

# West Ranch Town Council

**Wednesday, February 17, 2017**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room**  
25950 The Old Road,  
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

## Minutes

1. Special Meeting called to order @ 4:30- Dave Bossert
2. Council members present: Dave Bossert, Don Fleming, Jim Lynn Absent: Trevor Pooley
3. Purpose- The meeting was called by Trevor Pooley regarding the WRTC support letter for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL).
4. Special Guest Mike Dean, general manager of the landfill was invite so council members could ask questions and ascertain the facts surrounding the tonnage going into landfill under current Conditional Use permit (CUP) and what, if any, changes would be applicable under the new CUP application. The following information was disseminated by Mr. Dean during his presentation and subsequent questions from council members:
  - In 2016 the peak tonnage intake at CCL was 15,125 tons
  - The peak in the new EIR allows for 13,182
  - Based on peak numbers, the project isn't growing
  - Expansion gives a reduction in tonnage
  - The New CUP states for 12,000 tons of disposal waste
  - With diverted materials, the peak tonnage limit is 13,182
  - With the new application, based on peak, it shows there won't be any more new trucks
  - The average daily basis would vary on what's brought
  - The project can't go bigger than 13,182
  - 12% of tonnage comes from the SCV
  - 88% of tonnage comes from LA County
  - 2% is from out of the County
  - The Supervisors position awaits the final EIR
5. Based on the presentation and questions posed to Mike dean, the council considered and voted on the following motions:
  - Motion made and so moved by Jim, seconded by Don, that the town council reaffirms the previous support letters for the current Chiquita Canyon Landfill CUP application.

The motion passed unanimously. This was important as to not second guess or negate

the previous town councils support letters, not just for Chiquita Canyon but for any past positions taken by the council. Making such changes would have set a dangerous precedent.

Due to the concerns raised by Trevor, the council then made the following motion:

- Motion made and so moved by Jim, seconded by Don that the WRTC send an updated letter of support from the current West Ranch Town council that leaves the tonnage determination to the County experts; i.e. the 5th District Supervisorial office, L.A. County, Regional Planning, etc.

Attached, marked exhibit A, is an updated letter from the WRTC to Regional planning that was reviewed and approved via email. It is basically the previous letters that Ron Mesncher and Dave Bossert have signed over the years and updated it with the highlighted line per the motion that passed unanimously.

Finally, over the question of interpretation of ARTICLE VI: STRUCTURE, #10: No member of the Council may speak for or execute any document or contract in the name of or on behalf of the Council unless specifically authorized by a majority vote of the members of the Council.

- A motion was made and so moved by Jim, seconded by Don, to confirm the inherent authority of the president of the WRTC to publicly address positions that the council has unanimously approved and documented as reflected in the minutes and/or position letters as prescribed by the bylaws ARTICLE VI: STRUCTURE, #10.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**Exhibit A:**

February 18, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae  
County of Los Angeles  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing on behalf of the West Ranch Town Council, and a 37-year local resident, in support of the Chiquita Canyon Expansion. Chiquita Canyon has built a reputation for handling the

area's solid waste needs in an environmentally conscientious manner, monitoring environmental and related impacts to ensure the Valley's natural resources are protected.

I believe that there is one thing that we can all agree on. Our trash needs to go somewhere, and if people don't want the landfill then people need to stop creating trash. They have been providing an important service to the homes and businesses in the Valley and this expansion will ensure that the landfill can continue to responsibly meet solid waste needs. The West Ranch Town Council looks to the experts at the Department of Regional Planning, L.A. County, and the 5th District Supervisorial office, for their recommendations regarding daily waste capacity at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

The Council believes that the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR addresses community concerns and that the expansion of Chiquita Canyon is in the best interest of the unincorporated Los Angeles communities (Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge) represented by the West Ranch Town Council.

In looking at the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon is carefully considering the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through monitoring and mitigation, Chiquita Canyon will be able to address needs and issues as they develop – something we feel is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents.

I applaud the continued efforts of Chiquita Canyon Landfill to manage and process the solid waste needs of the region in a responsible and safe manner. The members of the town council look forward to our continuing partnership with Chiquita Canyon and to helping protect the solid waste needs of the Santa Clarita Valley and the LA region for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dave Bossert  
President, West Ranch Town Council

cc: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District  
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd District  
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District  
Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District