

Memorandum

TO: TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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Approved



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INFORMATION

SUBJECT: SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT (PLANT) – STATUS OF WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON ANALYSIS OF BIOSOLIDS TRANSITION TIMING

BACKGROUND

The Preferred Alternative for the Plant Master Plan was approved by Council on April 19, 2011. The Preferred Alternative includes process changes that will reduce odors and shrink the Plant's footprint, thereby enabling new land uses along the South San Francisco Bay shoreline. Council directed staff to return in May 2011 with additional information on reducing odors from the Plant and an analysis of the feasibility to implement the transition to a new biosolids process in three to seven years.

At the May 14, 2011, Treatment Plant Advisory Committee (TPAC) meeting, staff was directed to meet with City of Milpitas and McCarthy Ranch technical consultants to discuss the timeline for the new biosolids process. A letter was submitted by the City of Milpitas to continue this item to allow staff to complete a more thorough analysis. In addition, McCarthy Ranch submitted additional information from their consultant.

The item was deferred to August to allow a meeting to be scheduled. The purpose of this information memorandum is to provide an update on the status of working with stakeholders in responding to TPAC direction from May 14 and June 16, 2011.

ANALYSIS

Staff contacted both Milpitas staff and McCarthy representatives to arrange a meeting of McCarthy's consultants with the Plant Master Plan staff prior to the June TPAC meeting as well as following that meeting. McCarthy Ranch requested to delay the meeting, as they were in the process of engaging additional experts. In early July, McCarthy representatives notified staff

they were positioned to meet. City staff, Milpitas staff and McCarthy representatives have been working collaboratively to calendar a meeting date to ensure that all, or most, relevant parties can participate. A meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2011. Staff will report back to TPAC following the meeting.

In June 2011, two public scoping meetings were held on the Plant Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) development. Based on a few of the comments received, the EIR will include additional analysis to describe the impacts related to accelerating the construction and implementation of the biosolids dewatering/drying and odor control elements of the Plan.

Staff is also continuing to work on developing a study of the Plant and offsite regional odor sources to better identify the relative contribution of each odor source on the neighboring communities of Milpitas and North San José. This study is expected to be a collaborative effort between the City of San Jose, Newby Island Landfill and the City of Milpitas.

Staff will report back in the Fall of 2011 with progress made on the analysis of the timeline for the biosolids project based on meetings with stakeholders as well as the status of the odor study.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Economic Development, and the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department.

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