

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.**  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall  
February 16, 2006

Present: Vacant, President  
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner  
Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner  
Misty Sanford, Commissioner  
Maria Armoudian, Commissioner

Absent: Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner  
  
Bianca Vite, Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Wayde Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of January 19, 2006 were approved as written.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** The General Manager's Report was taken out of order. General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
  - Sunshine Canyon Status – Wayne Tsuda, Director of the Material and Waste Resources Division and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the City of Los Angeles gave the Commission a general overview of Sunshine Canyon. David Thompson, Environmental Supervisor II gave a status report. Sunshine Canyon is owned and operated by Browning Ferris Industries (BFI). There are essentially two landfills there, one on the County side and one on the City side. They have a unique situation in that they have two LEA's. The capacity of the landfill is 55 million tons, which is approximately 25 + years. The LEA oversight of Sunshine Canyon City Landfill includes having an LEA inspector onsite during all operating hours, video monitoring system, member of the City Planning Department's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), LEA representative attends

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of Sunshine Canyon. The landfill has had 3 violations for landfill gas and litter in the past 6 months. Commissioner Sanford asked if the violations carry a financial disincentive. No fines are associated with the violations. The LEA ordinance is under review currently and they will look into incorporating monetary fines for violations. Commissioner Sanford requested that representatives of the LEA return to a future Commission meeting and brief the Commission on the draft LEA ordinance.

- Commission Discussion – The Commission will have a retreat with the intent of defining what the Commission's role is, and how they can be most beneficial to our Department. The Commission retreat will be held in early May 2006 for four hours. We will have a briefing from each EAD Division Director, and invite the Mayor's Office to be present and provide insight into the Mayor's Green Agenda.
  
- Mitzy Shpak, Director of Action Now, briefed the commission on her organizations' grant project awarded by the Environmental Business and Neighborhood Services Division in the amount of \$15,000. Action Now is a non-profit organization, committed to environmental justice that has been in existence for 15 years. Action Now goes to the community first. Any project they bring to the community must be born of a need. They are working on a preschool project to develop a program to inform private preschools in Los Angeles in the practice of integrated pest management. The pest control that uses least toxic practices.
  
- Melinda Bartlett, Director of the Water and Natural Resources Division provided the Commission with information on the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative. The time frame is 4 years to plant 1 million trees. A group of city staff, together with a group of non-profits have come together to put together some planning documents for guidance. The Mayor will launch the program on National Arbor Day, April 28th. They are counting all the trees right now. A canopy analysis is being done out of the office of Greg McPherson with the U.S. Forestry Service, to get an idea of where we are right now.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Material and Waste Resources Division to return and provide the Commission information on the LEA ordinance.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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