

# South Bay Odor Stakeholders' Group

## Meeting Minutes

Date: April 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

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### Discussion

Evan Boyd	Introductions were completed. Meeting minutes and agenda were available in the hallway. Reviewed the last meeting minutes, inquired if there were any modifications to the actions that were not addressed. Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes. All of the previous meeting minutes are posted on the SBOSG website for reference.
Eric Stevenson, Evan Boyd, Mike Caprio, Discussion included a majority of the attendees	<p><b>Agenda Item #3: BAAQMD Odor Study Update</b></p> <p>BAAQMD will extend the RFP close date by two additional weeks to April 29, 2019. Once the RFP has been closed the RFPs will be reviewed, which will take about two weeks and then they will go to the board.</p> <p>BAAQMD is looking into portable instrumentation to look at organics and sulfur containing compounds. Republic and the City of San Jose would like the Bay and Levee to be taken into the scope as well as a regional look at the changes that are occurring around each site. The Bay is restoring the salt water flats. The changes should look at the compounds that are introduced and the instrumentation should be region centric. BAAQMD mentioned that the initial RFP looks at the two sources, Republic and the wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>The evaluation instrumentation has a wide range to ensure measurements taken upwind and downwind can pinpoint the location of the source. When the source is located, then the focus will be on the odor load, the quantity, and the identity.</p> <p>It was mentioned several times, that buy in from all parties on the RFP is necessary to ensure its effectiveness. The goal of the group and the process is for a final product that everyone agrees on, is willing to participate in, there is transparency, and a process that works.</p> <p>The City of San Jose has noticed that notes and comments that were sent in were not seen in the final version and there was no comment mentioning why the comments were not included.</p> <p>Republic and City of San Jose want to ensure that VOCs from other sites are not being</p>

	<p>stripped away but are able to be differentiated so that the landfill VOCs are not mixed in or considered the wastewater treatment plant VOCs. In addition, the goal is to work with each facility to ensure that they are in compliance and to assist them with starting actions to improve the conditions and decrease odor. The goal is not to lay blame or point the finger. Milpitas will be kept apprised of the work being completed and if changes are not being seen or noticed then additional changes will be required.</p>
<p>Rod Sinks, Tom Pyke</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item #4: Summary of meeting with Zanker and San Jose Environmental Service Department</b></p> <p>Spoke with Zanker and the WWTP to encourage participation in the study and the odor group. Zanker is interested in cooperating with the study but is not interested in joining the group. Zanker is concerned that it would simply be a circular finger pointing effort. Zanker is currently doing an odor study with Berkley and the results should be available soon.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item #5: Update of proposed MRF design and Compost Facility Upgrades</b></p> <p>MRF Design and Expansion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enclosed tipping and receiving deck</li> <li>• All materials will be contained under a roof</li> <li>• Progress has been made and there is an updated design</li> </ul> <p>CASP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility has decreased the size of the piles</li> <li>• The facility has made changes to moisturizing the biofilter</li> <li>• Operations have made changes and modifications to decrease emissions and odor.</li> </ul>
<p>Tracy Lee, Chia Ling Kong. Discussion included a majority of the attendees</p>	<p><b>Agenda Item #6: Round-Table Update</b></p> <p>BAAQMD has received 150 odor complaints as of March regarding the compost operation. When the complaint is received BAAQMD sends out someone to confirm the complaint and then to confirm the source. The confirmed complaints are mainly garbage odor and landfill. To confirm the complaints BAAQMD goes up wind and downwind of the source and then onsite. If the source is confirmed the facility name and odor is sited this information can be made available.</p> <p>Public mentioned that they have stopped receiving call backs from the inspectors for compost.</p> <p>Republic was asked if samples of compost at various phases could be provided so the public could differentiate the smell of unfinished compost verse finished compost.</p> <p>The public would like access to all data and studies completed.</p>

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 18, 2019, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sheraton San Jose, 1801 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035