

Council Meeting of
December 8, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Set a date to appoint members to the Palos Verdes Landfill Citizens
Advisory Committee**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council set a date of December 15, 2009 to appoint members to the Palos Verdes Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee

Funding

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On November 24, 2009, Your Honorable Body requested staff to prepare an item to participate in the Proposed Palos Verdes Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee. The Sanitation Districts operate the Palos Verdes Landfill energy recovery facility and recycle center, and maintain on behalf of the County the environmental control systems.

Stephen R. Maguin, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the County Sanitation Districts, sent a letter dated December 1, 2009 to the LA County Supervisor, Mayor of Rolling Hills Estates and Mayor of Torrance requesting the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Committee for the landfill (Attachment A). The primary purpose of the committee is to maintain an open and two-way communication with communities near the site. It is recommended that three to five members from each jurisdiction would be a manageable size committee. Suggested members to include are: elected officials, staff and residents.

The Mayor will appoint members to the Citizens Advisory Committee at the next City Council meeting scheduled for December 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By: 
Eleanor B. Jones
Management Associate

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: A) Letter from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County



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Chief Engineer and General Manager

December 1, 2009

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Mayor Judy Mitchell
 City of Rolling Hills Estates
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 Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Mayor Frank Scotto
 City of Torrance
 1750 W 223rd Street
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Dear Supervisor Knabe, Mayor Mitchell and Mayor Scotto:

Request for Recommendations **Proposed Palos Verdes Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee**

As you are aware, the Sanitation Districts operate the Palos Verdes Landfill energy recovery facility and recycle center, and maintain on behalf of the County the environmental control systems. I recently advised you at the last Sanitation Districts Board meeting that a comprehensive review of all aspects of the site by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which took more than five years, concluded that the site is safe, well maintained, and protective of human health and the environment.

The Sanitation Districts have been considering for some time the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the landfill. Its primary purpose would be to maintain an open and two-way communication with the communities near the site. In discussions with the City of Rolling Hills Estates, we have agreed that the positive conclusion of the State Review provides the appropriate opportunity to move forward.

As with other citizens committees we have formed, we propose that all three jurisdictions that border the landfill be represented. **The purpose of this letter is therefore to request that you provide your recommendations for the initial membership of the CAC from your jurisdiction.** A manageable total committee size would call for three to five recommendations from each jurisdiction.

Your assistance and cooperation in the matter are very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Stephen R. Maguin

SRM:ee

cc: Curt Pedersen
 Doug Pritchard
 Eleanor Jones