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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case # 3448-18 Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am submitting my testimony as I am unable to attend in person. I have lived beneath this landfill since 1991 when it was closed with a promise to turn this into open space and recreational land. I attended most if not all of the hearings for the past Order of Abatement in 2016-2018. This landfill seems incapable of containing their odors. Since the most current order of abatement on March 19, 2025, I personally have called or reported online 43 odor complaints. This is 25% of the 168 days that have passed since this new order was initiated.

I am unable to open my windows at night even when it cools off as 2-3 times weekly I am awakened by a pungent putrid odor and must shut off the whole house fan and turn on the AC. My last 2 power bills have been astronomical! The most recent power bill was \$949 June 24- August 23, 2025 and \$769 from April 24 to June 2025. Note that we have had very mild summer heat until recently but my power usage from 8PM to 10AM has increased significantly as I can't open my windows on a cool night due to these horrific odors.

The operators will tell you they are trying every possible measure to contain these odors and even use the excuse that they had to shut down operations due to the horrific accident, sadly causing the death of an equipment operator on June 25th. Before they had to shut down operations the odors were still bad so the closure is an inadequate excuse.

We were told in the last Order of Abatement that we would not have to deal with this again, that the problems have been addressed. Well lo and behold that is not the case. We residents in the community would love to enjoy our yards, local parks and the children the playground at our local elementary schools but are not able to do that on a regular basis.

This is an entirely unacceptable situation that should not be allowed to continue. This dump started out as an illegal dump in 1956. It was legalized in 1958 and expanded in 1966. BFI bought it in 1978. At that time the city side did not have a liner or collection system for gases and the county side had a single layer liner that started to tear after 6 years. The infrastructure in this landfill is wholly inadequate to contain and collect gases.

We are now being asked to wait while they experiment with organic solutions. In the process of examining these solutions several halogenated hydrocarbons known to be carcinogenic were found. These are know to cause damage to the nervous system and cause respiratory irritation.

I implore you to put stricter measures on this order and also to actually "collect the fines from the Notices of Violation" that they have been receiving, rather than bargaining with them.

Odors are up, complaints are up...so I ask: What will this board do about that? None of you live here and only one of you has any engineering or science background. If you knew what we were suffering under you might be more adamant about changes to the landfills operations.

Please take our community issues seriously and take the strongest measures to ensure our health, safety and the quiet enjoyment of our homes which is a right of ownership. This operator has been violating our rights for far too long!

Very sincerely,

Meg Volk

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