

South Bay Odor Stakeholders Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Republic Services

Discussion

Dan North	1. Call to Order and Introductions Call to order 11:33 am. Dan reminded about meeting etiquette. Raise your hand if you want to speak.
Dan North SBOSG members	2. Overview of Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2020 No changes to minutes
Tracy Lee, Dan North, Tom Pyke, Tamiko Endow, Urvish Mehta, Jason Nettleton, Ling Kong	3. BAAQMD Staff – Present Initial Sampling Data/Odor Study Update Tracy is covering for Jerry who couldn't make today's meeting and will provide overview of first sampling results. First sampling occurred in October and BAAQMD has met with contractors to review. Received first results of analytical sample this morning. Captured good data to understand odor fingerprints from facilities. BAAQMD feels positive about what we've seen so far. Next sampling event will help drill down more and at different levels to better understand which sources are contributing to offsite odors. Looking at abbreviated sample this winter to understand seasonal odors. More to come. Jerry will update on when future sampling update is scheduled to happen. Jerry says if you have questions and concerns please email him. Once we understand what all this data means and data from the second sampling, we will be happy to share that next time. Dan: We talked prior to study using quarterly data as opportunities to make adjustments at odor causing sites. Any early conclusions we can draw at any of the facilities? Tracy: We saw today that there are readings at all the different facilities and very specifically at the operations we're concerned about. Jerry needs to provide an update on what that looks like. Received update from contractors this morning but not prepared to share. Tom: At the October meeting, it was anticipated that second sampling would occur in early January, why is there a delay? Tracy: The first sampling event was intended to inform the second sampling event. Still trying to digest data. Contractors are very happy with first set of data. Jerry will help determine the scoop of second sampling event. Second sampling doesn't have a definitive date. More discussion needed. Tom: When you were talking about Oct sampling event, it was noted sludge harvesting happened then. Was it

	<p>concurrent with sampling? Tracy: It did capture that event. Harvesting started at end of September, so it would've captured it. Tamiko: We don't have all the data from consultants. Just preliminary results, we're still waiting on some of data. There have been a lot of delays. What we saw this morning will be supplemented with other data. Urvish: At the October meeting, some of the data may have been lost. Data has been collected by sensors in Milpitas. Should we present a dashboard of results as it will help different agencies? What are the auto sensor treatments being performed? Is data collection in coordination with SBOSG meeting? Tracy: Will check with Jerry. Jason: Confirmed that sampling event in October was in concurrence with harvesting event and team took samples from lagoons and stockpiled materials. Ling: How is the contractor going to share findings from first event to this group? Email a report or will they do a presentation to this group? Tracy: Will ask Jerry if presentation is possible for next quarterly meeting.</p>
<p>Dan North</p>	<p>4. Newby Island Update</p> <p>Update on permitting on our MRF: Back in May of 2020, Newby stopped processing wet material from San Jose. At the time, we had an application with BAAQMD, now we have changes. We've been working on changes; new designs and a new permit application was delivered to air district last week. We have a meeting set up to review changes and hope to have them finalized in the near future.</p>
<p>Patrick Wenzinger, Dan North, Urvish Mehta, Paul Harden, Ling Kong, Tamiko Endow, Tom Pyke, Tony Ndah</p>	<p>5. Round-Table Update</p> <p>Patrick: Quarterly complaint numbers: 4Q we had 21 complaints for the area. Also wanted to mention in January, around the 8th, we saw an uptick of 30-40 complaints, half alleging Newby. We've been investigating to see if there's been a change in operations but when onsite haven't detected any odors. Dan: What was 4Q 19? Patrick: Would have to take a look. Urvish: What are compositions of different material? Are there reports? Patrick: Reports on where waste is coming from is a more appropriate question to Republic or LEA. Is info released in reports of some sort? Bryan: The reports are summarized in our monthly inspection reports. We've had very few complaints in the fall. One in Oct, one Nov and zero in December. Uptick in January: sewer, rotten eggs. Don't believe it's coming from compost. Paul: We've seen uptick. We've received 10 from referral or online, telephone system. Five complaints have come from one address. Others are from various complaints. Primarily trash, skunk, rotten eggs. Urvish: Is there a quarterly report as part of SBOSG meeting of what compositions are being reported from Newby Island. Dan: This group is a forum to discuss potential odor from sites in the South Bay. There are not reports as part of that. Urvish: In the past meeting we had a conversation about what compositions are being collected? Dan: Those metrics are reported to Cal Recycle from facilities collecting material, not through this group on a regular basis. Reporting is already in place from the agencies regulating the facilities. Urvish: These reports have already been evaluated? Dan: We report incoming tons to Cal Recycle and they regulate what we can and cannot take. The process is already in place by jurisdiction. Your request is outside the scope of what we're trying to accomplish here. Patrick: 4Q 2019: Complaints 126. Ling: I experienced odor in January. Has there been any improvement in the process? Have contractors collected data that can help</p>

	<p>inspectors with reason for uptick in events? Patrick: Contractor's study is separate from what our inspectors are doing. They aren't part of the sampling. When we're having uptick in events, our contractors aren't out there sampling. Tamiko: The team that's out there for odor event are specially trained to sample. It's a very technical process, that's why it takes a lot of planning to get the sampling events scheduled. Inspectors won't sample on the fly. Ling: We're missing out. Is there opportunity to improve what inspectors do? Tracy: When the odor attribution study is completed, we'll be talking about types of tools. Analysis first, what bag samples are for. After study is completed, we hope to have fingerprint of odors coming from each source, so hopefully we'll be able to better identify where the odor came from. Tom: Can Tony give update on Milpitas odor study? Tony: Continuing to do work with odor study separate from BAAQMD. Odor characteristics. We collected bag samples and are working with Jakub's on that. At some point we'll be able to share with air district. We have data that we've collected over the past year, except during fires. We're putting together info on a website, not sure if available to the public, but will check. Tom: I'd be interested in seeing it if you're willing to share.</p>
Dan North	<p>6. Suggested Next Meeting Date</p> <p>Next scheduled meeting April 15, 2021 via Microsoft Teams Dan requested next meeting be reduced to 90 minutes from two hours</p>
Dan North	<p>7. Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.</p>

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 11:30am to 1:00 p.m., Microsoft Teams