



Sunshine Canyon Partners With Local Food Rescue Organization

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SYLMAR, Calif. (Oct. 20, 2017) – Since March, the Sunshine Canyon team has been focused on distinct actions to help control potential landfill odors. One area that has received attention is controlling potential waste odors on-site, a process that begins long before waste ever arrives at the Landfill. At our area transfer stations, our team screens and separates waste that will be transported to the Landfill. To avoid potentially odorous waste from arriving at Sunshine Canyon, we have implemented a program to divert organic food waste to locations where it can be converted into compost rather than being landfilled.

Along with this program, we also partner with Food Finders, a local non-profit food rescue organization that distributes donated food from grocers, restaurants and markets to food banks, shelters and missions. Our sponsorship helps Food Finders fulfill its mission, and it helps remove organics from the waste stream to prevent potentially odorous material from arriving at Sunshine Canyon. We are privileged to work with such a magnificent organization and support efforts to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

In the table below you will find a status on each of the 2017 action plans currently underway.

Action	Target Completion	Current Progress
Collect and Control Landfill Gas		
Add or replace more than 150 gas wells to ensure proper gas well operation	July 30	Deadline Met: 153 gas wells have been added or replaced
Install more than 250 pumps in gas wells to remove trapped leachate that can impact performance	August 31	Deadline Met: 253 pumps have been installed in gas wells
Install 21 acres of closure turf, an impermeable synthetic liner overlain by artificial turf	August 31	Deadline Met: 21 acres of closure turf installed
Apply 37 acres of a thick, flexible spray-on cover that serves as temporary cover in new waste fill areas	August 31	Deadline Met: 38.5 acres of spray-on cover have been applied
Establish vegetative cover over 57 acres to prevent erosion and soil thinning, and to act as a natural bio-filter	December 31	On Schedule: Test plots completed; surface preparation for vegetation underway
Control Waste Odors on Site		
Increase organics diversion	Ongoing	Transfer station program ongoing; partnership with Food Finders
Apply environmentally safe neutralizer directly onto waste at the working face	July 1	Deadline Met: Neutralizer equipment installed and operational
Implement transfer station neutralizer application program	October 1	Deadline Met: All area transfer stations have implemented program

Reduce Conditions for Future Potential Odors		
Install gabion cubes in new waste cells	October 31	Deadline Met: All scheduled gabions installed

If you have questions, be sure to contact us at sunshinecanyon@republicservices.com or visit us online at <http://sunshinecanyonlandfill.com/> to learn more.