Within the next few weeks, workers will begin to remove some waste and strengthen the berms around two hazardous waste lagoons near Hamilton Avenue on the Ascon Landfill site on the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street in Huntington Beach. The unusually heavy rains this past year may have weakened the earthen berms. Future rains may cause them to leak or give way. This could pose the danger of hazardous waste spilling into the street. Workers will remove about 28,000 cubic yards of waste from the lagoons, reshape and lower the berm along Hamilton by about 3 feet, and reinforce another berm. The project will require up to 90 truck trips a day to take the waste and excess dirt to offsite waste disposal facilities. The work is expected to take 4 to 6 months. All work on site and off site will comply with local, state, and federal regulations to protect public safety. Truck traffic will be coordinated with the City of Huntington Beach. More details will be provided at the July 6 open house and meeting. The Ascon Landfill site is a former landfill that contains industrial and oil field drilling waste. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing this emergency action, as well as the long-term investigation and development of a permanent cleanup plan for the site. A group of private companies (Responsible Parties) that formerly used the site are paying for this current action as well as all other work done at the site. For more information about the project or the meeting, call or email DTSC project manager Christine Chiu at (714) 484-5470, cchiu@dtsc.ca.gov; or public participation specialist Kim Foreman at (714) 484-5324, kforeman@dtsc.ca.gov. A fact sheet and other information about the site are posted on our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov. Documents about the Ascon Landfill site are at the Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach; the Huntington Beach Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach; and the DTSC office at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California (call 714-484-5337 for an appointment).