road.

We are very concerned about the plan involving the movement of fire debris to the Calabasas Lost Hills Road Landfill, due to negative impacts to public safety and health, the consequences of which will be suffered by our local residents.

The urgency to remove fire debris, most it already contaminated with burned toxic materials as admitted by the Army Corps of Engineers, is a “race to folly”. In this case, “Haste makes toxic waste.”

At the 2-12-25 Public Hearing on the matter, our City Council accurately described the manner in which the planning and dissemination of reliable information has proceeded in this matter.

- 1) No clear explanation of how hazardous materials will be sorted out.
- 2) A lack of transparency in the decision-making process.
- 3) No guarantees that toxic materials will be excluded.
- 4) No information on the volume of debris coming to the landfill.
- 5) No details on transportation routes.
- 6) No confirmation that there will be no health or safety risks to our community.

To reiterate the words of Calabasas City Councilmember Alicia Weintraub, “This is not how decisions of this magnitude should be made. While we recognize the urgency of clearing fire debris to help Malibu and the Palisades begin rebuilding, bringing it to a landfill surrounded by homes, parks, and schools is not the answer.”

There should be no hazardous material ever be brought to this landfill, due to its proximity to residential developments, schools and park lands that are inhabited by both people and wildlife.

Last night, we learned from the Army Corps of Engineers that fire debris could begin arriving in Calabasas as early as next week. This needs to be halted immediately until safe ground rules, procedures and regulations are set in place for this disaster and all future such events.

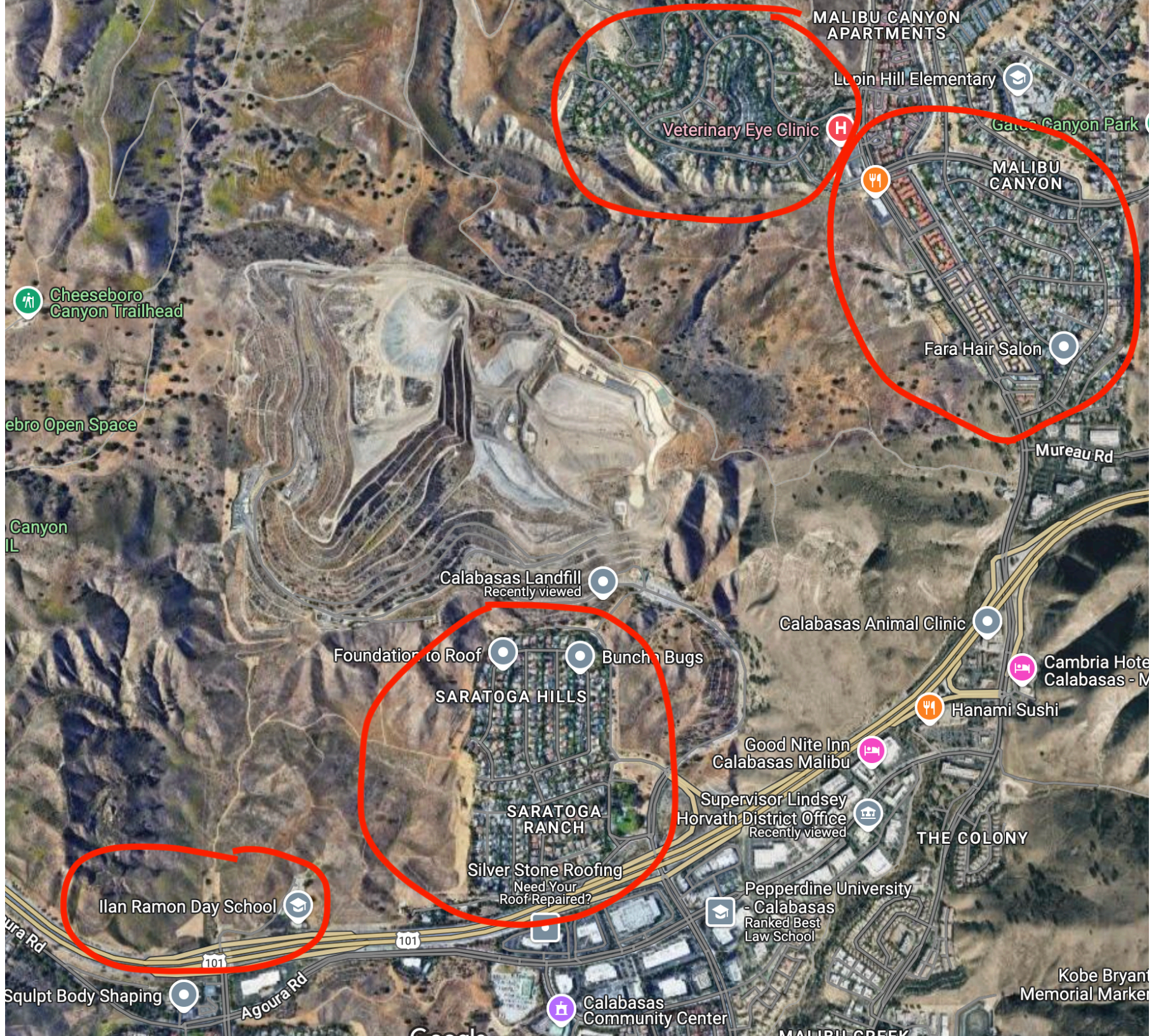
I urge you to consider that the Temporary Waiver of Wasteshed Restriction and Increase in Disposal Tonnage Limits at Local Landfills Recommendation should not be granted. You should not find that the temporary waiver of the wasteshed restrictions at the Calabasas Landfill to allow it to accept debris generated by the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events is necessary to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health and safety, and improved property, and to ensure economic recovery of the affected communities to the benefit of the community-at-large; nor should you authorize the Calabasas Landfill to temporarily accept material from outside of the wasteshed to accommodate the emergency disposal of debris generated by the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, effective immediately and continuing for six 6 months initially, with a possible extension options.

There are already existing sites in uninhabited areas for the purpose of safe disposal of toxic materials, some of which are in Nevada. The cost involved must be weighed against the damage that will be done to the public health and safety of all California residents. Now is not the time to be “penny wise and pound foolish”. Long-term effects might take twenty years or more to materialize, but once the “genie is out of the bottle, there’s no putting it back in”.

You have the opportunity now to get this right. Please make the correct choices.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am deeply opposed to any fire debris being transported to and disposed of at the Calabasas landfill. This action lays the foundation for future public health and environmental catastrophes which will affect our entire community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Why the Sunshine Canyon Landfill is a Poor Choice to Store Urban Fire Debris

Now that the Los Angeles urban fires have been extinguished, officials and politicians have turned to resolving several issues. One immediate problem is how to dispose of the mountains of ash and the remains of the homes and businesses that were destroyed in January.

Normally, the process of removing debris would take several months as it's a two-step process. First, hazardous material needs to be carefully separated from the nontoxic debris and sent to a landfill that is an established Class I facility. Then, the remaining material, including ash, could be gathered and disposed of at a Class III landfill.

On January 29th, President Trump [ordered](#) the cleanup to be completed in 30 days so that the rebuilding of homes could start. This would involve going through the remains of more than 16,000 structures destroyed in the two biggest fires in January per CalFire. Compare that to the Lahaina fire in 2023, which took the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) more than three months to remove toxic debris from 1448 buildings. His demand is certainly unrealistic and even irresponsible, just as his comments were regarding what he claimed was the cause of the fires.

The US Army Corps of Engineers [said](#) it could be 18 months before all the lots are cleared.

Unfortunately, his directive is forcing California's Governor Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to push for an accelerated timeline for accomplishing the cleanup.

In the meantime, Governor Newsom signed an [executive order](#) and released a [press release](#) regarding the next stages of recovery. Before Trump announced his directive, Newsom told [NBC News](#) that the environmental mitigation (clearing of debris) could take nine months to a year.

Mayor Karen Bass said that she had signed [orders](#) to expedite work but explained that there were necessary precautions to take to ensure the safety of residents.

Among officials calling for caution was the Department of Public Health's second in command, Muntu Davis, who issued an [emergency order](#) on January 15th concerning the fire debris. The order warned about the harmful material formed when building materials burn along with paint, gasoline, cleaning products, pesticides, and other chemicals. These form a significant threat through the inhalation of dust particles and contamination of drinking water. Improper handling of these materials can expose workers to toxic chemicals. Plus, improper transport and disposal of the debris can spread the harmful substances throughout the community.

(For more information about the toxic materials released by the LA fires, please read my [article](#) in Medium, which contains links to two informative webinars and to other articles.)

Already the phase 1 process is a bone of contention for those who live near the sorting areas for the waste materials.

When the [Malibu City Council](#) convened a special meeting on February 3rd, the main concern of many in attendance focused on EPA and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) proposal to place a staging area to temporarily house hazardous materials in the center of Malibu on Civic Center Way on a parcel known as the Bell property. Two days later, it was announced the sorting will be conducted at the parking lot at Will Rogers State Park instead.

The EPA found that the cleanup for the second biggest fire, the Eaton fire, would lead to controversy as well. The agency had [selected](#) Lario Park in Irwindale for the processing of material, a task they predicted would take about 30 days or more. From there, it will be transported to another site for safe disposal.

There are a limited number of designated Class I landfills that can accept hazardous waste per the [Department of Toxic Substances Control](#). In Southern California, this would include the Kettleman Hills facility in Kings County and the Laidlow Buttonwillow site in Kern County.

As for the remaining debris, operators of many Southern California Class III landfills are eyeing the financial gain to be had in storing the trash.

One facility that will be out of the running is the Chiquita Canyon landfill in Castaic, which became the largest disposal facility in L.A. County in 2013. It was temporarily [closed](#) by the EPA in early 2024 due to a “heat-generating chemical reaction that probably began deep within the landfill in May of 2022,” which has posed a danger to nearby residents from the noxious odors and hazardous liquid waste. When it became clear that the site couldn’t stop the chemical reactions causing violations, the closure was made [permanent](#) as of December 31, 2024. This was after Los Angeles County announced a lawsuit alleging that Castaic residents have been sickened by noxious fumes and odors emanating from the site.

The nearby landfill is Sunshine Canyon, located in Sylmar, just south of Santa Clarita. Its owner, Browning-Ferris Industries/Republic Services Inc. (BFI/Republic), requested an [emergency waiver](#) from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA), which “provides the regulatory permitting, enforcement, and operational compliance oversight” for Cal Recycle (which falls under the state EPA). The SCL-LEA granted the [waiver](#) on January 27th to increase the daily and weekly tonnage limits the facility can accept as well as extend their hours of operation.

However, many residents living in Granada Hills and Sylmar feel Sunshine will be a poor choice for storing debris from the fires.

At the February 4th meeting of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, approximately 100 residents filled the room, concerned about the effect of this storage on the community. When council president Brian Allen asked how many of the attendees were there to give public comment about the issue, just about everyone raised their hands.

After representatives from three elected officials (council member John Lee, county supervisor Lindsey Horvath, and state assembly member Pilar Schiavo) gave updates on actions taken in the last month concerning the disaster, the floor was opened for public comments after Allen said, “Everyone is concerned about this. We don’t know for sure what is going to happen.”

Residents commented on the various reasons why waste from the urban fires should not be sent to Sunshine. Many brought up that the facility is already problematic, a claim backed up by the numerous complaints called into the AQMD. In more than sixty years of the facility’s operation, the AQMD has received many [odor complaints](#), which have resulted in numerous notices of violations. Between 2016 and January 2025, the AQMD noted 17,265 odor complaints, which have led to 379 NOVs.

The South Coast Air Management District has given the facility abatement orders in the past and was considering a new one in 2025. On its hearing board case calendar, there was going to be consideration of a short variance (companies that can comply with South Coast AQMD rules within 90 days or less should request a short variance) at the February 4th meeting, but that was “taken off calendar.” This variance was related to a problem the site had with power due to the Hurst fire that originated in Sylmar.

The consensus was that if the landfill can’t operate without causing problems such as odors, why should the populace trust the operators to be able to handle a massive increase of waste? There were also mentions of how the schools located downwind of Sunshine have been adversely affected by the noxious odors.

Also mentioned was that the site was located in a wind tunnel from the Santa Clarita Valley and from the upper desert so that any chemicals that are emitted from Sunshine will be blown south for quite a few miles. (One of the researchers on the UCLA study being conducted on short- and long-term health effects of the 2015-16 Aliso Canyon gas blowout had been part of a [study](#) looking into how the wind had carried particulate matter for several miles from the Aliso gas storage facility, located just south of the landfill, for miles.)

Another concern was the possible contamination of nearby water sources, including the Van Norman Reservoir in Sylmar. After a 2017 fire in Santa Rosa, [tests](#) showed that benzene was present in the city’s water delivery system, prompting advisories in an 184-acre section of the community.

Earthquakes can also present a hazard, especially when landfills use special liners to hold the waste to keep the material from getting into groundwater. There are many active earthquake faults located in close proximity to the landfill.

Some residents mentioned the danger from lithium batteries, such as ones used in Tesla vehicles, which are very easily ignitable, if they end up being stored at Sunshine.

A retired environmental engineer with L.A. City Public Works pointed out that after the Woolsey fire, the city of Calabasas sent its toxic waste to an out-of-state Class I landfill.

One of those speaking at the meeting was Wayde Hunter, an engineer, who is chair of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Community Advisor Committee (SCL-CAC). He agreed with the many concerns brought up. As the president of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, he sent a letter on behalf of that organization to elected officials, outlining the many pitfalls of using Sunshine for the immense task of storing this debris. In his letter, he mentioned that the AQMD was considering holding abatement hearings in early 2025 due to the many odor complaints. He also suggested that the Simi Valley and Calabasas landfills are experienced with fire debris, as they have stored ashes from the 2018 Woolsey Fire, and that these sites, as well as the El Sobrante Landfill in Riverside County, don’t have the wind problems that Sunshine does.

He also pointed out that the remaining material after Phase 1 can be hazardous, too.

The SCL-CAC website contains monthly reports from the BFI-Republic to the SCL-LEA program manager, which accounts for “the types and quantities of hazardous waste and other prohibited wastes found in the waste stream” to be transferred to another facility for the appropriate

deposition. In August 2024, for example, the [facility](#) received 12 gallons of paint, three batteries, 303 electronic articles, and 125 aerosol containers. The next month's report listed two gallons of paint, seven batteries, 234 electronic devices, and 112 aerosol containers. It wouldn't be surprising, given the deadline pushed by President Trump to clean up the affected sites in 30 days, that much more hazardous debris will be in the trucks showing up at the entrance on San Fernando Road.

The most recent report listed on the SCL-CAC site is the [November 2024 LEA report](#), which listed 27 gallons of paint, 15 quarts of oil, 11 batteries, 220 electronics, and 219 aerosol containers found among the debris trucked into Sunshine.

Given the push to achieve clean up of the burn areas in an unrealistic 30-day timeframe and possibly a cut in EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers staffing due to the Trump/Musk overhaul of the federal government, one has to wonder if a battery, aerosol can, or a melted electronic component may slip through the cracks at either of the staging areas in Topanga and Eaton as well as at Sunshine. The agency in charge of sorting out the hazardous materials, the EPA, has been hiring outside vendors to aid in the process, but some of the companies have [questionable](#) histories when it comes to violations.

Other concerns should be the traffic increase for additional trucks as well as the heavy trucks that could impact the quality of the roads and streets. Some comments mentioned the possibility of dust and other materials being released into the environment during the transporting to landfills.

A representative for BFI-Republic spoke at the end of the public comments. He said that they are in phase 1, which means most of the more toxic materials are being removed and sorted and will be going elsewhere. But he didn't dissuade the concerns of the residents in attendance.

As far as the potential for harmful chemicals being stored at Sunshine or other Class III landfills, a recent LA Times [article](#) pointed out that exceptions could be made through "emergency waivers and disaster exemptions" that could allow for hazardous material to end up at those dumps. Some Class III sites have applied for emergency waivers to expand their daily disposal tonnage, extend their operating hours, and accept potentially contaminated fire debris.

The article added that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said that federal crews will bring toxic ash to the Simi Valley Landfill in Ventura County and asbestos and concrete to Azusa Land Reclamation in Los Angeles County. The Corps of Engineers will make the final determination of what sites will get the rest of the debris. Five sites had indicated they would accept the waste: Badlands Sanitary Landfill in Moreno Valley, Calabasas Landfill in Agoura, El Sobrante Landfill in Corona, Lamb Canyon Landfill in Beaumont, and Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar.

It also pointed out that given the governor's proclamation to expedite the clean-up process, there may be a temporary suspension of some solid waste disposal rules that could allow the sites to accept the fire debris.

There is also [concern](#) that decarbonization efforts could take a back seat. A recent [column](#) in the LA Times addressed the concern about installing gas infrastructure in the area burned by the Palisades fire instead of following ordinances that require new construction to be all-electric. Not only will residents save in the long run using electric appliances, such as heat pumps, but

allowing the continued use of methane gas would increase climate change, which increases the possibility of more urban and wildfires.

This article mentioned that rebuilding burned areas with gas lines also goes against the state's goal of decarbonization. One assembly member, Robert Rivas, just introduced AB-306, which would block most building code updates statewide until 2031.

To date, the LA County Board of Supervisors has been looking at the issue of emergency preparedness and the aftermath of the fire, including protection against rainstorm runoff of debris. The board hasn't yet discussed the use of Sunshine for the ash disposal, and there aren't any relevant items on the agenda for meetings through February 12th. Most of the fires that hit LA County fell in the districts of just two of the five supervisors: Kathryn Barger and Lindsey Horvath. The Sunshine landfill is located in Horvath's district. The County's Department of Public Health has expressed [concerns](#) in the past about schools in the past of particulate matter blown from the landfill.

The landfill is located in City Council District 12, which is represented by John Lee. The Archer fire, which broke out in January near a northern Granada Hills park, was quickly extinguished by firefighters, water tankers, and a tour de force performance by a city bulldozer. During the January siege, smaller fires did break out in Chatsworth and Northridge, also in CD-12. A big swath of Granada Hills was in an evacuation warning for the Hurst fire that started in Sylmar, but fortunately, that one was kept from jumping the I-5 freeway through the amazing work of firefighters.

The council's response to the fire disaster involved a packet of more than 60 motions, including ones addressing price gouging, tenant protection, parks, and relief for small businesses.

Lee introduced motion [25-0006-S66](#) on February 4th, which concerned the Phase 2 soil, acknowledging that there could be a risk that hazardous material may end up in the debris. He requested a "detailed report on the steps taken" by the US EPA and Army Corps of Engineers "to ensure environmental protections during the cleanup process. This report should include whether the debris is safe to be disposed of in proximity to residential communities," according to the motion.

He also asked that the city's sanitation department present a report on a complete testing plan for all debris.

The motion also stated that any necessary testing would be paid for through \$100,000 provided by the Sunshine Canyon Amenities Trust Fund.

This [fund](#), established from an October 1994 settlement between the City of Los Angeles and BFI, is meant to provide funds for financing community amenities within five miles of the Sunshine Canyon. But in past years, some money has been "borrowed" by former council member Mitchell Englander and successor John Lee for expenditures not specific to the five-mile radius.

Some residents wonder why this fund should be used to ensure the proper sorting of hazardous material from nontoxic dust, as several landfills may be utilized.

The motion is currently with the Ad Hoc Committee for L.A. Recovery.

Lee's representative read a letter from his office about his motion at the neighborhood council

meeting, but many residents felt skepticism that these reports would be enough to prevent hazardous waste from arriving at the landfill.

At the neighborhood council meeting, the representative for Assembly Member Pilar Schiavo, whose district includes the Sunshine landfill, gave updates on state bills concerning recovery for Los Angeles that she has voted for. The Wildfire Recovery Package bills are meant to help with rebuilding the affected communities. ABx1-4 and SBx1-3 provide funding to expedite firestorm response and recovery efforts, streamline rebuilding efforts, and help rebuild fire-damaged school facilities with over \$2.5 billion in disaster relief. The funding will immediately help bolster ongoing emergency response efforts as well as jumpstart recovery efforts.

She also voted for SBx1-1: Legal Preparedness to Defend Californians, which will set aside \$25 million to be used if needed to protect Californians against any unconstitutional actions, including the withholding of billions of the state's tax dollars. It "amends the 2024 Budget Act to allow additional funding to be made available to the Department of Justice for litigation challenges of federal policy that adversely impact the state, its taxpayers, and residents." It was signed into law on February 7th. Introduced on December 2, 2024

She has introduced AB 301, which intends to streamline state permitting and ensure communities can move forward without red tape slowing them down. This type of action will make for a speedier recovery and rebuilding effort, which is the least we can do for the families impacted by this unimaginable devastation."

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles
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Re: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 14747 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 and potentially hazardous and toxic fire related debris disposal.

Dear Supervisors:

The North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens Inc. (NVC) and the community of Granada Hills fervently believes that fire related debris should not be brought to Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) and we had hoped that it could be eliminated from consideration and/or at the very least had heavily modified conditions of inclusion placed on it as opposed to the other landfills that have been included in the Governor's declared State of Emergency which is now being carried out by various government agencies.

Let us be perfectly clear. We are not talking about the Phase 1 cleanup which must go to a Class I hazardous waste landfill, but the Phase 2 cleanup which by virtue of its constituents is also hazardous and hence only a State of Emergency is allowing it to be dumped at a Class III landfill such as Sunshine Canyon Landfill when we are already bearing an undue burden of the municipal solid waste stream for the City and the County of Los Angeles. What happens in this landfill happens in our homes.

We believe that the law of unintended consequences is applicable here and that blanket approval and utilization of any Class III landfills should not be done (see State Water Resources Control Board, Order WQ 2020-0004-DWQ, Region 4), simply because they check the necessary boxes and merely because they have liner and leachate collection systems without taking into consideration the landfills location, their regulatory compliance history,

seismicity, and the potential for creating a situation that could threaten the life, safety, and welfare of the surrounding communities now or in the future.

We were unable find a specific or standardized method required or defined by the Water Board or any other agencies as to exactly how landfill operators are to handle and inter the waste after it has been dumped from the transfer vehicles. Will any compaction occur, will any of the plastic wrapping if burrito wrapped be perforated, are water trucks required and why, how deeply can the fire waste material be piled if burrito wrapped before cover, is daily or weekly cover required, what cover material is acceptable et cetera?

However, we grudgingly know that these agencies cannot be relied on to do the right thing. Over the years, given the bad actors that its various owner/operators have been, the City, County and the State have continued to perpetuate SCL operations and maintain MSW trash disposal there at any cost. As a result, they have not given us the proper consideration for our health, safety and welfare that many other communities have been afforded.

Why would or should any government agency find cause not to use SCL?

- A. We are located in a wind tunnel called the Newhall-Saugus Pass where the winds from Santa Clarita Valley and the upper desert to the north of us consistently transport odors and dust from the landfill to the surrounding communities. The potential for any contaminated dust or ash deposited at SCL is greater than at any other landfill. AQMD records of the odors and their impacts over the years show that the movement of air occurs daily mainly in the morning from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and in the evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and seasonally are the greatest from August through April. Transport of odors also occurs during light winds of 3 to 4 miles per hour. SCAQMD's own expert, Dr. Sang-Mi Lee in her report "Meteorological Factors Triggering Odor Episodes, dated November 2, 2016," concluded that: "*Considering diurnal variations of wind speed, direction and vertical mixing, a delay of at least 2 – 3 hours after sunrise would help to mitigate the transport of the odor-laden plume from the landfill to the community*" (<https://nodump.com/news/>). Also, the AQMD's historical records posted on their website at

www.aqmd.gov support this. Additional studies to support the conditions around the landfill can be found in Newhall Winds of the San Fernando Valley, Ward Koutnik, CSUN Master Thesis <https://scholarworks.calstate.edu/concern/theses/bg257j25k?locale=en> , Santa Ana Windflow in the Newhall Pass As Determined by the Analysis of Tree Deformation, Donald D. Kasper, CSUN Department of Geography <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26180296>).

- B. The landfill is currently and has been for many years in the past a Public Nuisance because of the odor complaints and its failure to correct. Its lack of action has garnered three AQMD Odor Abatement Hearings, and since 2009 through December 2024 it has racked up a total of 27,146 odor complaints (Rule 402), 376 odor NOVs, and 17 operational NOVs (Rule 1150.1). The worst year ever occurred in 2024 with 2187 odor complaints (Rule 402), 65 odor NOVs, and 2 operational NOVs (Rule 1150.1).
- C. Schools are located downwind of the landfill, and all have experienced and reported odors. Van Gogh Charter Elementary School has been the most impacted with children constantly being brought in from the playground and/or confined to classrooms because of the odors. El Oro Way Charter for Enriched Studies Elementary School, Robert Frost Middle School, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School have also reported odors. In the “Third Party Odor Monitoring at the Van Gogh Charter School, dated November 20, 2018 by Dr. I. H. (Mel) Suffet,” he states that in his observations in the Executive Summary, Page I, paragraph 3 that: *“The most significant finding of this study was that the odor complaints were minimized when the Landfill did not accept any trash deliveries between 6 and 9 in the morning”* and *“The recommendation for best practices at this time is to maintain the schedule of trash delivery at the landfill to after 9 AM.”* Even LA County Director of Public Health Dr. Barbara Ferrer has said even the left over soot and ash can contain toxins that can effect public health.
- D. SCL in its letter of January 24, 2025 to the SCL-LEA requesting an Emergency Waiver of Standards included an Overall Site Map

showing Potential Fire Debris Disposal Area #1 in the County and Potential Fire Disposal Area #2 in the City, however both are located in an elevated location, and both are subject to the prevailing winds as described in Items A, B & C and which have the potential to transport any airborne toxic material that might escape during the deposition and interment of the fire related debris.

- E. The speeded up collection of fire related debris from 13,000 residential and 250 commercial properties by the EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers demanded by political entities to be changed from 90 days to 30 days, risks the potential of dangerous and toxic hazardous waste such as lithium-ion batteries, asbestos, propane, oils, greases, and chemicals used for pesticides from being overlooked in Phase 1 and inadvertently included in the waste collected during Phase 2 of the cleanup. This material could end up at SCL and potentially cause a fire or contribute to the degradation of the liner system.

- F. SCL is underlain by vast amounts of water. While not potable, it is never the less, “waters of the State”, and must be protected. While SCL is double lined and has a leachate collection system in the proposed area of deposition of the fire related waste, it is merely setting a time bomb because as we all know a single liner system will only last at best 25 years, and a double liner system only 50 years. With the landfill closing in 2037 the leachate system most likely will become inoperable after 50 years from fouling and clogging due to an inability for the operator to be able to effectively maintain it due to scale, collapse and silting, and groundwater will eventually become contaminated. The potential of any leakage here at SCL due to seismic events is enormous, and the other the risks from contamination include areas adjacent to the landfill such as the MWD Cascades and the water it brings to the MWD Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant and the LADWP LA Aqueduct Filtration Plant. Even the storage of water in the unlined Los Angeles Reservoir is at risk from sand boils. It should also be noted that the outflow of any

surface waters leaving SCL flows into the County Flood Control Channel and subsequently passes over the top of the nearby cracked Cascades outlet tunnel which brings water to those filtration facilities. The water continues on until it goes into the ground in an unlined section of that flood channel adjacent to the Jensen Filtration Plant.

- G. Our community has already suffered detrimental impacts from the Archer Fire and Hurst Fire, both of which were adjacent to SCL. These fires exposed residents to smoke and ash, and our community experienced both evacuation orders and warnings. To include SCL without addressing the additional potential impacts caused by the fire related debris from the Pacific Palisades Fire, the Hurst Fire and the Hughes Fire is singling out one community to bear an unfair burden.
- H. Sunshine Canyon Landfill owned by BFI/Republic Industries does not have to take the fire related waste. Since this is not a benevolent act on their part and they are not accepting it for free, they are doing it for monetary gain, the almighty buck, and they are doing it when they have not fixed the odor problems, and yes, to avoid a pending a AQMD Odor Abatement Hearing which was expected in early 2025 that potentially could have curtailed their hours and allowed tonnage.
- I. The only way that SCL and its expansion was originally approved was by using “overriding considerations” because the detrimental impacts to the communities of Granada Hills and to Sylmar (a minority community) could not be mitigated.
- J. It is incumbent upon any agency or politician involved in the clean up to not only protect those impacted citizens because they have suffered a loss of home or business from the fires but to afford equal protection to the citizens of communities destined to receive the waste from those fires, something that in our case is not happening.

If the SCL is not to be exempted from accepting the fire related waste, then at a minimum the following conditions should be placed on it.

- 1. Condition: Fire related debris should be sent to Simi Valley, Calabasas and El Sobrante Landfills first, and only after their allowed tonnages have been exceeded, could it be sent to SCL.**

Reason: Landfills such as Simi Valley (Waste Management) and Calabasas (County of Los Angeles) are far more experienced in the disposal of fire related waste than BFI/Republic, having handled the bulk of the debris from the Woolsey Canyon Fire in 2018. Waste Management also owns El Sobrante Landfill in Riverside County. These landfills do not have the same wind flow problems that SCL has, and do not carry odors and dust offsite, and are not Public Nuisances. Prior to the most recent problem at Chiquita Canyon Landfill (now closed) SCL was 2-1/2 times worse for odor complaints than the other 15 landfills combined in the 10,750 square mile area that the AQMD administers.

- 2. Condition: Additional Inspectors to be assigned full time to oversee any fire related disposal and to ensure compliance.**

Reason: Because SCL has had a long history of failure to comply with their Conditional Use Permits (CUP) both City and County. The Federal Government has said that they would bear the cost of getting the clean up of hazardous waste done, and we believe that these additional Inspectors would protect the health, safety and welfare of our community and that the providing agency would qualify to have them reimbursed

- 3. Condition: Burrito wrapped fire related waste in Phase 2 to be delivered to Class III landfills.**

Reason: Fire related waste from the Phase 2 cleanup was required to be wrapped in plastic before delivery to Class III landfills such as SCL and

was in the past a requirement of the State. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers free cleanup program does not have the same requirements and potentially risks having toxic hazardous waste becoming airborne if is dumped from Super10-ton or similar dump trucks as noted by SCL in their January 24, 2025, application to the SCL-LEA to accept fire related debris. Two water trucks as noted by them in their letter to January 27, 2025, letter to the SCL-LEA will not prevent all the potential toxic soot and ash from becoming airborne and in the end impacting the surrounding communities. Also, the use of water while necessary to keep down potentially toxic material will only result in the increased production of leachate and methane and the odors that it carries to the surrounding communities.

4. Condition: EPA to extensively monitor air, soil, and water around the landfill due to its proximity to residents and schools.

Reason: The EPA has told Duarte after they expressed anger and frustration over the location of a new process site for household hazardous debris from the Eaton Fire that there will be extensive monitoring of the air, soil and water at the Lario Park site. Given the previously expressed issues with self-monitoring, compliance, and with the uncertainty of exactly how the waste will be handled once it is in SCL hands i.e. will Phase 2 material be burrito wrapped, unloaded, and will it then be rolled over by compactors in order to compact it before being covered daily, and will the use of ADC (EnviroCover) the practice of perforating said cover be utilized.

5. Condition: SCL not be permitted to change or increase their hours for receipt of waste on weekdays from 6 pm to 7 pm if incoming volumes warrant.

Reason: As pointed out in Item A previously, the AQMD records over the years show that the peak movement of air occurs daily in the morning from 6 am to 9 am, and in the evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm. Also, seasonally, the impacts from the landfill are the greatest from August

through April. The proposed changes would unnecessarily expose residents to “additional” negative impacts from the odors and dust from the landfill operations in the evening, and since the waiver from the SCL-LEA runs from January 24, 2025, to May 24, 2025 it would also further impact residents during the peak seasonal times of the year.

If you are not the party responsible to whom this letter has been addressed and if your person or agency has no input or approval over whether or not Sunshine Canyon Landfill can accept the Phase 2 waste, please forward it to the appropriate person or agency. We would appreciate a written response within 15 working days of you position and/or actions taken on our behalf.

In closing, we believe that we have made a case for not allowing the fire related waste into Sunshine Canyon Landfill or at the very least to have extensive added “conditions” as previously enumerated to protect the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



Wayde Hunter

President, North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens Inc. (NVC)

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cc.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles City Council, County Public Works, County Public Health, County Regional Planning, SCAQMD, RWQCB USACE, SCL-LEA, SCL-TAC, SCL-CAC , GHNNC, GHSNC

Note(s):

- *RULE 402. NUISANCE A person shall not discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other material which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property.*
- *RULE 1150.1. CONTROL OF GASEOUS EMISSIONS FROM MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS (a) Purpose The purpose of this rule is to reduce non-methane organic compounds (NMOC), volatile organic compound (VOC) and toxic air contaminant (TAC) emissions from Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfills to prevent public nuisance and possible detriment to public health caused by exposure to such emissions. This rule also reduces methane emissions, a greenhouse gas.*

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February 5, 2025

South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91785

Attn: Mr. Terrance Mann, Deputy Executive Officer. Compliance & Enforcement.

Re: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 14747 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342 and potentially hazardous and toxic fire related debris disposal.

Dear Sir:

Attached please find our letter to you and to other agencies addressing our community's concern regarding the permitting of Sunshine Canyon's (SCL) under the guise of a declared State of Emergency and waiver from the SCL-LEA to increase the permitted tonnage from 12,100 tons per day by 20% to 15,000 tons per day and to increase the hours of operation to accept fire-related waste through May 28, 2025. This date might possibly be longer since we have just learned that 4,500,000 tons of fire related waste needs to be disposed of, and that it may take years.

The approval of a waiver for SCL is unconscionable given that it is a public nuisance with the worst year ever occurring in 2024 with 2187 odor complaints (Rule 402), 65 odor NOV's, and 2 operational NOV's (Rule 1150.1) by the AQMD alone,.

The aforementioned permitted 12,100 tons per day does not even consider that they regularly exceed that tonnage with the importation of dirt for the toe berm that they are now constructing by claiming that the dirt doesn't count against their daily tonnage. A NOV RPZE2023000609 was issued to SCL by the County Regional Planning Department on May 02, 2023, on behalf of the County Public Works (CPW) for exceeding SCL's Conditional Use Permit's (CUP), Condition 21 for tonnage starting in July 2022, and only after CPW sent a letter to SCL on November 15, 2022, telling them to cease and desist; a warning that was ignored. The NOV was later withdrawn with a Notice of Recission RPZE2023000609 on October 16, 2023, under pressure from Republic and from the intra-agency departments that had been convened to address the odor problem, and which the AQMD was a part of. It was decided by those present at these unpublicized meeting(s) based on recommendations for a series of mitigations from the SCL-LEA, that it was better to have BFI/Republic spend monies improving their operations to reduce odors rather than spending it on penalties. For the record, I was promised by County Public Works' upper management that they were tracking the continued violations, and that a complaint and an

NOV would be re-issued that was sustainable, but now you and the world now know that it has not happened, and now for over 2-1/2 years SCL continues to exceed their daily allowed tonnage of 12,100 tons per day, and that once again the County has failed to protect our health, safety and welfare. The increase in airborne particulates from the added truck traffic, dust, and odors should be reason for you to oppose this waiver.

In your past appearances at the SCL-CAC you indicated that a recommendation has been made by your Department to hold Odor Abatement Hearings, and the public had been expecting that Hearing to occur in early 2025. Are we to now to expect that this potential increase in tonnage, the additional traffic it will cause, the increase in odors, and dust, and the increased risk to our health, safety and welfare will be ignored by the AQMD? Are we ever going to get the Abatement Hearing that other communities have been afforded?

If the AQMD's approval is required for the approval of the waiver we respectfully request that you or your superiors at the AQMD not approve it, and we would ask that the requested Odor Abatement Hearing proceed at the earliest possible time.

As stated in the attached letter, if you are not the party responsible to whom this letter has been addressed and if your person or agency has no input or approval over whether or not Sunshine Canyon Landfill can accept the Phase 2 waste, please forward it to the appropriate person or agency. We would appreciate a written response within 15 working days of your position and/or actions taken on our behalf.

In closing, we implore you not to approve this waiver and to use your Department's influence to facilitate and expedite the Odor Abatement Hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayde Hunter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Wayde Hunter
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Attachment



February 16, 2025

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Item 29 – February 18, 2025 Agenda – Opposition to the Disposal of Fire Debris at the Calabasas Landfill

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Hidden Hills, we strongly oppose the disposal of any and all fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton Fires at the Calabasas Landfill. We stand in full support of the City of Calabasas and share their serious concerns regarding public health, environmental safety, and the lack of transparency surrounding this issue.

While we recognize the urgency of the recovery efforts, the rush to remediate one disaster should not create new and lasting risks for our communities. The decision to transport and dispose of debris at the Calabasas Landfill—located near residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, wildlife corridors, and other sensitive areas—fails to account for the potential long-term consequences to public health and the environment.

Despite the significance of this issue, local government leaders and residents were not consulted before critical decisions were made. The Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts submitted an emergency waiver request on February 7, 2025, seeking to:

- Expand landfill operating hours from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM.
- Increase the daily debris tonnage limit from 3,500 tons per day to 5,000 tons per day.
- Temporary accept outside the wasteshed.
- Asking to be except from the activities of the Environmental Protection Act.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Local Enforcement Agency granted approval for these waivers on February 13, 2025, without engaging the City of Calabasas (and neighboring cities such as Hidden Hills) or providing advance notice of the process. These waivers and extended hours and increased tonnage allowance will **negatively impact the**

community, as large volumes of debris are transported through city streets and disposed of at a landfill already near capacity.

During the February 12, 2025, Calabasas City Council Meeting, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, led by Colonel Brian Sawser, provided information on Phase 2 of the debris removal process. However, his statements failed to reassure the community that hazardous materials would not be included in the waste stream. There is no sufficient analysis or oversight to ensure hazardous waste is properly identified and separated, and the reality is that the sheer volume of disaster-related material makes it impossible to completely isolate “hazardous” and “non-hazardous” waste. The long-term impacts of this rushed decision cannot be understated or ignored.

The City of Hidden Hills shares the concerns outlined by the Calabasas City Council and firmly opposes:

- The disposal of any fire debris at the Calabasas Landfill.
- The increase in daily debris tonnage and expanded landfill operating hours.
- The waiver of watershed restrictions to allow out-of-area debris disposal.
- Any expansion of landfill capacity to accommodate this increase.
- The exemption of this process from any CEQA review.

We also fully support Calabasas’ consideration of efforts to stop this planned disposal, should they need to seek injunctive or other relief through the courts. We are prepared to consider and support any legal efforts by our neighboring local agencies that share these concerns. This issue is of the utmost importance to our residents. We hear their concerns and must protect our residents from potential impacts from this rushed decision.

Given the severe health and environmental risks, we call on County, State, and Federal officials to **explore alternative disposal** options outside of Calabasas, **including lower-population areas and out-of-state facilities better suited to handle disaster-related waste.**

The City of Hidden Hills urges immediate reconsideration of this plan and stands ready to work with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and all involved parties to find a safer and more responsible solution that prioritizes public health, environmental protection, and community well-being.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this urgent matter and **urge you to not approve the staff recommendations in Item 29**. We urge you to work with the impacted cities and experts to explore alternative disposal areas and sites that are better suited to handle disaster related waste.

Respectfully,
CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS

/s/ Mayor Larry Weber

/s/ Mayor Pro Tem Joe Loggia

/s/ Council Member Eniko Gold

/s/ Council Member Laura McCorkindale

/s/ Council Member Adam Wasserman

C/ Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Los Angeles County Public Works
Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, 42nd Assembly District
Senator Ben Allen, District 24
CalRecycle
CalEPA

To: The Board of Supervisors

Date: Feb. 16, 2025

Re: Fire ash and debris at landfills

Before any fire ash is deposited in landfills, please answer the following questions:

- 1) The City of Calabasas has stated that “Before being transported to the Landfill, debris collected at the fire sites will be saturated with water, placed in a dump truck lined with 10 mm plastic and covered to prevent dust particles from entering the air... Once at the Landfill, the debris will be off-loaded per LA County Sanitation District procedures. This includes covering the debris each night before the facility is closed.”
 - a. At the Town Hall, it was my understanding that the fire ash will remain sealed in the 10mm plastic bags once it is placed in the landfill. However, the above statement sounds like the ash will be removed from plastic lined trucks, and then processed like normal trash, where the ash will remain exposed to the wind, and only be covered at night. Can you please elaborate on the process and procedures once the ash reaches the landfill?
 - b. How much storage capacity remains at the Calabasas landfill, and how much tonnage of ash is the landfill planning to accept?
 - c. The Sanitation representative stated that once deposited, the landfill only samples twice a year, and the results will be reported to the Regional Water Board. If the samples reveal exceedances of the safety standards, how would the Regional Water Board address this issue and in what time frame? How would the public be notified of contamination?
- 2) Where are the hazardous waste facilities that the hazardous material collected from Stage 1 going? Why is the remaining ash not being transported to the same location(s)? Is it because of cost? Is it because of volume? Is it because of time? Or some other feasibility issue?

Thank you,

Erina Kwon

02/16/2025

To Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you as a concerned homeowner, father of 2 young children, and an active board member of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council regarding the proposed plan to dump toxic fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

As you may be aware, this facility has been a source of constant odors and dust pollution affecting the surrounding neighborhoods, issues which have yet to be adequately addressed. Given the ongoing problems, I have significant doubts about the landfill's capability to manage hazardous waste in a manner that ensures the health and safety of our community.

The potential introduction of toxic fire debris, which could include harmful chemicals and materials from burnt structures, poses an even greater risk. ALL of the waste and debris from these fires, whether designated hazardous or not, is contaminated with toxic substances. The landfill has not demonstrated through its current operations that it can correct the existing environmental nuisances, let alone handle the complexities associated with managing such hazardous materials. This lack of demonstrated competence severely undermines my confidence in any assurances that this waste will not further impact our health and safety.

I urge you to oppose this proposal and to advocate for alternative solutions that do not compromise the well-being of San Fernando Valley residents.

Our community deserves to live without the fear of toxic exposure, and it is imperative that we prioritize the health of our residents over expediency in waste management and financial gain for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

As demonstrated by the overwhelming turnout from Granada Hills residents, as well as residents from North Hills, Sylmar, and Porter Ranch at the February 4th GHNNC meeting (over 100 attendees), my concerns are echoed by a vast majority of our community. I'm sure your representatives have relayed this to you.

I look forward to seeing decisive action taken to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sternbaum

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the plan to dump hazardous waste from the Palisades fire into the Calabasas landfill. This decision poses significant risks to public health, the environment, and local communities.

In addition to the serious concerns about the landfill's proximity to Lupin Hill Elementary School, I am also troubled by the lack of transparency regarding how the waste is being transported and processed. Without clear assurances that there will be no increases in toxicity levels, it is difficult to trust that the community's safety will be adequately protected.

Furthermore, I urge that the daily tonnage allotment for the landfill remain unchanged, and that the total amount of waste allowed in the landfill not exceed its current capacity. These measures are critical to minimizing risk and protecting the well-being of our community.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this action and explore safer, more responsible alternatives for waste disposal.

Thank you,
Jessica Kinni
Calabasas Resident and parent

Subject: Opposition to Dumping of Fire Debris in Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to allow fire debris to be dumped at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. As a longtime resident of this community, I am deeply concerned about the serious health and environmental risks this decision would pose to myself, my neighbors, and future generations.

Sunshine Canyon is already a major source of air pollution and odor in our area, and adding fire debris—potentially containing hazardous toxins such as asbestos, heavy metals, and other harmful chemicals—would only make matters worse. Winds in this area frequently carry pollutants far beyond the landfill, directly impacting our homes and schools. The recent fires have already exposed us to months of toxic air, and we cannot afford additional exposure from improperly handled waste.

Furthermore, the landfill's liner is vulnerable to seismic activity, and in an area prone to earthquakes, there is a significant risk that contamination could reach our groundwater. Sunshine Canyon is not designed or licensed to accept hazardous waste, and while there may be assurances of monitoring, the landfill has a long history of violations and fines. Given this track record, we cannot trust that adequate precautions will be taken to protect our health and environment.

For nearly 40 years, I have seen firsthand the negative impacts of the landfill on our community. We already endure the smell of rotting garbage—introducing toxic fire debris will only intensify the harm. I urge you to reject this proposal and find a safer, more appropriate disposal site for fire debris, one that does not put our health, air, and water at risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Toxic chemical reactions fuel crises at L.A. County landfills - Los Angeles Times

12/12/2023

Tony Briscoe

Hundreds of feet underground, in a long-dormant portion of Chiquita Canyon landfill, tons of garbage have been smoldering for months due to an enigmatic chemical reaction. Although operators of the Castaic landfill say there's no full-blown fire, temperatures within the dump have climbed to more than 200 degrees, and area residents have complained of a burned garbage odor wafting through the neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, 12 miles to the southeast, Sunshine Canyon landfill has suffered water intrusion from torrential storms earlier this year. That seepage has fueled bacteria growth within the Sylmar landfill, giving rise to putrid odors that have nauseated students and staff at a local elementary school.

The highly unusual reactions at Los Angeles County's two largest landfills have raised serious questions about the region's long-standing approach to waste disposal and its aging dumps. These incidents have impaired pollution control systems, allowing toxic gases and polluted water to

migrate into unwanted areas.

They have also triggered thousands of odor complaints, dozens of environmental penalties and renewed calls to shutter the landfills. Both facilities remain operational and each continues to accept more than 7,000 tons of trash a day. However, many residents who live nearby fear the potential of even greater problems and say that government officials and landfill operators need to take the problems more seriously.

"If temperatures get to a certain point, there isn't going to be much that can be done," said Sarah Olaguez, a Val Verde resident whose family lives less than a mile from Chiquita Canyon. "I feel like we're on the precipice right now. It's a train wreck waiting to happen. It's scary and I feel

trapped."

The scorching temperatures within Chiquita Canyon Landfill have caused pressure to build inside the 639-acre facility and forced contaminated water to burst onto the surface.

Analyses by CalRecycle, the state agency that oversees solid waste and recycling facilities, described the situation as a "heating/ smoldering" event that has expanded in all directions since the summer. By November, the reaction area had grown by 30 to 35 acres, according to the agency.

Already, the heat has melted or deformed the landfill's gas collection system, which consists mostly of polyvinyl chloride well casings. The damage has hindered the facility's efforts to collect toxic pollutants.

"When there are high temperatures in the landfill gas, that can melt or deform some of the landfill gas collection system components," said Angela Shibata, senior air quality engineering manager with the South

Coast Air Quality Management District. “You can imagine when you have very hot temperatures and you have plastic materials as conveyance mechanisms for extracting and vacuuming out that gas, that can cause all kinds of issues.”

Abnormally pungent odors began drifting into neighboring communities last spring and intensified over the summer. In Val Verde, an unincorporated community of around 3,000 residents, some say they have suffered headaches, dizzy spells and difficulty breathing.

“The odors were so bad that my wife and I were getting sick inside our house — with the doors and windows closed,” said Steven Howse, a longtime Val Verde resident. “My kids can’t go outside, and my son loves to go and jump on the trampoline or ride his bike. But he’ll come in saying, ‘Oh, my stomach hurts, Dad. I don’t feel good.’”

According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the odors are the result of a rare chemical reaction in a closed portion of the landfill that no longer receives trash.

The reaction may have started when oxygen entered the well system, which is designed to pump out landfill gases like methane. “Think about if you’ve ever lit a campfire and then tried to blow on it to get it going,” said Morton Barlaz, professor of civil engineering at North Carolina State University. “When you blow on it, you get more flame.”

The landfill recorded elevated oxygen levels in hundreds of its gas wells over the past two years, according to CalRecycle. As temperatures rose to near-boiling heights this year, carbon monoxide levels climbed to more than 1,000 parts per million, which CalRecycle considers positive indication of an active underground landfill fire.

CalRecycle declined to comment further on its report. Chiquita Canyon’s website, however, claims there is no subsurface fire. Waste Connections, the landfill operator, is trying to slow and eventually stop the reaction by removing excess gases and liquid, according to Steve Cassulo, Chiquita Canyon’s district manager.

Work crews have drilled new gas wells and fitted them with steel pipes that can survive the heat. They’ve installed a new flare to burn off flammable landfill gases.

“Chiquita, along with its various regulatory oversight agencies, has been working cooperatively to rapidly address these issues,” Cassulo said in a statement. “Chiquita takes very seriously its role in the safe operation of the landfill.”

Still, county officials say the problem could persist for months. As residents have stayed indoors more and run their air conditioners to filter out smells, L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger has tried to offer relief by setting aside funds to help with their electric bills. Around 900 households surrounding the landfill are eligible.

“The good news is, this is only happening at Chiquita,” Barger said. “The bad news is we’ve never seen anything like this, and if we don’t understand what triggered it, it could happen at other landfills that are dormant. So it’s important for us to get a handle on it.”

The situation has been a nightmare for Olaguez, who lives in Val Verde with her husband, Christian, and three children. The couple bought their home in 2017, attracted to the mountain views, tranquility and small-town life.

At the time, they were told the landfill was nearing its capacity and was poised to close when it

reached 23 million tons of waste, or by November 2019. Instead, Los Angeles County granted the operator permission to expand and continue operations until it reaches a capacity of 60 million tons, or by 2037. "I've told my husband, we'll sell the house and live in a trailer if we have to. We'll probably lose money, but at least won't have to deal with this." Olaguez said.

Meanwhile, in the northern San Fernando Valley, problems at Sunshine Canyon Landfill appear to be the result of extreme weather conditions.

For the record:

10:23 a.m. Dec. 12, 2023 An earlier version of the chart enumerating complaints about Sunshine Canyon Landfill reversed the bar colors for 2023 and 2022. The corrected chart now shows 2023 complaint numbers as higher than 2022 numbers, except for June.

Protesters have complained for decades about noxious odors, diesel truck traffic and dust emanating from the 1,036-acre dump. Over the last year, however, odor complaints have increased drastically and are believed to be the result of heavy rains last fall and winter. Between October 2022 and March 2023, Sunshine Canyon recorded more than 55 inches of rain, almost four times the amount the site typically sees in a year. Then in August the site was hit by tropical storm Hilary, which brought an additional 5½ inches.

Officials say this precipitation filtered into the landfill, drenched decomposing garbage and created an ideal environment for the breeding of bacteria that release methane and smelly hydrogen sulfide. The downpours also eroded portions of the landfill's soil cover, leaving garbage exposed and strewn offsite, exacerbating the odor issues.

The air quality district has previously required the landfill to install pumps to remove rainfall and allow the gas collection system to continue to operate, according to Nicholas Sanchez, assistant chief deputy counsel. "But what we've seen with these extreme weather events is so much

liquid gets into the well that it completely inundates the system and then the pumps no longer function," he said. Sour trash odors have plagued Van Gogh Charter School, which serves about 400 students, about a mile from the landfill. The Los Angeles Unified School District allowed an air monitor to be built on school grounds and encouraged staff to report odor issues to the air district, which automatically constitutes a violation.

This year, Browning-Ferris Industries of California, the landfill operator, has been the subject of 1,500 odor complaints and around 60 air district violations.

A layer of dust coats an outdoor barbecue in Granada Hills. Residents complain of odor and dust from the nearby Sunshine Canyon landfill.

Granada Hills resident Erick Fefferman, whose 6-year-old son attends Van Gogh, said the school has canceled recess at least once this year in response to putrid smells and at times has refrained from having students line up outside the building in the morning.

Fefferman, who used to walk his son to school, said the odors have deeply distressed his son.

"He had like a nightmare recently where he woke up crying because he said, 'I had a nightmare that we lost our house and we have to live at the landfill,'" Fefferman said about his son. "It's such a common occurrence.

Even at only 6 years old, he knows that there's this thing happening in proximity to his home and his school. "That's like the boogeyman to him, this landfill." The smells have also drifted to their neighborhood, a collection of Midcentury Modern homes at the base of the Santa Susana Mountains.

Earlier in the year, when the stench was at its worst, Fefferman, who has asthma, said he had to use his inhaler every day. In an effort to suppress odors, the landfill trucks in tons of soil to cover the mounds of garbage it receives. But Fefferman said this dirt sometimes blows onto his home, coating his solar panels and sullying his pool and koi pond.

The landfill operator has installed a new system that it says will handle more rainfall and better divert the water to allow operations to continue despite rainstorms. "Without question, there have been ongoing challenges from Hurricane Hilary," said Jeremy Walters, a spokesperson for the landfill. "Excessive rain events like that can have lingering impacts, sometimes for weeks or months, on incoming wastes. In addition, seasonal wind patterns historically shift this time of year, which, combined with excessively wet wastes, can make the operating environment at the site quite dynamic."

However, some residents say part of the problem is the landfill was never properly sited.

It began as an illegal dumping ground in the mid-1950s, when people discarded trash in the canyon without permits. In 1958, the city of Los Angeles permitted a 40-acre landfill, which later expanded into the county's largest dump site.

Due to its location, winds bluster through the Newhall mountain pass and disperse the odors onto Granada Hills and Sylmar.

Wayde Hunter, president of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, has been raising objections to these nuisances for decades. It's hard to get elected officials to pay attention, he said. "We're being buried in trash up here and we're not getting any relief,"

Hunter said. "We certainly don't deserve to have this landfill in the place where it just impacts daily life." Experts say that organic waste is at the root of the situation at Sunshine Canyon and Chiquita Canyon landfills. Bacteria feed on food scraps, yard trimmings and paper products. In the process, they produce methane, a greenhouse gas that's at least 80 times more effective at trapping heat than carbon dioxide over 20 years.

In 2016, then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law calling for the reduction of organic waste in California landfills by 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025. Between 2014 and 2021, the state has cut its annual tonnage of organic waste from 21 million to 19 million, a 10% reduction, according to CalRecycle.

But the agency noted the 2016 law only went into effect last year, including its requirement for every jurisdiction to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses.

Mike Mohajer, a retired engineer with the L.A. County Department of Public Works, said the lack of substantial progress toward achieving these goals is due, in part, to inadequate state funding and limited infrastructure in place to divert such a vast amount of waste.

"Over the past 20 years, we have been arguing over ways to manage organic waste other than incineration," said Mohajer, who now serves on an L.A. County waste management task force. "You can use a portion of the organic waste as a compost. But we do not have the market to

turn 11 million tons of waste into compost.”

As policymakers wrestle with this dilemma, residents who live near the two landfills have asked sanitation agencies to explore diverting some tonnage elsewhere. This includes a long-idled plan to transport Los Angeles’ trash via railcar and bury it in a remote desert landfill more than 100 miles east of San Diego.

Representatives for the L.A. County Department of Public Works acknowledged there is capacity at other landfills. But there could be unintended consequences as a result, such as higher costs or more greenhouse gas emissions from trucking it a longer distance.

Fefferman said he doesn’t want to shift the burden to another community. But at the same time, he and his neighbors shouldn’t shoulder the burden for the entire county, he said.

“We understand that we also put our black trash cans out on the curb once a week as well. So we’re not saying, ‘Not in my backyard.’” The problem, he said, is Sunshine Canyon and Chiquita Canyon each accept more than 2 million tons of garbage a year — 70% of the county’s solid waste. “That seems like it’s more than our fair share,” he said.

Finally we know where toxic ash from the L.A. wildfires could end up - Los Angeles Times

February 7, 2025

Tony Briscoe

Despite repeatedly warning that wildfire debris likely contains hazardous substances, public officials are preparing to dump millions of tons of contaminated ash and rubble from the Eaton and Palisades fires into Southern California landfills that were not designed to handle high concentrations of toxic chemicals.

For weeks, Los Angeles County leaders have urged residents to avoid wildfire ash. Public health officials have said they suspect the debris is teeming with brain-damaging heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals from thousands of incinerated homes and cars.

Ordinarily, when these toxic chemicals are found at high levels in solid waste, they would be disposed of at hazardous waste landfills — typically located far from densely populated areas and specifically engineered with environmental protections to prevent leakage that might affect nearby residents.

Ventura County, where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this week that toxic ash from schools destroyed by the Eaton fire would be dumped.

However, every year when disasters strike California, a series of emergency waivers and disaster exemptions allow for potentially contaminated debris — including wildfire ash — to be treated as nonhazardous waste and taken to landfills that typically only handle trash and construction debris.

In the aftermath of the most destructive wildfires in U.S. history, government agencies have shared little about where they plan to dispose of the estimated 4.5 million tons of charred debris from the Eaton and Palisades fires. For two weeks, officials have been peppered with questions about where the debris is going, and they have largely declined to answer.

At a news conference this week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that federal cleanup crews began removing debris from several schools damaged by the Eaton fire, hauling toxic ash to the Simi Valley Landfill in Ventura County and asbestos and concrete to Azusa Land Reclamation in Los Angeles County.

But local, state and federal authorities have refused to name all landfills that are expected to receive wildfire debris. Los Angeles County Public Works director Mark Pestrella last week said that four landfills had been designated to accept disaster debris, but did not identify them. He walked those statements back this week, claiming that the department had identified 17 facilities within Los Angeles County and one in neighboring Ventura County that could accept this waste, while adding that disposal sites would ultimately be decided by the Army Corps of Engineers.

But, in addition to the Simi Valley Landfill and the Azusa Land Reclamation site, The Times has learned that at least five other nonhazardous waste landfills have taken steps to accept this waste:

Badlands Sanitary Landfill in Moreno Valley; Calabasas Landfill in Agoura; El Sobrante Landfill in Corona; Lamb Canyon Landfill in Beaumont; and Sunshine Canyon Landfill in Sylmar.

Last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a disaster proclamation to expedite wildfire debris disposal, allowing state environmental regulators to temporarily suspend solid waste disposal rules and permit these landfills to accept wildfire debris. In turn, these landfills — many of which accept municipal garbage — have applied for emergency waivers to expand their daily disposal tonnage, extend their operating hours and accept potentially contaminated fire debris.

In the past, state environmental regulators have issued violations for dumping hazardous waste, including lead-contaminated soil, at these landfills, citing the risk it poses to groundwater.

For their part, officials overseeing the cleanup say it's in the public's best interest to clear hazardous ash and debris from residential neighborhoods as soon as possible, and that includes expediting the disposal process. The Simi Valley and Calabasas landfills had previously accepted disaster debris from the Woolsey fire, which destroyed over 1,600 buildings in 2018.

"The ash and debris from the wildfires are fire-damaged materials, which are different from regular household waste, but they do not meet the classification of 'hazardous waste' under federal regulations," said Susan Lee, spokesperson for the Army Corps.

On at least three occasions, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control has hired consultants to assess the levels of heavy metals in wildfire ash from burned homes. In all three reports (from 2003, 2007 and 2015), the state contractor found that the ash from home sites contained enough heavy metals — including brain-damaging lead — to be considered hazardous waste by California standards.

Southern California residents and environmental groups have expressed concern about the safety of trucking this material through the community and the ability of municipal landfills to properly handle toxic material.

Erick Fefferman, who lives about a mile south of Sunshine Canyon, said he and his neighbors worry that hazardous ash and soot could get stirred up and drift into their neighborhood when wildfire debris is buried nearby, posing a risk that they might inhale dangerous heavy metals.

Sunshine Canyon, L.A. County's largest active landfill, is perched above the Granada Hills and Sylmar neighborhoods, in a mountain pass known for its strong winds that regularly blow rancid odors — due to excessive sulfur dioxide emissions — and dust into the communities below.

Last year, the South Coast Air Quality Management District cited Sunshine Canyon for more than 60 violations for excessive air pollution and nuisance odor violations. Fefferman said he recently pulled his son out of Van Gogh Elementary School due to the stench and pollution, which sometimes became so unbearable that school officials canceled recess.

And although landfill operators routinely monitor for potentially dangerous gases, such as methane or sulfur dioxide, they typically don't have instruments that would detect toxic contaminants in wildfire ash, like lead or asbestos.

"Sunshine Canyon Landfill has shown itself incapable of processing the household waste that already goes to their facility," said Fefferman.

"Adding toxic debris from a wildfire with known heavy metals and contaminants defies all common sense. Let's not compound one disaster and create another one."

The community concerns have been heightened by the accelerated pace of the hazardous waste cleanup. Initially, the plan was for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to spend three months on the project; but last week, President Trump signed a federal directive to shorten the cleanup time to 30 days.

“What happens when they skip over or miss a lithium-ion battery, from a cellphone battery, or part of a car battery — and it gets in there — and then combusts?” Fefferman asked, noting that the recently closed Chiquita Canyon Landfill near Santa Clarita is dealing with garbage burning deep underground from a chemical reaction.

The Army Corps says it has a plan. Cleanup workers will use water to suppress any dust, said Col. Eric Swenson, and will wrap ash in plastic bags and transport them in trucks with plastic liners and tarps. And Pestrella, the county public works director, said that landfills that will accept wildfire ash are equipped with a liner system that prevents contaminants from leaking into the groundwater.

But these precautions have not quelled the concerns of some residents. Wayde Hunter, president of the North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens, has long said Sunshine Canyon has mismanaged its operations in the northern San Fernando Valley. Now, he worries that the landfill will become ground zero for a dangerous experiment in which government officials are blurring the lines between what constitutes a hazardous waste facility and a municipal landfill.

The decision to put untested but possibly hazardous waste in Sunshine Canyon, Hunter said, doesn’t consider the landfill’s proximity to residences and the potential for groundwater contamination in the event that the landfill’s liner system is damaged due to an earthquake.

“The reason they make [nonhazardous waste] landfills,” said Hunter, “is because they don’t want the kind of material that they’re now trying to shove into them.”

Although quickly removing the fire debris provides relief for the disastergripped communities of Altadena and Pacific Palisades, Hunter hopes public officials consider the potential fallout that could occur in his community and others neighboring potential disposal sites sprinkled across Southern California.

“We feel for those people,” Hunter said, referring to the wildfire-damaged neighborhoods. “But, by the same token, [cleanup and disposal] needs to be done properly. We can’t just start dumping this stuff at every landfill.”

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the County's decision to deposit toxic wildfire debris at the Calabasas Landfill—**once again—without meaningful public input. I live right below this landfill**, and I am deeply concerned about the impact this decision will have on my health, my family's well-being, and my community. 200,000 tons of wildfire debris from the Woolsey Fire were dumped here without any real transparency or opportunity for public input. Now, without warning, the County is planning to do it again.

This decision carries serious health risks. The materials being deposited contain carcinogenic ash, hazardous particulates, and potentially toxic chemicals. Exposure to these substances is not something that can be ignored or minimized—it **affects the air we breathe, the water we rely on, and the soil in our neighborhoods**. Families, children, and pets will be living in close proximity to this waste, with **no way to avoid the long-term consequences**.

There is a better solution. Just as toxic waste from Phase One is being sent out of state to Nevada, this wildfire debris should be handled the same way. The risk is simply too great to keep it at any landfill near residential areas, where people and animals will be directly impacted. There are specialized landfills in Arizona and Nevada designed to handle this kind of hazardous waste safely—**Calabasas Landfill is not one of them**.

Los Angeles County has significant financial resources, and while it is understandable that the cost of transporting the debris out of state is higher, **this is exactly the kind of situation where that extra investment is warranted**. Time and again, the County has found itself in financial challenges due to poor planning, but this is not an area where cutting costs should even be considered. The health and safety of residents should be the first priority, not convenience.

I urge the Board to:

- Reconsider this decision immediately and **halt plans to deposit wildfire debris at the Calabasas Landfill**.
- Follow the precedent set by Phase One and **transport this waste to a specialized facility in Nevada or Arizona** that is equipped to handle it safely.
- Commit to **greater transparency and public involvement** in decisions that directly impact the health and safety of residents.

This is not just a short-term issue—it has lasting consequences. The County has an opportunity to make the right decision here, one that prioritizes public health and environmental safety over expediency. I strongly urge you to take that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kimia Karami

I vehemently oppose agenda item 29. The tragedy in Pacific Palisades and the aftermath of contamination and toxic left behind need to be treated exactly that.

While the army core of engineers was able to sift through the hazardous waste then the torrential rains came and combined nontoxic with toxic waste. Currently there is NO way to accurately identify or separate either. **Everything must be treated as TOXIC!**

Today I followed a truck heading to the Calabasas Landfill with liquid and MUD spilling out on the road. It came up PCH, over Malibu Canyon - a sensitive ecological area and though the community, spilling the sludge on the road that students cross to attend A.E. Wright Middle School. Had school been in session, potentially exposing children to this toxic material. And this was just 1 truck.

The Calabasas Landfill is in the center of our community, with homes, 4 schools, senior housing and parks within less than 1 mile. Supervisor Horvath's office is 1.4 miles!

Additionally, to increase the tonnage limits by 525% (from 800 tons to 5,000) is beyond that the Supervisors would consider this!

I have lived in my home near the base of this landfill for over 37 years and plan to age in place as I'm sure may of the seniors who lost their homes in the fires. Are you going to add me to this list of tragedies what came with the fire when I'm exposed to the toxic material?

Please do not allow this to continue! Put our lives FIRST, over the additional expense to move toxic waste where it belongs.

If you don't pay it now, it may be at the expense of our lives!

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February 17, 2025

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We have been residents of Calabasas since it's inception as a city. We are writing this letter to oppose use of our landfill to dispose of hazardous waste from the Palisades and Eaton fires. Our reasons are that we are fearful of creating another environmental disaster.

We understand the the U.S. Corps Of Engineers has reduced the standards of analysis of the debris. For this reason we feel compelled to write this letter in opposition.

We are shocked by the lack of transparency, the failure to engage our city council and the residents of our city. This is unacceptable.

Please reconsider your plans. Please do not create another disaster on top of the huge losses Los Angeles has experienced with these horrific fires.

Sincerely yours,

Alyse and Tom Plotkin



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February 17, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

On January 23rd, 2025, the Sylmar Neighborhood Council held its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting. There were seventeen (17) Board Members present. All Members in attendance **voted unanimously to oppose any waste from the devastating Eaton and Palisades Fires being disposed of at landfills or spreading grounds in the Sylmar Area.** Also in attendance were representatives from the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Educators, Community Health Professionals, Leaders in Public Safety, Transportation, Equestrian, Planning & Land Use and several other community members.

For some background, the following are some topics of high concern that were expressed by the residents at that meeting and subsequent Public Safety meetings that addressed this topic.

- 1) Approximately 70% of Los Angeles' water travels via open air through Sylmar at the Los Angeles Aqueduct Cascades. This water supply serves the entire San Fernando Valley, much of the Greater Los Angeles City, and some surrounding communities. The Cascades are situated less than one mile away from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, so there are concerns for water contamination during debris transportation and in the years beyond.
- 2) Sylmar is in a High Fire Severity Zone. All three Sylmar area landfills/spreading grounds (Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Lopez Canyon Landfill, and May Canyon Sediment Placement Site) were affected by wildfires in recent years. In the recent LA County Supervisor's Sunshine Canyon Debris Removal Townhall, one of our Board members asked if the planned barrier methods (plastic and geosynthetic clay) would be expected to withstand fire damage and would materials that were deemed to be non-hazardous at the time of disposal become hazardous in the event of a fire. Representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, and the LA County Department of Public Health all answered that this was "beyond their scope of expertise." This should be evaluated as a top priority before disposal activities continue.
- 3) The residents of Sylmar have been involved in numerous lawsuits against Sunshine Canyon Landfill citing improper maintenance after heavy rains, harmful toxic gas release, health repercussions, and diminishment of property value. Sylmar residents are weary of the landfill's ability to safely dispose of waste given their previous mismanagement.

Sylmar holds a long history of being affected by natural disaster, so, while our hearts go out to all those affected by these two disasters, we strongly oppose any actions that risk bringing further hardship to this community.

Sincerely,

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RE: SANTIAGO ESTATES - DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE/FIRE MATERIALS IN THE SYLMAR
ARES

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

I AM OPPOSED TO THE DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE MATERIALS FROM THE
ALTEDENA/PASADENA – ESTON FIRE AND THE PACIFIC PALISADES FIRES IN JANUARY
ANYWHERE IN THE SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA ARES LANDFILLS.

THESE MATERIALS POTENTIALLY PRESENTS SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARDS TO OUR
COMMUNITY THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET.

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February 18, 2025

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**RE: Board of Supervisor Meeting (February 18, 2025), Item No. 29;
Temporary Waiver of Restriction/Limits at Local Landfills for Fire-Related Debris;
CWRA Support & Recommendations Further Actions**

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the California Waste & Recycling Association (CWRA) is a trade association made up of private and public companies from the waste and recycling industry operating in the County of Los Angeles (County) as well as many of the surrounding municipalities, including communities impacted by the unprecedented January 2025 fire events. As discussed further below, CWRA strongly supports the Board's approval of the above-referenced item as recommended by the Department of Public Works (DPW), which would grant temporary waivers and increase tonnage allowances at facilities within the Board's permitting jurisdictions. We also respectfully request the Board direct DWP staff to explore additional appropriate actions, such as:

1. Continue regular updates with CWRA and its members on evolving conditions with the coordinated cleanup effort involving federal, state, and local public entities.
2. Seek similar temporary waivers and tonnage allowances at facilities permitted by other public agencies by reaching out to facility operators and their respective permitting agencies, such as: Antelope Valley Landfill (City of Palmdale), Scholl Canyon Landfill (City of Glendale), Burbank Landfill (City of Burbank), Savage Canyon Landfill (City of Whittier), El Sobrante Landfill (Riverside County), Simi Valley Landfill (Ventura County), Bowerman Sanitary Landfill (Orange County), and Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill (San Bernardino County), to name a few.
3. In response to the massive fire-debris generated, structural lack of in-county disposal, and recent/pending loss in disposal capacity, direct the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to begin the process to open the Mesquite landfill truck exemption, which has been long anticipated under County waste management plans.
4. Coordinate with its federal/state counterparts to expand authorized vendors handling hazardous waste to include any vendor with appropriate certifications from in-state or out-of-state facilities, with updates to any list of authorized contractors to perform such work.

We ask the Board to consider these recommendations in light of the four key considerations briefly discussed below.

First, we thank DPW staff for meeting with CWRA members to provide an update on the evolving fire-debris removal efforts, including the coordination between the County and various federal, state, and local agencies. Information sharing and the ability to provide input are critical to our members, who are direct stakeholders in the process. *CWRA looks forward to continuing this productive communication loop with County staff as it faces a complex recovery process.*

Second, the unprecedented scale of the fire destruction and the challenges raised in its aftermath cannot be overstated. The County, with industry and other public agencies, will need to manage fire-related debris, which is estimated at roughly 4.5 million tons. For context, this is equivalent to about 40% of the annual solid waste generated by the County (i.e., 11+ million tons in 2023). *This is a massive volume of debris to manage, notwithstanding the recent closure of Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL), which in 2023 received more than 2.1 million tons (i.e., loss of roughly 7,000 average tons per day [tpd] of capacity).*¹ This is in addition to the *recent closure of the SERRF facility in Long Beach* (i.e., loss of 850 tpd in 2023) and the *significant cuts in acceptance of out-of-county disposal at Olinda Alpha Landfill in Orange County*, which currently accepts roughly 5,000 tpd of Los Angeles County waste but will ramp down to 1,800 tpd as early as July of 2025 (i.e., loss of 3,200 tpd).

For these reasons (and others outlined by DWP in the Board Letter for the above-referenced item),² CWRA supports Public Works' recommendation to grant a temporary waiver of wasteshed restrictions at the Calabasas Landfill and authorize a temporary increase of tonnage at Lancaster Landfill (i.e., from 3,000 to 7,000 tpd) and Sunshine Canyon Landfill (i.e., from 12,100 to 15,000 tpd). The County is leading by example by taking responsible action as the land use permitting agency for these facilities. *Similar temporary waivers and tonnage allowances should be encouraged at other Class III landfills permitted by other public agencies*, such as: Antelope Valley Landfill (City of Palmdale), Scholl Canyon Landfill (City of Glendale), Burbank Landfill (City of Burbank), Savage Canyon Landfill (City of Whittier), El Sobrante Landfill (Riverside County), Simi Valley Landfill (Ventura County), Bowerman Sanitary Landfill (Orange County), and Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill (San Bernardino County), to name a few.

Third, the County is facing a severe shrinking capacity to provide long-term disposal within the County, notwithstanding the need to expand capacity to address the fire-debris cleanup in the short and near-term period. Under the County waste management plans (i.e., the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) recently updated and adopted in November 2023),³ "no new Class III landfill is expected to be developed in the County in the foreseeable future" and where out-of-county exportation as an essential element in the County's long-term solid waste disposal strategies. (CSE, pp. 14, 17.) For context, of the 11+ million tons of disposal generated in Los Angeles County in 2023, about 56% was disposed of in-county, with the remaining 44% exported out-of-county. *The current CSE relies on older disposal figures from 2018 (pp. 135-137) and paper capacity at CCL and other facilities (id., Tables 4-11 – 4-17). This does not reflect current conditions.*

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¹ As referenced in the Board's adopted motion of January 7, 2024. (See [Motion Addressing The Closure Of Chiquita Canyon Landfill](#)).

² See [Item No. 29 Board Letter](#).

³ See [Countywide Siting Element](#) (CSE).

With no plans to add in-county capacity, the County is increasingly reliant on out-of-county capacity (even before the unprecedented fire event). The CSE identifies the Mesquite Regional Landfill as a major solution to the County's structural deficit of in-county disposal capacity. (CSE, p. 36, 112-113.) While not yet operational, this landfill can accept 20,000 TPD for the next 150 years. Despite being capable of receiving refuse since the end of 2008, the facility is not yet operational as the entire waste-by-rail infrastructure remains incomplete. In 2011 (i.e., four years after the LA Sanitation District applied), the landfill's conditional use permit was amended by the County of Imperial to allow up to 4,000 tpd of municipal waste to be trucked to the landfill. (Id., at pp. 112, 149, 371, 399.) This is a significant amount of capacity current left off the table in the face of reduced capacity elsewhere.

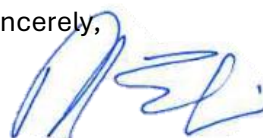
Much has changed in the last 17 years, and the recent/pending losses of disposal capacity and fire-debris aftermath have only truncated the need to put plans on the book into effect. CWRA urges the Board to direct the County Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to begin the process of opening the Mesquite landfill by accepting trucked-in tonnage, which would provide long-term disposal capacity for the residents and businesses of Los Angeles County. With the notice to proceed to open the Mesquite landfill, remove the restrictions on accepting waste by truck until the inter-module facility is available to ship waste by rail.

Fourth, in addition to the scale and massive quantities of debris, the fire cleanup effort is further complicated by the due care necessary to properly remove and dispose of hazardous materials, as well as the added pressure for swift action to prevent flooding and erosion in the burn areas as heavy rains could exacerbate risks. CWRA appreciates the logistical challenges the County is facing with the coordination between federal, state, and local agencies. It is our understanding that management of hazardous waste will be allowed only for contractors with certifications from California facilities (i.e., excluding those that may have similar certifications from out-of-state facilities). Additionally, it is our understanding that a list of authorized waste management contractors is being compiled at the state level, which may not include all local contractors capable of performing the scope of work. In times of crises, where time is of the essence, all hands should be on deck on an equal footing. Therefore, CWRA asks the Board to encourage DPW to coordinate with its federal/state counterparts to expand authorized vendors to operators with appropriate certifications from in-state or out-of-state facilities, including adding local vendors to any list of authorized contractors to perform such work.

In closing, CWRA would like to thank the Board and the Public Works Department again for taking this item, which we strongly support, and respectfully request additional appropriate actions to be taken. We look forward to continuing productive communications with County staff in response to the evolving conditions of the fire-debris cleanup, as well as assigning PWD staff to find long-term solutions to the lack of disposal capacity for the residents and businesses of Los Angeles County.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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