

# South Bay Odor Stakeholders Group

## Meeting Minutes

Date: October 15, 2020

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Republic Services

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## Discussion

Dan North	1. Call to Order and Introductions  Call to Order 11:32. Review meeting etiquette Introductions
Dan North SBOSG members	2. Overview of Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2020  No changes to minutes
Tracy Lee, Ling Kong, Tom Pyke, Tony Ndah, Tamiko Endow	3. BAAQMD Odor Study Update  Tracy: Jerry is unable to attend so if our team is unable to answer questions, please email him. Odor Study sampling plan went out to group - plan is focused on three facilities and areas of operations in the community. Sampling will identify compositions and remains dynamic to allow for contractors to collect data that is representative. First planned sampling was for late August, but due to wildfires, we were delayed. Second attempt planned for late September but that was postponed due to air quality. We adjusted based on forecast and currently first sampling event scheduled for next week. Adjustments may need to be made based on wind direction. Next week we'll focus on emissions sources from each facility. Jacobs will measure odor intensity in community and up wind and downwind measurements and take samples of sources from each facility. Samples collected next week and we will adjust second sampling accordingly. Second sampling event will be conducted by Montrose in November and will be more comprehensive. Third event will focus on potential sources contributing to outside odors. Jacobs will be doing measurements at three sampling events. Montrose will be managing sampling at one event. Ling: Will sampling still cover three seasons? Tracy: Yes, that's our intention. First sampling is in the Fall then Winter and Summer. It might adjust from Spring to Summer, but our intention is to cover seasons. Tom: Are looking at Winter as January and February? Tracy: We might have to make some adjustments because of fires. Jerry said sampling plan will be made available prior to second sampling event in late

	<p>November/December and push event to early January. Any results of Milpitas study will be linked into our study. We want as much representative data from various seasonal activity throughout the year. There is flexibility due to weather and operations at facilities. Not sure if sampling can be done quarterly. Tony: There is a link between Milpitas and BAAQMD. Ours looks at every quarter and every season. Delayed due to Covid so we're going past one year, and air quality is preventing us from collecting samples. We are collecting from full four seasons and don't see the need to chop up into quarters as we're collecting from every season. Ling: Will October coincide with biosolid transfer? Tracy: Yes, it should capture all that. Tom: Plan was for both studies to work at the same time. Will Milpitas sample at same time? Tony: Yes. Tamiko: Jerry wanted to volunteer to present initial sampling data if group is interested. Tony: We've been collecting data so once it's ready to go we present to management, council then community.</p>
<p>Dan North, Bryan Sousa</p>	<p>4. Update on Changes to Republic/ZWED Contracts with City of San Jose</p> <p>Dan: Discussed recent changes with City of San Jose. Beginning in May we stopped processing wet material and dry material will be reduced by 50% to 2/3 in the next year. Significant reduction in number of tons and organic material. This has triggered a need to change building application with BAAQMD. We reevaluated aspects of design, modify design and reapplied to BAAQMD. After extensive discussions, they will issue permit based on current design application. We reapply and a new permit will be issued. BAAQMD has divided conditions into two sections. Conditions apply immediately and second section on completed modifications. As far as timeline to submit new application – starting discussions with vendors and hoping to finish in the next few months but expect to get it in before end of the year. As far as design, there will be some changes. Air handling system may change due to no wet material, but intent is still the same. Activated carbon or biofilter before air leaves the building. Bryan: Did you mention that you'll be handling less Dry? Dan: yes. Capped at 200 tons per day. Some portion of Dry will go to ZWED per the contract. Bryan: Surprised material is still out of building. Does the Dry material have organics? Dan: Yes, it has value to ZWED. Some Dry material has no recoverable commodities, so it goes directly to the landfill. We've committed to work with those customers to fix recycling issues. They will get a customized container to extract recyclable materials from the Dry but it will take a lot of outreach. Any material outside building will be less.</p>
<p>Patrick Wenzinger, Anurag Pal, Urvish Mehta Rod Sinks, Dan North. Paul Harden, Eric Uldrick</p>	<p>5. Round-Table Update</p> <p>Patrick: inspectors are in field and responding to complaints and patrolling facilities every day. There were 38 complaints in 3Q. Also monitoring sludge stockpiling. Dan: Were there complaints in 3Q of last year? Patrick: Yes, 260 complaints. Anurag: Assembly Member Chu is not running for reelection, so this is my last meeting. I will send new contact info. Urvish: Patrick, are 38 complaints specific to landfill? 37 were alleging Newby. 1 alleging the wastewater treatment plant. Cal Recycle says it has 23 from January to July. Is</p>

	<p>there specification? Patrick: I updated for 3Q. I would have to pull numbers for rest of year. Rod: I am terming out as an elected in Cupertino and BAAQMD. Cities association will consider a new appointment in January and will recommend new rep attends SBOSG. Dan: Complaints are 70-80% below baseline so we're making progress. Paul: I keep track of odor complaints that LEA gets, we received referrals from BAAQMD, and we have a website and phone hotline. For 2020 we've received 57 complaints. In 2019, we received 145. Compost complaints in 2020: 23 complaints in 2019. Since Wet went to ZWED, we've had a total of 21 complaints. Last year 110 for same timeframe. Dan: Concern is with COVID, people are home but we're getting tremendous results. Eric: There has been great improvement. It used to be bad. Cautious about using reported complaints as a metric because I've noticed it's a lot less but since I'm home I notice odors more. I send in my complaints but a lot of the time I don't because it's not as bad as other times and sometimes it's brief.</p>
Ling Kong, Tamiko Endow, Urvish Mehta	<p>6. Public Comments</p> <p>Ling: In past meetings the organics handling regulations was brought forward and I'm not sure as to the progress. Looks like effort has been suspended. Tamiko: Rule development hasn't put out much in the way of new material. Compost and other rules - I believe they decided they needed to collect more data. Haven't seen any new drafts, we've been slowed down due to Covid. Urvish: Is there a consideration for an environmental report? Recommendation to group is to add a report like this. Dan: This is a forum to discuss issues about odor and operations.</p>
Dan North	<p>7. Suggested Next Meeting Date</p> <p>Next scheduled meeting January 21, 2021 via Microsoft Teams</p>
Dan North	<p>8. Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.</p>

### Next Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 11:30am to 1:30pm, Microsoft Teams