

South Bay Odor Stakeholders' Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 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 12:08. Introductions. Meeting minutes and agenda are available in the hallway.</p>
Evan Boyd, SBOSG members	<p>2. Overview of Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2019</p> <p>Minutes approved with no changes.</p>
Jerry Bovee, Kathy Cote, Ling Kong, Eric Stevenson, Discussion included majority of attendees	<p>3. BAAQMD Odor Study Update</p> <p>BAAQMD has selected two contractors but have not sent to board for approval yet. Contractors have complimentary approaches which will allow trace level measurements and odor profiles. BAAQMD expects workplan to be ready to present to board in November. Contractor selection and workplan would go to the board going at same time on November 20. SBOSG will be given the opportunity to review the workplan and provide public comment. BAAQMD will respond to comments. BAAQMD will control technical approach but wants to engage everyone. Starting study later because technical process was longer than expected. Still representing all four seasons. Jerry will submit to SBOSG when finalized for comment.</p> <p>Republic asked that the bay be considered as part of scope to recognize tidal influence. Noted the three facilities included but would encourage staff and consultant to consider bay. Eric confirmed the bay will be included in study.</p> <p>BAAQMD will control technical content because they want to be able to use the data to resolve problems and also attribute to sources they have authority over so they can take action to firm up its regulatory authority. And they can work with other agencies that have authority that BAAQMD may not.</p>

	<p>Revisions do not need to be brought back to the board. Contractors can come to the SBOSG to present project. The contractors can start within two weeks of board approval – there will be kickoff meeting to get things moving then will schedule seasonality, meaning when field work can start. Assembly Member Chu’s office would like to get information on the study so it can be shared via social media and newsletter. Jeff indicated BAAQMD communications group can work on a press release.</p> <p>Start date will be based on contractor knowledge and experience. Community engagement will be immediate.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd, Dan North, Kathy Cote, Tracey Lee, Tamiko Endow, Jeff Gove, Ling Kong</p>	<p>4. Update of proposed MRF designs</p> <p>Evan introduced Dan North as GM. Dan will take over this group. Update on proposed MRF design: Republic continues to work with BAAQMD staff. Design is still the same. There’s technical data that continues to be reviewed by staff, some things need clarification to address concerns and questions. Design is extension of building on west side. Partitioning of certain quadrants with walls, air curtains, filtration, air capture, enclosure of wet material in load out area bound for ZWED. Expanding front of building to close off tipping operations. Kathy asked if rule 13-2 will have impact on design or delay? Evan doesn’t believe so. The design would address issues that might arise from 13-2. Tracey indicated rule developer is taking time to reevaluate both rules with target being end of year – approval pushed back to 2020. There’s still some time to try to work out if rules will impact design. Timko indicated they decided to split the two rules instead of combine.</p> <p>13-2: Asking for comments in mid-November, will expect to work on it till March or April 2020.</p> <p>13-2: Will be worked on in 2Q and will be pushed out to 4Q. Going to do some testing to quantify emissions. This will not delay Republic’s permit. Reviews are under existing requirements. The design would theoretically meet the requirements of the rule. Timeline is driven by review process but not impacted by rule development so timeline still roughly the same. Timeline: submitted application on 10/18/18. Assuming in next six months the package is approved then Republic begins process of going through permit process with the City of San Jose for permit and planning. Best guess is 18-24 months before construction starts then about 12-month construction process. Really rough estimate. Could be quicker depending on review process or longer. 2021 best case to complete construction. Closer to end of that year and that’s best case. More likely 2022 at this point. Ling requested pictures on website of construction and rough timeline of process.</p>

<p>Tony Ndah, Kathy Cote, Tracey Lee, Evan Boyd</p>	<p>5. Round Table Update</p> <p>Has Milpitas project started and will it be complimentary to BAAQMD project? Tony indicated they are working together. The contractor for odor profiling is Jacobs Consulting so that's where the studies work together. Staff training at end of month and should have boots on ground in November. Will have public outreach. Odor profile first so they know what they are targeting then spec proper equipment. But not there yet, at least 6 months to know what type of equipment we need. Kathy asked how long will equipment will be out? Tony indicated they will profile for full year, once equipment is mounted it will be another full year.</p> <p>Tracey: Update on trash complaints in last quarter, working close with LEA. I.D a few concerns and working with Republic on some equipment issue like doors. On track to get those resolved. Hopefully see odor issues improve. Evan said Republic has huge doors on MRF that open and close multiple times daily. Republic has replaced some and repaired some but also have vendor coming out to look at doors. Safety is a challenge. But comes first over everything else. Hope to get to a point where doors are shut at night. Recent months haven't had ability to do that. Time to repair depends on issue for door repair. Extension of building will resolve issue with doors. New design will provide space to ensure all materials are contained within building at all times.</p> <p>Biosolid hauling for 20 days. 10/1-10/29. ZWED, staff haven't identified operational issues.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd, Group discussion</p>	<p>6. Public Comment</p> <p>Evan: Reported that Abhijit Basu desires to present to the group remotely. Voiced his opinion about technology being used in study but it is not up to Republic to make that decision. It's up to the group. How do we want to proceed in the future with remote presentations? Group discussion: This group is supposed to be consortium to discuss in the same room. Throw out ideas, provide updates, make movement to improve odor situation. We've never discussed ground rules and who the gate keeper is for these types of requests. Group response: discussed request, would be happy to see and hear his presentation, limit of 20 minutes and we'd want to see presentation a week before meeting. However, the right time to comment on this particular subject is before Nov. 20. Republic will respond to Abhijit via email.</p>
<p>Evan Boyd</p>	<p>7. Suggested Meeting Date</p> <p>Confirmed for Thursday, January 16, 2020</p>

	<p>8. Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.</p>
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Next Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 11:30am to 1:30pm, Sheraton San Jose, 1801 Barber Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035