



May 30, 2008

Chair Margo Reid Brown
California Integrated Waste Management Board
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025
Sacramento, Ca 95814-4025

Subject: Sunshine Canyon Landfill - Consolidation of City & County Landfills

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS** the request for a new Solid Waste Facility permit that allows the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to operate as a single site instead of two separate landfills.

A combined landfill means only one operating face, only one set of heavy equipment, less litter and dust, and overall operational efficiencies that mitigate the site's impact on the community.

The City of Los Angeles has a plan to become a zero waste City. That is an admirable goal and one for which we should all strive. But until that goal is achieved, Los Angeles will continue to generate waste and it will have to go somewhere.

Because the alternatives to disposing of solid waste in a landfill involve shipping trash to other, far away landfills with fewer protections against groundwater contamination and greenhouse gases Sunshine Canyon Landfill in an invaluable solid waste disposal option for Los Angeles and Southern California. We need to ensure that it remains viable, and do so in an environmental, economic, and socially responsible manner.

Consolidating the City and County landfills at Sunshine Canyon will allow the facility to operate up to its full permitted capacity every day and gives the community a viable, efficient and affordable place for trash disposal.

Additionally, merging the landfills makes sense in a purely practical manner; let's use it to its full potential and mitigate the traffic and air quality impacts of sending overflow trash elsewhere.

We urge your "AYE" vote to allow the consolidation of the City and County landfills at Sunshine Canyon.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hoffman Vanyek
Chief Executive Officer