

South Bay Odor Stakeholders' Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2018

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Sonesta Silicon Valley (1820 Barber Lane, Milpitas)

Attendees: See Sign-in Sheet

Recorder: Republic Services

Discussion

Evan Boyd	Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m. Introductions, reviewed the last meeting minutes, inquired if there were any modifications to the minutes or if there were any action items that were not addressed, and distributed current agenda. Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes. All of the previous meeting minutes are posted on the SBOSG website for reference.
Kathy Cote, Ned Thomas, Chris Moylan, Mike Caprio, Chia Ling Kong, Steve Erickson, Evan Boyd, Juan Ortellado	<p>Agenda Item #3: Odor Study Discussion/Action Items.</p> <p>Kathy provided Odor Study Discussion update, particularly which agency will manage the study. The RFP process for the odor study is on hold pending San Jose's position on what they feel their role might be in the process.</p> <p>Ned discussed the Odor Study with Rosalynn Hughey, San Jose Planning Director, and stated Rosalynn would reach out to Republic Services with some additional questions. She would also need to circle back with the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department. San Jose is uncertain if 1) they have staff bandwidth available to oversee this project and 2) if they did have the staff available, which department would be the most appropriate.</p> <p>Kathy indicated that Fremont would likely not be willing to take the lead on managing the Regional Odor Study and suggested that BAAQMD might be an appropriate agency. Ned explained that the permit condition requiring the Regional Odor Study does not specifically indicate San Jose would be the public agency managing the project.</p> <p>Chris asked if the expansion is fully approved if these conditions have not been met. Evan explained the expansion has been granted. Chris asked if the conditions are optional. Mike and Evan explained that several conditions are continual, including many that apply specifically to Republic's operation. Mike said that the odor study is one that is being worked on through discussions within this group. Chris noted that the odor study is discussed every quarter yet no one wants to stand up and manage it. Mike responded by saying Republic is showing a good faith effort to satisfy the odor study condition by participating in the quarterly discussions but Republic is the only stakeholder attending the</p>

	<p>meetings. Chia asked if it would be appropriate to have San Jose, issuer of the permit, manage this. Ned responded saying it's the city's job to write the permit and have city council approve but they are not necessarily the appropriate agency to oversee the study.</p> <p>Bob agrees that San Jose would be the most appropriate agency and maybe the group could work on a timeline with San Jose to get the study done. Feels the justification to keep waiting based on city staff shortage isn't a good idea. He said he is willing to ask the City of Milpitas to do it.</p> <p>Juan indicated that San Jose only needs to manage the study and says San Jose just needs to hire a consultant to manage the process. Ned said it's a capacity issue based on the amount of projects San Jose is currently working on and that San Jose would be okay with another agency taking on the project at this time. Kathy mentioned that she has asked San Jose if the permit condition has been met through past odor studies at Newby. She also mentioned that the potential scope of the study could have a significant financial impact on Republic.</p> <p>Evan reminded the group that two odor studies have been completed. Ned indicated that a regional study would be outside San Jose's authority and a body like SBOSG might be most appropriate to put this study together. Chris suggested the SBOSG might reach out to Supervisor Dave Cortese's office to see if the County might be interested in assisting with managing the study. Bob asked what the regional boundaries are supposed to be and Evan said it is not specified – possibly it's not a region but that certain sites would be included. Republic provided a list of sites from Alameda County down to north San Jose. He reminded everyone that this is a not a Republic study but rather up to this group. Ned said San Jose is happy to participate but cannot lead the study. Evan said BAAQMD has jurisdiction over many of the identified sites but this group has to figure it out. Steve reiterated that we can't just enter private property but at this point, a consultant needs to be hired and the scope needs to be completed.</p> <p>Group agreed that Chris and Bob would coordinate to reach out to Supervisor Cortese's office to discuss supervision of the study.</p>
<p>Nancy Le , Chris Moylan, Evan Boyd</p>	<p>Item 4: 2018 Legislative Solution</p> <p>Nancy reported that AB1975 will not be moving forward at this time however Assembly Member Chu and his team will be working with Cal Recycle to see what can be done in the meantime. If anyone has questions, Nancy can connect you with Annie. Chris said he thought the bill would force the other stakeholders to the table and doesn't understand why Republic didn't support the bill. Evan said Republic didn't see that the bill had any enforcement to bring others to the table. Also, there are agencies that currently exist and regulate what the bill was talking about therefore the bill would have been redundant.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd, Chia Ling Kong, Brian Sousa</p>	<p>Item 5: CASP Update/Biosolid Hauling</p> <p>Evan reported that the CASP is fully operational and is running well. Feels that system is better than traditional windrows from an odor reduction standpoint as evidenced by fewer compost odor complaints. Chia noted odor has improved with CASP but indicated BAAQMD has traced complaints to other green waste sources and asked Brian to comment on this.</p>

	<p>Brian reported that Republic has agreed to screen green waste during daytime hours to eliminate any potential odors at night by discontinuing screening by 4 p.m.</p> <p>Evan said beginning in mid-to-late September, the City of San Jose WWTP will begin dredging and hauling sludge from drying ponds. Republic will implement odor mitigation by applying a bio filter on material delivered to Newby Island. San Jose has indicated amount of material delivered should be around the same tonnage amount brought in during 2017. San Jose applies odor mitigation and uses backroads rather than public roads to haul material. Evan suggested WWTP attend an SBOSG meeting to give the group on update on plant upgrades.</p> <p>Ned agreed to ask WWTP to provide a presentation on planned upgrades.</p>
<p>Chris Moylan, Nora Lew, Tracy Lee</p>	<p>Item 6: Round Table Update</p> <p>Chris discussed a better way to verify complaints and suggested using new technology available such as sensors.</p> <p>Nora reported 434 odor complaints during the second quarter, an increase from 182 during first quarter. Of the 434, four complaints were confirmed. 2 to Newby Island, 2 to ZWED. By mid-July, there were 0-2 complaints per day with an increase after 8 p.m. Nora said they are trying to determine what might cause an increase in odors at night. It was noted that WNW winds can carry odors. Noted Republic had full trailers with organics intended for morning delivery to ZWED and were leaking. Evan confirmed that issue had been fixed.</p> <p>Chia said she believes ZWED causes odors and asked if there have been any NOVs issued to ZWED. Tracy said ZWED permit to operate is being worked on and BAAQMD is working closely with ZWED. When ZWED opens doors, transported materials have an odor. ZWED has operational permit that requires them to sensor odors. Chia wants to see more action by BAAQMD at ZWED.</p> <p>Tracy noted a downward trend in odor complaints – 2,800 complaints in 2016 and 1,750 in 2017. AB617 passed in July 2017 and requires BAAQMD to partner with CARB to work with communities affected by disproportionate air impacts. High cumulative health impact and exposures. West Oakland, Richmond and Milpitas are included in recommendations. Rules in process: 1) odor regulation (field testing new technologies); 2) Compost regulation in development; 3) Organics material handling regulation.</p> <p>Next meeting will be October 18, 2018 11:30 a.m. in the same room. Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.</p>

Action Items

1. Bob Nunez and Chris Moylan will work together to contact Supervisor Cortese’s office in regard to managing the odor study.
2. Ned Thomas to request a presentation from WWTP.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 18, 2018, 11:30am to 1:30pm, Brandon’s Restaurant at Sonesta Silicon Valley