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Frank R. Bowerman Landfill Suffers Damage from Silverado Fire

OC residents may notice smoke and small spot fires from within landfill area

IRVINE Calif., October 28, 2020 – Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill, located in the city of Irvine and owned and operated by OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) has experienced damage from the ongoing Silverado Fire in Orange County.

This morning OCWR staff was granted permission by CAL FIRE to enter the landfill site for the first time since an evacuation on Monday, October 26. OCWR staff have reported significant damage to the environmental control and stormwater infrastructure resulting in multiple spot fires throughout the landfill property. No structure damage, heavy equipment damage, or injuries have been reported.

Although CAL FIRE does not anticipate the fires to spread outside of the landfill property, residents may see white smoke and small spot fires within the landfill property over the next few days.

“OCWR is closely monitoring the remaining spot fires within the landfill property and we will work with CAL FIRE if deemed necessary,” said Tom Koutroulis, OCWR Director.

While FRB Landfill remains closed until further notice, Prima Deshecha Landfill (San Juan Capistrano) and Olinda Alpha Landfill (Brea) remain open. Residents and businesses are encouraged to visit OCLandfills.com and follow @OCWaste on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for up-to-date information.

About OC Waste & Recycling

OCWR serves the County's solid waste disposal needs by providing waste management services, operating public landfills, protecting the local environment, investing in renewable energy enterprises and promoting recycling in order to ensure a safe and healthy community for current and future generations. The department manages one of the nation's premier solid waste disposal systems, serving residents and businesses in the County's 34 cities and unincorporated areas. OCWR's three active landfills reflect environmental engineering at its best. Learn more by visiting the OCWR website at www.OCLandfills.com

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