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Letter from Mike Williams Sr. District Manager, El Sobrante Landfill

Dear Friends,

It has been over three months since I became the new Senior District Manager at El Sobrante Landfill and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the Temescal Valley Advisory Council meetings and at other community events. In fact, I spent a couple of hours working the Keep America Beautiful cleanup event down at the Temescal Wash area. It is certainly nice to be back in the area where I grew up and oversee one of Waste Management's best sites.

I want to remind you that we are still working to obtain final approval on our landfill permit revision that will allow us to operate El Sobrante 24 hours-a-day. This will help us run our operations more efficiently by bringing the trucks during the off-peak hours and at the same time help relieve the local morning commute. We have submitted our revised permit application to the Local Enforcement Agency and a hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, during the Temescal Valley Advisory Council (TMAC) meeting. Please see public notice for details about the meeting.

One change that will be happening in June is that television broadcasts will officially go exclusively digital. If you need to get rid of your television, please make sure you use an environmentally responsible recycler- we need to make sure that electronic units are kept out of the landfills and are disposed of properly. If you need help getting rid of your unit, you can bring it to the El Sobrante Landfill electronics recycling area. As a resident of Riverside County, you can drop the TV off for free.

The summer months are fast approaching and it has been a busy school year for El Sobrante. We have built a great educational program that many schools and scout groups in the area have taken advantage of. However, with summer just around the corner it doesn't mean that our tours have ended. If you have time and kids looking for things to do, contact our community relations manager and we would be more than happy to have your family visit us.

Finally, we would like to introduce our site engineer, Solavann "Sol" Sim. He is our first site engineer that is solely assigned to El Sobrante Landfill. He is in charge of all landfill construction projects and responsible for all regulatory environmental procedures. He comes with a strong project management and engineering experience and we can't say enough of his talents. We feel lucky to have him.

As always, we invite you to tour our operations and are here to answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me or our Community Relations Manager Lily Quiroa at 951-277-5112.

Best,

Mike Williams
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Notice of a Public Meeting

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR EL SOBRANTE LANDFILL SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT REVISION RECEIVED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AS THE LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: USA Waste Services of California, Inc. has submitted an application to revise the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for El Sobrante Landfill (facility number 33-AA-0217) to:

- Extend the number of hours waste can be accepted by four (4) hours to include the hours of 12:00 Midnight to 4:00 AM, thereby allowing acceptance of waste material over a continuous 24-hour period; and
- Change the maximum tonnage limit of 10,000 tons per day (tpd), seven days per week, to a weekly tonnage limit of 70,000 tons per week (tpw). No increase in the permitted vehicle trips and the amount of waste allowed on a weekly basis is proposed; and
- Update the overall site disposal capacity to reflect 196.11 million cubic yards, as specified in the Second Agreement and in certified EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located at 10910 Dawson Canyon Road, Corona, CA 92883.

TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 PM
DATE OF MEETING: June 3, 2009
PLACE OF MEETING: Sycamore Creek Swim Club
25420 Mayhew Canyon Drive
Corona, CA 92883

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT ALICE BEASLEY, AT (951) 955-8982 OR E-MAIL TO abeasley@co.riverside.ca.us

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if any accommodations are needed, please contact Alice Beasley at the above telephone number or e-mail. Requests should be made at least 48 hours or as soon as possible prior to scheduled meeting.

LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA) DETERMINATION: Riverside County Department of Environmental Health as the LEA for the California Integrated Waste Management Board is reviewing an application for a permit revision for the above changes to the Solid Waste Facility Permit. The LEA is in the process of making a determination on the application for the revised permit.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The application for the Solid Waste Facility Permit revision and other applicable documents are available for public inspection at the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Office located at 4080 Lemon St., 9th floor, Riverside, CA.

COMMENTS: Please provide all written correspondence to Alice Beasley, Environmental Health Specialist at P.O. Box 1280, Riverside, CA 92502, Phone (951) 955-8982, Fax (951) 781-9653 prior to the close of public comment on June 3, 2009 at 8:00 PM or provide public testimony at the public meeting on the date and time specified above.

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What Should I Do With My Old Analog Television?

Congress has set June 12, 2009 as the final deadline for terminating analog broadcasts. It is estimated that 284 million television sets will be required to switch to the digital signal.

For those of you who will enter the digital world with a new television, we want to remind you that there are options for disposing of the old one. Since analog televisions merely require cable, a satellite dish, or a conversion box to obtain a digital signal, you can donate your old television to charities. With the slow economy, families may be looking for a donated television set.



However, if you choose to dispose of your old television set, please do so with a responsible electronics recycler. Because televisions, computers and other electronics contain materials such as lead, cadmium and mercury, which can pose a risk to human health and the environment, it is important that you are guaranteed that your electronic unit will be recycled in an environmentally responsible manner.

El Sobrante Landfill can help you recycle your television set in a responsible manner. Since 2003, our e-waste partner at the landfill has been a certified member of the Basel Action Network (BAN). BAN is a global organization that works to stop the unethical disposal of electronic materials. The BAN E-Stewards certification guarantees that companies that have been certified follow the highest standard of environmental and social responsibility.

Drop off your old television for free at El Sobrante Landfill! Just show the scale house attendant identification (like a drivers license) that shows that you are a Riverside County resident and you will be guided to our electronics-recycling drop off area.

We are open to the general public, Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pretty simple and you can leave with the comfort that we will recycle your TV in a responsible manner!



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El Sobrante's Busy School Year

We are fast approaching the end of another school year and, looking back, we are proud to share that we have had close to 1,500 students visit the landfill and wildlife preserve this year. Just between the months of April and May, we had close to 500 students learn about the workings of our landfill and about all the habitat restoration work we do at our wildlife preserve.

We helped Clara Barton Elementary School, in Corona-Norco School District, kick off their recycling campaign by putting together a recycling educational assembly for their 1,200 students. We added a competitive spirit by offering the classes with the most successful recycling drive a pizza and ice cream party. The recycling drive helped bring in close to \$500.00 to help support student activities. This is the best way to raise funds while educating students to be good environmental stewards!

In addition, we also helped 120 first-grade students from our neighborhood elementary school, Luiseño Elementary, become recycling experts. Luiseño Elementary is working hard to become a "green" school and nothing promises more success than teaching the students at a young age. The students had fun learning about recycling through a fun game of bingo. They also enjoyed meeting our falconer who helps us control the bird population at the landfill with his trained falcon. We are sure that the students are now ready to make a positive impact in their school's environmental efforts.

Our work is not over; during the summer months, we will continue to offer our site tours. If you have kids hanging around the house and you are looking for fun things to do, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can coordinate a fun interactive educational tour.





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Environmental Protection Site Engineer: Solavann 'Sol' Sim

It's no surprise that Solavann "Sol" Sim is very comfortable in construction boots, operating heavy equipment and managing projects since he spent years working in his family's construction business. He is now the face behind El Sobrante's projects as the site engineer and environmental protection specialist.



Sol received his civil engineering degree from Cal State Fullerton. After college, he continued working in the family business as project manager for various CalTrans and school renovation projects throughout Riverside and San Diego counties. Right before coming to work for Waste Management, he worked at a civil engineering firm designing grading plans for commercial development projects. Now at El Sobrante, he feels lucky to have the opportunity to do both project management and design work.

While not new to landfill work, he has had experience installing landfill gas wells at other landfill sites, all the work it takes to manage trash and run a landfill continues to amaze him. In addition to his engineering responsibilities, Sol also works with the regulatory agencies that oversee the landfill making sure that we submit all mandated reporting, and follow all environmental protocols.

Sol grew up in Fallbrook (in San Diego County) and now resides in Orange County with his new wife, Mariel. A "kid at heart," Sol enjoys outdoor activities, playing in his soccer or softball team on a weekly basis. He is also an avid cyclist who participates in duathlons and charity sporting events.