



Sunshine Canyon Landfill  
 14848 San Fernando Rd.  
 Sylmar, CA 91342

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# Neighbor To Neighbor

SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

## Sunshine Canyon Landfill Oak Tree Nursery



For over 20 years, a nursery to grow oak trees has been maintained at Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The nursery was first started as a way to grow oak trees to be used for mitigation requirements to replace trees that were removed due to construction, as well as to provide trees to nearby areas. Over the years, over 20,000 trees have been planted on and around the landfill in East and Bee Canyons. These canyon areas are dedicated as open space to be enjoyed by the public for generations to come.

Mr. Jesus Samora has been working at Sunshine's nursery for 20 years overseeing the work to nurture acorns into trees that can be successfully planted. The nursery has moved over the years from the



original location on the northern side of the site, then to an area on the southernmost edge where it was almost totally destroyed during the 2008 Sayer fire. The nursery's current location is in an area on the closed portion of the site.

Mr. Samora collects acorns from mature trees on the landfill, both Valley Oak and Coast Live Oak trees are grown. After collection, the seeds are soaked in a mixture of water and chlorine for about 8 hours to rehydrate them and kill fungus. The acorns are then put in a refrigerator until they are planted. Acorns are initially planted in small containers - at Sunshine's nursery, Mr. Samora needs to put these containers on the roof to prevent squirrels from stealing the acorns.



## Tours at Sunshine Canyon Landfill



February 17, 2014 Boy Scouts



March 21, 2014 Girl Scouts



March 7, 2014 Boy Scouts

Tours are always welcome at Sunshine Canyon!



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We are happy to donate trees to organizations so they can be enjoyed by others. We recently donated trees to the City of San Fernando in March. We have donated trees to Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the Tree-People and several cities over the years.

Please contact us if you would like more information or would like to take a tour. We are proud of our nursery and the benefit these trees have provided.

24-Hour Odor Hotline:

800-926-0607

General Telephone Number:

818-362-2124

[sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)

### Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill

The site has been operating as a Joint City/County Landfill as of January 2009. Waste acceptance averages were approximately 7,900 tons per day (M-F), and 4,000 tons per day on (Sat.) as of March 30, 2014. The site is permitted to accept 12,100 tons per day maximum daily capacity (M-F).

### Storm Water Controls

There is a comprehensive surface water management system at Sunshine Canyon Landfill that includes perimeter and interior drainage channels, four permanent sedimentation basins and several temporary basins to remove sediment from surface water leaving the site. The site operates under the statewide General Industrial Storm Water Permit. That permit defines the rainy season as Oct-May, and Sunshine Canyon conducts monitoring of runoff water quality during that time in accordance with the site's permit requirements.

### Sunshine Canyon Landfill Hotline Report

- Operational 24/7
- Call for information about Sunshine Canyon Landfill including questions regarding disposal rates, tours, complaints or comments
- First quarter received 56 calls, 4 of which were from an SCAQMD inspector reporting complaints to AQMD's hotline, and 3 were complaints directly called into the Sunshine Canyon Landfill hotline.

### Notices of Violation (NOV)

For the first quarter of 2014, Sunshine Canyon Landfill received one violation from CalRecycle on January 17, seven violations from the Local Enforcement Agency on February 7, March 1, March 7 and March 14th, one violation from the Department of Weights and Measures on March 13, one Notice of Violation from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on March 25 and four notices of violation from SCAQMD on March 20, 27, 29 and 30th.

### Landfill Gas Monitoring

The latest Rule 1150.1 Quarterly Monitoring Report was submitted in February 2014 for the fourth quarter of 2013. This report contains the results of the monthly surface emission monitoring (SEM) (instantaneous and integrated), results of the monthly monitoring of the site's perimeter gas probes and other information as required by SCAQMD's Rule 1150.1. The results of the instantaneous SEM showed the following number of locations exceeding the regulatory threshold of 500 parts per million (ppm) Total Organic Carbon (TOC) for the reporting period: October - 35 grids out of 211 grids monitored; November - 22 grids out of 195 grids monitored; December - 6 grids out of 194 grids monitored. The results of the integrated SEM showed the following number of grids exceeded the regulatory threshold of 25 ppm TOC for the reporting period: October - 17 grids out of 139 grids monitored; November - 8 grids out of 139 grids monitored; December - 22 grids out of 149 grids monitored. For this reporting period, the locations where the readings exceeded the regulatory threshold were either (1) repaired and passed the 3-day re-check and/or the second 10-day re-check as allowed by Rule 1150.1, or (2) the exceedances were addressed by expansion of the gas collection system by the installation of additional gas extraction wells.

### Landfill Operations

Month	Non-buried, Recyclable and Beneficial Reuse Material (Tons)	Total Landfilled Material (Tons)
January	0.0	189,706.34
February	0.0	165,687.62
March	0.0	183,629.18



**REPUBLIC SERVICES**

### S.A.F.E. Centers

The Los Angeles City, Bureau of Sanitation operates S.A.F.E. Centers so residents can properly dispose of household hazardous waste materials such as Solvents, Automotive Flammables and Electronics. The closest S.A.F.E. Center to the Granada Hills area is located at:

10241 N. Balboa Blvd.,  
Northridge, CA 91325  
Hours of operation:  
Saturdays & Sundays  
9 am—3 pm

For more information, please visit the Bureau's website — [www.lacitysan.org](http://www.lacitysan.org). You will find a complete listing of the materials that can be brought to a S.A.F.E. Center for free disposal.

### Groundwater Monitoring

The Groundwater and Waste Disposal Monitoring Report for the Second Semi-Annual Monitoring Period of 2013 (RWCQB File No. 58-076) was published in February 2014. The report can be found at [www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com) by the end of the month.

### Re-Vegetation and Tree Planting Status

No hydroseeding activities were conducted during the first quarter of 2014 at Sunshine Canyon Landfill.

Maintenance activities of the City South C trial plot project will continue into the second quarter of 2014. Later in 2014, an evaluation of the results of this project will be conducted and plans for the remainder of the deck and slope areas identified for Venturan Coastal Sage mitigation will be developed.

County side Big Cone Firs and PM10 tree berm are still currently being monitored and maintained.

### Mailing List:

To add or remove a name from our mailing list, to update your information, or to go paperless, please email us at: [info@sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](mailto:info@sunshinecanyonlandfill.com)

### Community Advisory Committee Meetings:

A joint city-county Community Advisory Committee meets bi-monthly. Visit [sunshinecanyonlandfill.com](http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com) for more information.

### Phone List:

SCAQMD 24-Hour Hotline	800-288-7664
SCL Odor Patrol	818-822-2835 5:30am—10am, 8pm—12am
Sunshine Cyn Landfill LEA	213-252-3939 8:30am—8:30pm, M-F