

## South Bay Odor Stakeholders Group

### Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2023

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Republic Services

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**Attendees:** Anurag Pal, Office of Asm. Alex Lee; Anthony Boccaleoni, Republic Services; Carmen Montano, Mayor, City of Milpitas; Chia Ling Kong, City of Milpitas; Elaine Ko, BAAQMD; Elaine Marshall, City of Milpitas; Eric Kiruja, CalRecycle; Gregory H. Nudd, BAAQMD; Jason Nettleton, City of San Jose; Jeanne Serpa, Republic Services; John Marvin, BAAQMD; Juan Ortellado, BAAQMD; Jose Guerrero, CSJ WWTP; Kathy Cote, City of Fremont; Michael Geiss, Republic Services; Paul Grazzini, BAAQMD; Rachelle Huber, Republic Services; Richard Elkins, Republic Services; Roberto Alonzo, City of Milpitas; Stanley Tom, BAAQMD; Tamiko Endow, BAAQMD; Tom Pyke, Office of Congressman Ro Khanna

### Discussion

Enrique Perez	1. Call to Order  10:33 a.m.
SBOSG members	2. Overview of Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2023  No changes
Paul Grazzini Chia Ling Kong Benjamin Wade Tamiko Endow	3. <b>BAAQMD – Odor Complaints and Enforcement Activities</b> Paul: April - 18 complaints; May – 8 complaints; June – 7 complaints; July – 19 complaints. Some of these were not attributed to any of the three major sites. August – 18 complaints; September – 6 complaints; October – 9 complaints. There were a couple of complaints that got confirmed recently to ZWED and as far as other enforcement activities, in September we had issued a notice of violation for leaks at the landfill. This was a result of a compliance and inspection of their gas collection system - surface or component leaks at the landfill. And then we've had a few other notices of violation issued just for permit condition issues. Where I see the peaks and trends is when it gets hotter, when the air gets a little more stagnant and you can have a lot more activity going on as far as odor producing you know whether it's the landfill or other sources. So that's I would expect when we have heat waves or more onshore breezes that we would get more complaints. Going into October we have 9. It's a little bit up from September but that's what I would expect because there's more air movement back and forth onshore, offshore breezes, so it's consistent with what we've seen. Chia: I have follow-up questions, particularly with the ones that were confirmed complaints were traced back to ZWED. What could have caused the order to emanate from a fully enclosed facility? Greg: I'll get back to you on that. I tend to believe that ZWED has that issue resolved at this

	<p>point because we haven't seen continual issues with it since then. Certainly if it looks like there's continual problems there, we should get them back to the table. Chia: My second question is regarding the inspection finding of gas leaks at the landfill. I think this is also a recurring issue. What is the preventive measure? Because this is a continuous issue. Benjamin: We're continually working to improve the gas collection and control system at the site. We do see consistent improvements to the system over time and we work in partnership with BAAQMD to address leaks as they are identified, and as they occur. The site is a dynamic system and consistently training and updating, planning and efforts to address the changes observed and to respond to complaints and identifications of issues that we identify internally and that are brought to our attention from public notification as well. We will be adding some additional improvements over the course of the next few quarters, and we anticipate in future years continued improvements as needed. Will not rest until we continue to improve conditions in in this area and we have seen a drop in complaints from the site so we are seeing some returns from this investment so. Tamiko: It might be useful if during these quarterly meetings we get an update from Republic about improvements to the system and the resulting increases in gas collection.</p>
<p>Greg Nudd Carmen Montano Chia Ling Kong Anurag Pal</p>	<p><b>4. BAAQMD - Odor Study Update</b></p> <p>Greg: The study is being finalized with our internal review. We hope to have the final version released in the next few weeks and we'll be having some internal discussions about next steps. We will present to our stationary source and climate impacts committee on the results of the study likely in the first quarter of next year.</p> <p>Carmen: Why wasn't the study done for this meeting. How long do these studies take? Greg: I apologize for the delays on getting this finalized. But it's high on my priority list now. I need to take another run through it and be able to get that released as soon as I can. We do have a new deputy executive officer over permitting and enforcement, so I also wanted to give her an opportunity to take a look at it before it's finalized. Chia: How is it going to be released? What format will it be in and is it going to be on a public website that everyone can access? Besides the stationary source committee, will you present to the City of Milpitas? Greg: The short answer is yes; it will be on our public website for anybody to access.</p> <p>If we were to be invited to the city, we'd be happy to come and make a presentation. Carmen: I will request our city manager to set up a meeting so you can come and make a presentation. Anurag: This group has been pretty involved and would like to know what's happening with this study.</p> <p>Are there any preliminary results that you can share, before the final study? Greg: I don't think you're going to see a lot of differences between the draft of the study that was already released and what comes out with the final study. The main difference in the final version of the study is that it's going to reflect some comments that we received - a number of editorial comments from the landfill, some substantive comments from the public hearing. The important thing is the discussion on next steps and that's going to take place with our board and the context of agenda setting in terms of prioritization of our workload over the next 12 months.</p>

Enrique Perez	<p>5. SBOSG Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Group voted to hold meetings three times per year.</p>
<p>Carmen Montano  Enrique Perez  Chia Ling Kong  Elaine Ko  Paul Grazzini  Greg Nudd</p>	<p>6. Round-Table Update</p> <p>Carmen: I recall our at our last meeting, I had requested a site visit and I haven't heard anything from anyone. Tom Pyke is also interested. Enrique: If you'd like a site visit, we can facilitate that. We can reach out to you to facilitate the site visit for you and or any other members of the group to come out and visit the site. Chia: This is a question to Elaine specifically because in the last meeting, the concern from residents are that a lot of the afterhours calls and complaints were not getting a response from inspectors until several days later., I believe Elaine mentioned that BAAQMD would look over the volumes of afterhours calls and if there is any opportunity of adjusting the inspectors hours. Paul: So in in situations where there were several days that transpired, that was usually due to a complaint coming in on a Friday night. And then there may be being a holiday weekend or not getting handled until Monday or other situations where a complaint might have gone through another agency and then came to us as. We have a call-out policy where several complaints come in after hours and we will deploy an inspector that evening and that's universal for the 9 Bay Area Bay Area counties. There hasn't been enough happening in the evenings to really warrant a call-out for a single complaint. It would take about 3 complaints with within a short timeframe, say an hour or so for an inspector to go out.</p> <p>As far as adjusting hours, we're not looking at doing that right now. It is something we could look at if we start seeing a more serious uptick in complaints after hours, but it really has been somewhat sporadic and wouldn't necessarily get us results that that would lead to too much. Chia: I have a general kind of comment on this is coming from residents in my community and they are voicing concern that the state is requiring the city of Milpitas to add almost 17000 new homes in a few years from now.</p> <p>The odor issue continues to linger and new housing I being added, is there going to be more receptors? I want to also see if perhaps BAAQMD can provide feedback to the city of Milpitas, and when they do their zoning as far as adding or rezoning certain areas into residential, especially converting from commercial to residential. This odor group, especially with BAAQMD, who has been overseeing and knowing exactly how these odor sources are emanating into the city as far as which ones not to rezone and which one that's safe to rezone. Greg: It would be a good thing for us to talk about with the city manager. Carmen: I will look into it and ask our city manager to look into your to your question and I'll get back to you on that.</p>
Enrique Perez	<p>7. Suggested Next Meeting Date</p> <p>Next scheduled meeting January 18 at 10:30 am – 12 pm via Microsoft Teams</p>
Enrique Perez	<p>8. Adjourn</p> <p>11:10 a.m.</p>