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REFER TO FILE: **EP-5**

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Dear Ms. Pena:

**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 00-194-(5)  
THIRD QUARTER 2022 QUARTERLY DUST/ODOR COMPLAINT REPORT**

Condition 45N. of the Landfill's Conditional Use Permit requires Republic Services (Republic) to submit a quarterly fugitive dust and odor complaint report, identifying "all notices of violation issued by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)" and "all measures undertaken by the Permittee (Republic) to address these complaints and/or correct the violations". In response to this Condition, Republic submitted the Quarterly Dust and Odor Complaint Report (Report) for the third quarter of 2022 dated October 14, 2022, (Enclosure 1).

Public Works has reviewed the Report in conjunction with the SCAQMD Odor Complaints data for the 3rd Quarter of 2022 (Enclosure 2). In this Quarter, the SCAQMD received numerous odor complaints, and issued two Notice of Violations related to air quality (September 22 and 28, 2022), to the Landfill. Based on the Odor Complaints data, it appeared there is an increase in odors complaints (especially trash odor) verified by SCAQMD during this period.

Nevertheless, the submitted Report only provided information on measures taken in 2017, 2018, and ongoing measures without providing any analysis of the source of the odor, pattern to the complaints, or effectiveness and relevance of mitigation measures to address the recent odor complaints. The Report as submitted is not adequate to allow the regulatory agencies to assess the nature and extent of the problem and the effectiveness of Republic's mitigation measures.

Therefore, **Republic is required to revise and resubmit the report within 15 days from the date of this letter** to Public Works for further review. The revised report shall, at the minimum, include the following:

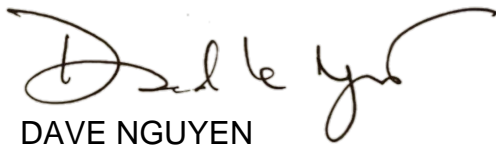
1. Analysis of the odor patterns, which includes date(s) and time(s) of verified odor complaints, the nature (e.g., trash, landfill gas, etc.), source, and cause of the odor (e.g., working face, the landfill cover areas, or the landfill gas collection system, and factors such as equipment breakdowns, insufficient vertical or horizontal gas collection wells, or low gas collection efficiency), mitigation measures that were deployed at such date and time.
2. Analysis on the effectiveness and relevance of ongoing measures to mitigate recent increase in verified odor complaints.
3. Any recent measures undertaken to address the recent spike in odor complaints, especially trash odor.
4. Concrete and achievable measures (along with implementation schedule) that demonstrate that Republic is moving toward reducing and/or eliminate the odor (trash and Landfill gas) and correcting the Notice of Violations.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Anna Gov at (626) 458-3553 or [agov@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:agov@pw.lacounty.gov), Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

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