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Motion

The Lopez Canyon Landfill closed in 1996 after more than two decades of operation. With the exception of a mulch and compost giveaway site located at the entrance, the site is not open to the public. State law requires the City to monitor the landfill for at least 30 years following its closure to monitor gas and liquid produced from decomposing material; during that time, unsupervised public use of the landfill area is prohibited.

State law does not prevent public use from taking place on the bufferlands surrounding the landfill, however. Some of this area, approximately 450 acres in size, could be opened for recreational activities such as hiking and horse riding.


The Bureau of Sanitation recently developed preliminary plans for an equestrian staging area and recreational trails for parts of the bufferlands. The Bureau is currently assessing these plans.

Opening some of the Lopez Canyon bufferlands would provide new recreational space for residents of the surrounding communities, who had to deal with the negative impacts of living by an operating landfill. Active use of the bufferlands would help augment the environmental health and welfare of the residents and region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation to report in 30 days on the status of its preliminary plans for an equestrian staging area and recreational trails for the Lopez Canyon bufferlands; including potential project implementation and timeframe.

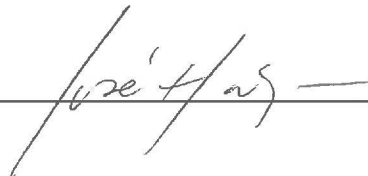
I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report on the current status of settlement activity at the Lopez Canyon landfill site and the projected timeframe for post-closure stability and environmental restoration.

PRESENTED BY:



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