

# Learn more about Ascon Landfill remaining cleanup work

#### Background

The Ascon Landfill Site is a vacant 38-acre property at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street in Huntington Beach, California. The Site operated as an active landfill from around 1938 to 1984. In the early years of operation, the landfill received waste from oil drilling. In later years, it received construction waste like asphalt, concrete, and metal. Ascon has prepared a Restart Work Plan to complete remaining cleanup work under the oversight of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). This work is expected to begin in October 2024 and take about two years to complete.



Ascon Landfill Site, Southeast Huntington Beach, 2023

## **Upcoming work**

Remaining cleanup work will include:

- Consolidating ~150,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil onsite
- Adding odor control technologies and work procedures to control odors during work
- Onsite and offsite air monitoring during construction, including odor monitors walking in the surrounding community

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Join DTSC for a hybrid community meeting on upcoming remaining cleanup work at the Ascon Landfill Site.

#### Attend the meeting:

When: October 10, 2024

- Open house (in-person):
  4:30- 5:30 pm
- Hybrid meeting: 6:00- 8:00 pm

#### Where:

- *In-person:* Edison Community Center, 2177 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, CA
- Zoom\*: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Ascon-</u> <u>Community-Meeting</u>

\*\*Register in advance to join Zoom\*\*

The presentation deck will be available: DTSC EnviroStor database and Ascon project website (listed on page 2).

The virtual presentation will be recorded. If you miss the meeting, you will be able to view it on our YouTube channel (DTSCgreen).

- Installing an engineered cover (cap) made up of clean soil and heavy-duty plastic barrier (geomembrane). This is designed to prevent exposure to the neighboring community and to be protective of human health and the environment
- Removing the temporary barrier wall around the Site and installing a permanent fence along Hamilton Ave and Magnolia Street
- A community resource table in Edison Park for the public to ask questions

### **Controlling odors during work**

Controlling odors during upcoming cleanup work is a priority. Tested odor control tools and improved work protocols will be used, including:

- Staff monitoring odors will be stationed along the Site perimeter and in Edison Park to monitor odors during all soil moving work.
- Timing of soil moving work to consider conditions like wind speed, wind direction, temperature, and park activities so work happens when Site conditions are best
- Work in higher odor areas will include use of odor suppressants and extra barriers on the barrier wall to prevent odors from going offsite, tested during 2020-2023 onsite work

DTSC will be onsite to inspect cleanup work, and if needed, will make changes to improve odor control.

#### What's next?

DTSC is committed to keeping the community informed on all Site work. Join us for a hybrid community meeting on the upcoming cleanup work at the Edison Community Center. At this meeting, the community can learn more about the Ascon project, the Restart Work Plan, and engage with DTSC. The presentation and Question & Answer portion of the meeting can be joined in-person or virtually (by Zoom).

#### Learn more

Ascon Landfill Site information and project documents can be found online at:

- DTSC EnviroStor database: <u>https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/pub</u> <u>lic/profile\_report?global\_id=30490018</u>
- Project website: <u>Asconhb.com</u>
- Ascon community information: Call (714) 388-1825

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