

South Bay Odor Stakeholders' Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2019

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Sheraton San Jose (1801 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035)

Attendees: See Sign-in Sheet

Recorder: Republic Services

Discussion

Evan Boyd	<p>1. Call to Order and Introductions</p> <p>Call to order at 12:14. Asked everyone to sign-in and include email address. Need RSVP for attendance tracking and accommodations. Introductions. Meeting minutes and agenda were available in the hallway.</p>
Evan Boyd, Eric Stevenson, Rod Sink, Kerrie Romanow	<p>2. Overview of Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2019</p> <p>Review of April 18 meeting minutes. Changes are: Item 3, second paragraph, last sentence change to three sources. ZWED being the third. Item 4: Vote to strike minutes and change to "ZWED will consider joining in the future." Kerrie asked BAAQMD why study is called Milpitas Odor Study and would like name of RFP changed South Bay Odor Study. BAAQMD agreed to change this.</p>
Discussion included majority of attendees	<p>3. BAAQMD Odor Study Update</p> <p>BAAQMD indicated it received six proposals. Staff review included South Coast Air Quality Management District. Of the six received, three were so close in scoring it was difficult to name a winner. Those top three have been interviewed for questions and further clarification. Still close but they have different approaches. BAAQMD considering using two of the proposals together that would allow it to bring different viewpoints. One viewpoint allows focus on odor characterizations at fence lines and further away to determine different compost odors. Other to identify different compounds at the points per thousand. Cost of study is estimated at \$300k-\$500k depending on course of action and which direction BAAQMD management and board of directors decides to go. Goal is to try to have decisions voted on at July 31 BAAQMD board meeting. Some of the contractors proposed different time periods and it's based on seasonality. At minimum study will be looking at a summer/fall, winter/spring regiment to get seasonality if can't get all four seasons. BAAQMD can't share names of contractors as they haven't been announced yet. Winners will discuss with stakeholders to get thoughts and take into consideration when putting study together. Study will start once board approves the contract. Community meetings will be held in Milpitas. Wayne does want to set up</p>

	<p>meeting but unclear what goals of said meetings may be. Rod will include in his comments at board meeting. Tom Pyke asked about press release. Eric said they wouldn't normally release one, but it can happen. Assembly member Chu can also send announcements and in his newsletter. Tim Orozco asked if SBOSG send a press release, but Evan said it's more appropriate if BAAQMD handles that. Rod invited anyone to email him comments when the contract is approved Rsinks@cupertino.org. Said the board is trying to represent the engagement of all the people who have an interest. If study doesn't address real stakeholder concerns, then we have failed.</p>
<p>Kathy Cote, Tamiko Endow, Eric Kiruja, Greg Ryan, Chia Ling Kong</p>	<p>4. Rule 13-2, Organic Material Handling/Rule 13-3 Compost Operations</p> <p>Kathy indicated that CalRecycle has expressed some concern over Rule 13-2 and 13-3. She has more questions and interested in hearing Republic thoughts and BAAQMD explanation. Evan deferred to BAAQMD. Timko says process is a draft rule and they will hold several workshops. BAAQMD solicits input from stakeholders and takes comments to consider for the draft. Doesn't know timeline or whether there will be another draft. Process begins with white paper describing need, draft regulation is put out, then there are explanations provided. Based on comments, another draft of regulation is created. More often the comments are incorporated into the draft and a staff report is released with details of regulation. There's usually another round of public meetings then it goes to board for consideration. Understands rules are slated for next year but not sure of exact timeline. If concerns are brought up it may change the schedule. Greg says from an industry perspective, ZWED found the draft too onerous and it required years of implementation. ZWED is happy to implement but that means millions in investment that is passed on to rate payers. Ultimately comes down to political will to double trash rates. Evan echoed Greg's sentiments. There are significant concerns on the way draft is structured from infrastructure and investment standpoint. Republic submitted a letter to BAAQMD with recommended changes and comments on draft. BAAQMD is willing to take input as it impacts operators of all facilities in region. Chia asked for background on rules. Tamiko said questions should go to person in charge of rules.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd, Kathy Cote</p>	<p>5. Status Update of Proposed MRF Changes</p> <p>Evan reported that Republic submitted its application to BAAQMD for expansion of MRF building and air treatment. Provided BAAQMD staff with thorough update on design. In process of design tweaking but still moving forward with that process. Timeline speculation for those changes hopefully by Q4 then start permitting process from that point. No real significant design changes that we presented to SBOSG originally. Evan indicated the permitting process and regulation means it won't be done till 2021 but if things go well it could be 2020.</p>
<p>Tom Pyke, Evan Boyd, Tony Ndah</p>	<p>6. Round Table Update</p> <p>Tom asked if there's a summary of proposal for MRF changes. Evan said offline he and Tom can connect. BAAQMD odor complaint update: In 2Q, the District received 162 complaints. Complaint base is Milpitas. Doesn't extend into SJ and Fremont. Tom asked Milpitas what timeframe is for odor monitoring pilot program. Tony said Milpitas has completed RFP, selected consultant and should have meeting with them in August and will start the process to shape up program and begin. Milpitas will work with BAAQMD as</p>

	they see fit. Tony indicated that duration is a full year, all seasons. Using Jakubs as consultant. Tony also said placing monitoring devices on city property will occur later in the process.
Chia Ling Kong, Kerrie Romanow, Bryan Sousa	<p>7. Public Comments</p> <p>Chia wants to thank facilities that have joined SBOSG and is happy to have ZWED, water treatment plant and Republic in the same room. Chia asked if SBOSG website can be updated to show what facilities have done to address odor issues, show people process is long but being worked on, feels like there should be some promotion or communication. Evan says the difficulty is SBOSG doesn't have staff although he will speak for Republic and is happy to provide updates at these meetings but relying on resident involvement and others as mouthpiece to communicate information. Would also rely on someone else to own that. Kerrie asked if there is an existing website – yes, Jeanne will update on things Republic is doing and Kerrie said city can help and indicated the two groups should talk offline. Kerrie wants to make sure they are providing what Chia is interested in. Chia asked Bryan what happens to referrals. He said LEA is getting fair number of complaints for trash, sewer and chemical but not having anything to do with compost and LEA hasn't confirmed compost complaint. Bryan says compost operation is running really well and asked ZWED if Berkley study is available. Greg reported that preliminary study says odor can't travel more than 1000 feet, but he doesn't know timeline for completion of final report. He can find out and let us know. Lawrence Berkley Lab working under CA Energy Commission grant over three years, but staff is still reviewing.</p>
	<p>8. Suggested Meeting Date Confirmed for Thursday, October 17, 2019</p>
	<p>9. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.</p>

Action Items

- 1) Jeanne to send out revised April 18, 2019 meeting minutes to include requested changes.
- 2) Jeanne to reach out to Kerrie Romanow with SBOSG website link and request for meeting to work on updates.
- 3) Greg to find out when ZWED odor study will be available

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 11:30am to 1:30pm, Sheraton San Jose, 1801 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035