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Neighborhood Association



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RE: Tumamoc Landfill Maintenance Project

ENVIRONMENTAL
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Dear Resident:

You may recall that in 2008, the City of Tucson supported Pima County's efforts to use voter-approved bonds to buy a 320-acre parcel at Tumamoc Hill to preserve the ecologically important land that is home to the University of Arizona's Desert Laboratory.

Part of the purchase included the City taking ownership of the Tumamoc Landfill, an inactive municipal solid waste landfill located on the north side of the intersection of Starr Pass Blvd and La Cholla Blvd. The City operated the landfill from 1964 to 1966 for city-wide, municipal waste disposal. The City performs methane monitoring on nine wells around the site and is currently monitoring fourteen groundwater monitor wells. Methane and groundwater monitoring data is on file at the City at www.tucsonaz.gov.

As part of an on-going maintenance program, the City is going to cap the Tumamoc Landfill. The project is designed by Cornerstone Environmental and approved by the University of Arizona Desert Laboratory. The soil will be imported from an off source site so there will be truck traffic to the site on Starr Pass Blvd. Work is scheduled to begin by the end of May 2013 and should be completed by the end of August 2013. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Once work begins, the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dust and odor control will be addressed during the construction process. Upon completion of the project, the site will be secured and quarterly inspections will continue.

The project will:

- Cover the waste, prevent infiltration, and minimize the production of methane gas
- Improve the soil landfill cap by placing two feet of soil on top
- Install onsite storm water drainage controls to prevent erosion of the soil cover
- Hydro seed the landfill site with seeds approved by The University of Arizona Desert Laboratory to prevent invasive plant species

There will be an informational meeting Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at City Councilor Regina Romero's Ward 1 Office, 940 W. Alameda Street. Questions? Contact Jeff Drumm, Environmental Services, (520) 837-3713.

Very truly yours,

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