

# SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

## CRAZY HORSE LANDFILL CLOSURE

### **CRAZY HORSE CANYON LANDFILL WILL CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC ON FEBRUARY 28, 2009 AND CLOSED TO ALL WASTE ON MAY 1, 2009!**

As a result of this pending closure we know there will be questions to answer. The list below contains some commonly asked questions and answers regarding the landfill closure.



#### **Q. When will the Crazy Horse Landfill close and stop taking waste?**

- A.** The Landfill will close to all self haul drop off of trash and recycling on February 28, 2009. The Landfill will officially close to all waste on May 1, 2009

#### **Q. Where will I be able to take my trash and recycling once the Landfill has closed?**

- A.** After the closure, the nearest transfer station to Salinas and North County residents is the Sun Street Transfer and Household Hazardous Waste Facility station at 139 Sun Street in Salinas.

#### **Transfer Station:**

Telephone: (831) 424-5535

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Apr-Nov)

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Dec-Mar) CLOSED on Sunday and on the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

#### **Accepts:**

Agricultural Waste, Appliances, Cardboard, Concrete Rubble, Demolition, Debris Dirt (Clean Fill), Garbage, Electronics, Lumber, Recycling—Separated plastic and glass containers, Aluminum and Paper, Scrap Metal, Tires (without rims) Wood (clean), Tree Stumps and Branches, Yard Waste

#### **HHW Collection Facility:**

Telephone: (831) 424-5520

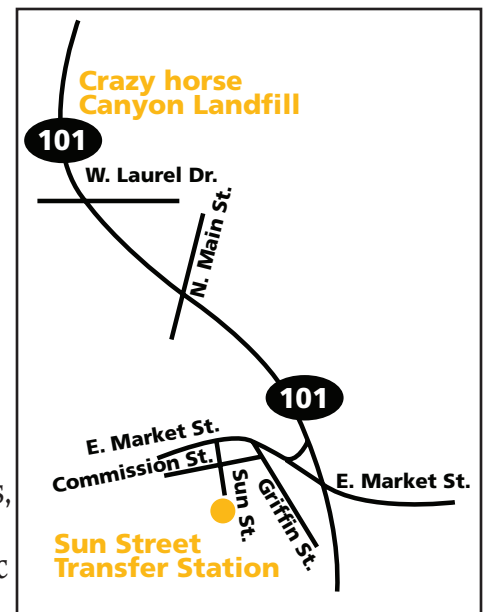
HHW Hours of Operation: Monday - Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

No Businesses on Monday; only household

HHW Facility is closed on the following holidays: New Years Day, M.L. King Jr. B-day, Lincoln's B-day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

#### **Accepts:**

Paints, Thinners, Solvents, Cleaners such as bleach, drain openers and toilet cleaners, Cooking oil/grease, Pesticides Fertilizer & other garden chemicals, Motor oil & filters, Antifreeze and other auto products, Household Batteries, Auto Batteries, Aerosol (spray) Cans, Sharps, such as needles, razors and syringes, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Electronic Waste, like old TVs, computes and cell phones, Thermometers, Thermostats and other items.





**Q. Why Is The Landfill Closing?**

- A.** Crazy Horse is allowed to operate as long it has permitted air space capacity available. By the end of April 2009, Crazy Horse will run out of its permitted air space and therefore landfill disposal activities will need to stop. It would be against the law to add more refuse beyond the permitted air space capacity.

Once the landfill disposal activities come to an end, State and Federal mandates dictate how the landfill must be covered in order to ensure its physical stability, environmental compliance, and aesthetics. The regulatory requirements to close a landfill must follow strict engineering designs and they must be state approved.

**Q. Will my waste and recycling containers continue to be picked up at the same time?**

- A.** There will be no changes or interruption to your regular pickup days from Waste Management or BFI Waste Services.

**Q. What are the long-term plans for waste disposal within the City of Salinas and the unincorporated areas of No. Monterey County once the landfill has been closed?**

- A.** When Crazy Horse closes all waste will be taken to either the Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas or Johnson Canyon Landfill in Gonzales, which will be the only landfill available to the City of Salinas after Crazy Horse Landfill closes. The trucks that currently pick up our garbage can't withstand the sort of driving that would be required to transport the solid waste directly to Gonzales, so we will use the Sun Street Transfer Station to transfer the waste from those trucks to vehicles more appropriate for long haul trips.

In addition, we need a facility closer than Gonzales where private individuals can dispose of their waste by recycling it or throwing it away. Well-informed people understand that the Sun Street Transfer Station is needed by the City of Salinas in order to deal effectively with our solid waste. Maintaining a transfer station like Sun Street within the City reduces overall transportation costs, air emissions, energy use, truck traffic and road wear and tear, which will ultimately save you and your community money and lowers the cost of your solid waste management services.

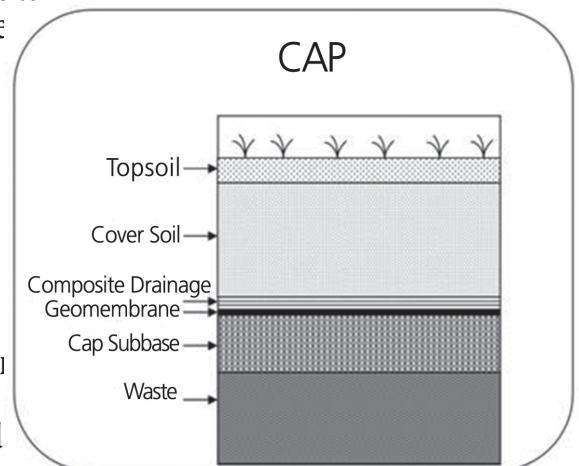
Plans are underway to expand the current Sun Street Transfer Station. The facility at Sun Street will continue to function as an interim facility until an alternate site within the City is approved.

This process will take approximately 5 – 7 years to complete due to construction financing, permitting process and completion of the required Environmental Impact Reports.

**Q. How will the landfill be closed?**

- A.** The closure project at Crazy Horse is an environmental construction project designed to protect life by designing environmental systems to prevent contamination of air, water and soil.

The design includes a protective cap or layer covering the section of the landfill where garbage has been placed in order to prevent rain-water from penetrating beneath the final cover and



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make contact with garbage. In addition, a complex landfill gas system is being designed and will be constructed in early 2009 in order to capture gas, treated, and prevented it from contaminating the environment. The closure project will commence in early 2010 and end it is expected to end in mid 2010. The cost of the project will be about 8.5 million dollars.



**Q. What is happening to the land when the landfill is closed?**

- A.** Closing the landfill does not mean work at the landfill stops. State and Federal regulations requires the Authority to maintain the landfill for 30 years after closure. This includes operations and maintenance of a monitoring system for landfill gas, and storm water runoff, as well as a leachate collection and removal system.

When the landfill is closed, regular activities ensure that the treatment systems are efficiently operating and that the cap remains in good working order. The cap is inspected on a regular basis and repairs will be made to minor damage caused by precipitation, animals, weather, etc. The Authority will monitor landfill gas in probes and vents, and sample the underlying groundwater as a part of its groundwater evaluation program.

**Q. What do I do if I notice someone dumping trash on public property?**

- A.** Dumping waste on public or private property is illegal. If you observe someone in the act of illegally dumping, contact the police department immediately. Please record the license plate number and description of the vehicle and person(s) involved, the date and time of the incident, and the exact location. Do not approach the person(s). If you encounter an illegal dump site within ten (10) feet of a roadside, please contact either the Monterey County Public Works Dept. (831-647-7756), CalTrans (831-372-0862), or the appropriate city maintenance division depending on who maintains the road.

**Q. Who can I contact for more information?**

- A. For more information regarding the closure of Crazy Horse Canyon Road Landfill, contact the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority at 831-775-3000 or visit their website at [www.svswa.org](http://www.svswa.org).**