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Supervisor Candace Andersen
Chair, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
Martinez, California 94565

RE: COMMENTS ON ITEM D7 REGARDING THE KELLER CANYON LANDFILL

Dear Chair Andersen:

I appreciate the information provided by staff in their report regarding the new direct haul conditions for the Keller Canyon Landfill which take effect in March and what actions would be required in order to comply with those new conditions by the deadline.

In approving those conditions, the Board provided an 18-month grace period to ease the transition. With that period nearing an end, it is important that recoverable construction and demolition debris be processed at a transfer station to recover and divert materials from the waste stream, consistent with the County's original intent, rather than hauled directly to the landfill and disposed. I intend to continue to follow progress on this matter very closely to ensure these important reforms in the operation of the landfill proceed as directed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor Federal D. Glover

Cc: Supervisor John Gioia
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Supervisor Mary Piepho

Clerk of the Board

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December 19, 2016

Clerk of the Board
Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors

Dear Clerk,

Attached please find a comment letter and accompanying exhibits regarding Agenda Item D.7 for the December 20, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting. Please distribute the letter and exhibits to all board members.

Sincerely,

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December 19, 2016

Chair Candace Andersen
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**Re: Agenda Item: D.7: Keller Canyon Landfill Future Compliance with
"Direct Haul" Conditions of Approval**

Dear Chair Andersen and Members of the County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept the following comments on the Staff Report prepared by the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development ["DCD"] for Agenda Item D.7 regarding "Keller Canyon Landfill Future Compliance with "Direct Haul" Conditions of Approval" for the meeting of the Contra Costa County ["County"] Board of Supervisors ["Board"] scheduled for December 20, 2016 ["Staff Report"].

I would first like to thank the Board for its efforts in updating the performance standards of the landfill over the last few years. I strongly believe that the landfill is an important resource that must be managed properly for the benefit of the entire community and not merely for the convenience or profit of the operator. Money will come and go but disposal capacity is finite and the environmental implications of disposal are significant. The Board has done an excellent job at maintaining proper perspective and acting accordingly.

It is no secret that the "Direct Haul Conditions", Conditions 8.5-8.8 of Keller Canyon Landfill's ["KCL"] Land Use Permit ["LUP"], approved by the Board on September 22,

2015, have been the subject of much contention between the County and KCL, with KCL going as far as filing a lawsuit challenging said conditions. Nevertheless, neither the Board nor staff has been dissuaded from moving forward with enforcement of the Direct Haul Conditions, when they become operative. I commend the courage and resolve of the Board and staff.

Notably, I am happy to see from the Staff Report that the DCD plans to conduct on-site inspections of KCL to monitor activities at the scale house as well as the active face working face.¹ I hope that the DCD's on-site monitoring efforts continue and expand to other aspects of KCL's LUP. Also worth noting is the DCD's efforts in obtaining the cooperation of KCL in developing a course of action leading to the future compliance with the Direct Haul Conditions. This surely has not been an easy task in light of KCL's litigation efforts.

With that in mind, I would like to discuss another of Republic Services, Inc.'s ["Republic"] facilities within the County that has experienced significant operational issues that have carried over to KCL in the hope that the Board will direct staff to actually expand planned oversight to address the issues discussed below.

Violations at the West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill Organic Materials Processing Facility have negatively impacted operations at KCL

As the Board is undoubtedly aware, on October 4, 2016 Contra Costa Environmental Health Local Enforcement Agency ["LEA"] issued a Cease and Desist Order to the West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill ["WCCSL"]² due to confirmed odor complaints received by the LEA and also the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ["BAAQMD"]³. The odors were confirmed to be coming from the WCCSL Organic Material Processing Facility ["OMPF"] digging into the compostable materials pile that has been stored at the facility

¹ Staff Report, p. 5.

² KCL and the WCCSL are owned by Republic Services, Inc.

³ In addition, the LEA has noted that it has observed smoke coming from material piles at WCCSL OMPF (between March of 2014 through February of 2016) and has received reports of fires (between April of 2015 through November of 2015). (Composting Materials Handling Operation and Facility Inspection Report (93) ["CMFIR"] for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, Senior Environmental Health Specialist for Contra Costa Health Services, dated July 20, 2016.

since February of 2016 and from the material pulled from that pile reportedly used as erosion control on the slopes of the landfill.⁴

The Cease and Desist Order requires that "[t]he material, which has remained on site for an extensive period of time and allowed to become anaerobic, thus creating odors, is to be removed from the site and disposed at a permitted disposal facility or provide an alternative use to be approved by the LEA..."

In response to the Cease and Desist Order, WCCSL presented an Organic Pile Screening Work Plan ["OPSWP"], among other things, that proposed to "...transport compost overs to [the] Keller Canyon Landfill for use as ADC..."⁵ The LEA conditionally approved WCCSL OMPF's OPSWP via a letter dated October 24, 2016.⁶ Recent inspections of the Keller Canyon Landfill ["KCL"] conducted by the LEA, confirms that anaerobic organic material from WCCSL OMPF has been taken to Keller Canyon for use as Alternative Daily Cover ["ADC"] and for Disposal.⁷

The disposal of anaerobic organic material at KCL deprives jurisdictions of diversion credit for such material

There are a number of issues with anaerobic organic material from WCCSL OMPS being taken to KCL for disposal or for use as ADC. To begin with, the disposal of anaerobic organic material at KCL deprives the jurisdiction(s) of origin of the diversion credits that would have been obtained had the WCCSL OMPF managed and composted the material properly. Several jurisdictions, in fact, prohibit the disposal of organic material through their franchise agreement with Republic Services and/or its subsidiaries.⁸

⁴ Cease and Desist Order, p. 1. (A copy of the Cease and Desist Order is attached as **Exhibit 1**.)

⁵ Letter from Don Litchfield, General Manager of WCCSL OMPF, to Lori J. Braunesreither re: "Organic Pile Screening Work Plan", dated October 13, 2016, p. 1. (A copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit 2**.)

⁶ Letter from Lori J. Braunesreither to Don Litchfield, re: "Conditional Approval of Organic Pile Screening Work Plan WCCSL Organic Materials Processing Facility, Facility No. 07-AA-0044, dated October 24, 2016, p. 1. (A copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit 3**.)

⁷ Disposal Facility Inspection Report (52) ["DFIR"] of Keller Canyon Landfill by Eric Fung, Environmental Health Specialist II, dated 9/30/2016, p. 3. DFIR of Keller Canyon Landfill by Eric Fung, dated 12/12/2016, p. 3. (Copies of the DFIR for KCL from 9/30/2016 to 12/12/2016 are attached as **Exhibit 4**.)

⁸ Article 6.1.3.B.6 of the Franchise Agreement Between Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority and Allied Waste Systems, Inc. for Franchised Materials Collection, Transfer, Transport, Processing, Diversion, and Disposal, May 14, 2014["CCCSWA Franchise"].

Moreover, the WCCSL's Land Use Permit⁹ requires that WCCSL use available economically feasible means to maximize diversion of recyclable materials from landfill disposal.¹⁰ Nothing in the available record suggests that WCCSL even considered sending the anaerobic organic material to another composting facility to complete its processing before going to the secondary market. Such an option should have been explored before even considering the landfilling of such material.

A majority of communities within Contra Costa County have an expectation that organics will be composted and used in a manner that preserves and is beneficial to the environment. This is part of the incentive for source separating organics from inorganics. The disposal of anaerobic organic material at the landfill works to undermine any trust that people have in the waste management industry and the governmental bodies that are charged with the oversight of that industry.

If the community does not trust that waste management industry professionals will manage waste material as expected, community participation in diversion efforts could take a serious hit. It may prove difficult, if not impossible, to rebuild the trust of the community without taking aggressive action against the landfill for its violation of that expectation.

I strongly urge the Board to direct staff to investigate the disposal of anaerobic organic material from the WCCSL OMPF at KCL and pursue any and all action necessary to correct such conduct, and the conditions that lead to its occurrence.

KCL has not been approved to use anaerobic organic material as ADC and no competent LEA would approve the use of such material due to its history with causing offensive odors and fires

With regard to the use of anaerobic organic material (essentially unfinished compost) as ADC, KCL has not been approved to use anaerobic organic material or even finished

⁹ Land Use Permit 2054-92 (As Amended) Conditions of Approval Bulk Material Processing Center (Unincorporated Area Facility), Land Use Permit 022026 (Amending 2054-92) – December 14, 2004 ["WCCSL LUP"].

¹⁰ Condition 16.2, WCCSL LUP, p. 18.

compost as ADC.¹¹ Approval to use any material as ADC must be received in writing from the LEA prior to the use of that material.¹² KCL has not received such prior written approval. That is, pursuant to Title 27 §20690(b) CCR "[a]ll types of ADC must be approved by the EA in writing prior to use at solid waste landfills as consistent with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, section 21570 through section 21686..." There is no apparent writing in the record that conforms to these requirements with regard to the use of anaerobic organic material or finished compost as ADC at KCL.¹³

In addition, KCL is required to document its ADC practices in its Report of Disposal Site Information ["RDSI"], pursuant to Title 14 §21600(b)(6)(B). KCL's current RDSI does not describe the use of compost or anaerobic organic material as ADC and there is no apparent evidence that an amendment to KCL's RDSI has been requested by KCL to incorporate the use of such material as ADC or that such an amended has been approved by the LEA.

Moreover, no LEA would ever approve the use of the anaerobic organic material at issue in this matter as ADC because such material would clearly not meet the performance standards for ADC.¹⁴ In this particular case, the anaerobic organic material at issue had already exhibited characteristics which ADC is required to control. Specifically, the material at issue is associated with well over 100 complaints regarding odor received by the BAAQMD and reported to the LEA.¹⁵ In addition, temperature measurements of organic material at WCCSL OMPF has been recorded as high as 180 degrees Fahrenheit¹⁶ and the LEA has observed smoke and/or received reports of fires on multiple occasions.¹⁷

¹¹ The County has specifically prohibited the use of franchised green waste as ADC beginning January 1, 2016. (Section 3(n) of the First Amendment to the Franchise Agreement between Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal, Inc. and the County of Contra Costa, dated July 21, 2015.)

¹² Title 27 §20690(b) California Code of Regulations ["CCR"].

¹³ The LEA's conditional approval of the OPSWP did not conform to the requirements of Title 27 §20690(b) because (1) there was no finding that the use of the material at issue at KCL is consistent with Title 27 §§21570 through 21686 CCR (2) the LEA's conditional approval of the OPSWP was directed at the WCCSL, not KCL, and (3) in actuality the LEA's approval of the OPSWP occurred long after KCL had apparently been accepting compost from the WCCSL OMPF for use as ADC, as evidenced in the DFIR of KCL dated 09/30/2016, p. 3.

¹⁴ Title 27 §20690(a)(2) CCR.

¹⁵ Cease and Desist Order, p. 1.; CMFIR for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, dated September 27, 2016, p. 4.

¹⁶ CMFIR for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, dated November 4, 2016, p. 4.

¹⁷ CMFIR for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, dated July 20, 2016, p. 3.

Such material can only be expected to cause similar problems when used as ADC. In fact, the LEA reported that as early as September 30, 2016, compost material from WCCSL OMPF was being used as ADC at KCL¹⁸ and by October 24, 2016 the LEA confirmed an odor report that, in the opinion of the inspector, matched the odor of the odors coming from WCCSL's organics operation.¹⁹ It is apparent, by its preexisting characteristics, that such material was not suited for use as ADC. Inexplicably, however, KCL did not and has not received a violation for the use of such material as ADC.

It should also be noted that the use of a material as ADC must terminate, among other reasons, if the performance requirements of ADC cannot be met.²⁰ Accordingly, even if KCL had been approved to use compost or anaerobic organic waste as ADC, such use had to terminate upon the failure of said materials to meet the performance requirements of ADC, as occurred here.

I strongly urge the Board to direct staff to evaluate KCL's use of the aforementioned material as ADC. In particular, it is important to understand why KCL decided to use such material as ADC and why the LEA failed to issue a violation for such use despite the lack of prior written approval and apparent failure of the material to satisfy the performance requirements of ADC.

Republic has demonstrated a continuing disregard for the authority of governing agencies and the local communities they serve by engaging in extensive and repeated regulatory violations at the WCCSL OMPF

Between July 20, 2016 to November 28, 2016 WCCSL OMPF has received 33 violations regarding the material identified in the Cease and Desist Order and related matters.²¹ Just to name a few, on September 27, 2016, October 4, 2016, October 5, 2016, October 6, 2016, October 7, 2016, October 8, 2016, October 19, 2016, November 02, 2016, November 03, 2016, and November 4, 2016 WCCSL OMPF received violations from the

¹⁸ DFIR of Keller Canyon Landfill by Eric Fung, dated September 30, 2016, p. 3.

¹⁹ DFIR of Keller Canyon Landfill by Eric Fung, dated 10/24/2016, p. 2.

²⁰ Title 27 §20690(a)(3).

²¹ A copy of the LEA's Inspection Reports for WCCSL from July 20, 2016 through November 28, 2016 are attached as **Exhibit 5**.

LEA regarding odor control; on July 20, 2016, November 04, 2016, November 14, 2016, and November 17, 2016 WCCSL OMPF received violations from the LEA regarding fire prevention, protection and control; and on August 09, 2016, August 26, 2016, September 09, 2016, September 27, 2016, October 04, 2016, and November 17, 2016 WCCSL OMPF received violations from the LEA regarding its failure to comply with terms and conditions of its permit.

Notably, on November 8, 2016 and November 14, 2016 the LEA violated WCCSL OMPF for not having the proper training records for its personnel. In her inspection report dated November 8, 2016, LEA Inspector Agnes T. Vinluan noted that she spoke with Doug Brewer about specific training and documentation of training for the employees working for each of the three distinct operations.²² Mr. Brewer communicated to her that:

"...the 'tail gate' meetings in the morning were conducted by the supervisors on-site, Dave and [Mr. Brewer]. This training generally consisted of the OIMP and the RFI, but did not include specifics...."²³

Ms. Vinluan further noted that:

"Field observations for handling of anaerobic material showed that the employee working at the open face of that material was not adequately protected with a hard hat and mask."²⁴

Ms. Vinluan determined that "[t]raining for employees is not adequate for the operations performed on site."²⁵ This is a critical issue because the lack of training not only puts the safety of the employees at risk but also affects how material is handled. The mishandling of waste material, as has occurred at WCCSL OMPF, can have serious environmental and health effects on the community.²⁶ WCCSL OMPF is lucky if all that

²² CMFIR for WCCSL OMPF, by Agnes T. Vinluan, dated November 8, 2016, p. 4.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ In its inspection of WCCSL OMPF performed on September 27, 2016 the LEA noted that it had "...learned from a fire captain in El Sobrante that they received calls from several people who had become ill from the odors." (Composting Materials Handling Operation and Facility Inspection Report (93) for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, dated September 27, 2016, p. 4.)

comes out its mismanagement of the organic material under its care is foul odors and localized smoke and fires.

The mismanagement of organic material at WCCSL OMPF is relevant to the operation of KCL because both companies are owned by Republic Services Inc. ["Republic"] and because the mismanagement at WCCSL OMPF has led to the mismanagement of the same material at KCL. The failures and deficiencies of one facility have caused and have been compounded by the failures and deficiencies of another facility, each owned by the same operator.

Moreover, Republic's apparent disregard for regulatory operating requirements at the WCCSL OMPF and the KCL facilities demonstrates the level of disrespect that it has for the governing agencies and the local communities.

The DCD's initiative to perform on-site inspections at KCL could not have come at a better time as it appears that the facilities owned by Republic are in dire need of additional oversight in order to ensure compliance with regulatory standards and to safeguard the interests of the community.

I strongly urge the Board to direct DCD staff to continue and maintain a proactive posture in the oversight of the landfill operations in the County.

There appears to be uneven enforcement of regulatory requirements by LEA inspectors

Between July 20, 2016 and November 28, 2016, approximately 33 violations were issued to WCCSL OMPF by Agnes Vinluan, Environmental Health Specialist II, and Lori Braunesreither Environmental Health Specialist II. To their credit, the record shows that they have been very diligent in their efforts to ensure that WCCSL OMPF operates safely and in compliance with its permit. In similar fashion, Ms. Braunesreither has issued violation notices to the Golden Bear Waste Recycling Center 3 times and noted 8 areas of concern, this year alone.

By contrast, the LEA has only issued one violation to KCL in relation to a confirmed odor complaint made on or about October 24, 2016. This is despite the fact that on September 30, 2016, the LEA reported that "[c]ompost from [the] West County Facility [is] being used for cover due to [the] need to maintain storage levels in compliance at West County."²⁷ Nothing in record shows that KCL received approval for the use of compost as cover, as required by law.²⁸ Such use of compost as ADC is a direct violation of Title 27. Moreover, the material from West County has gone anaerobic, has caused significant odor problems, and has even become a fire hazard.²⁹ Under the circumstances, the LEA's failure to recognize the regulatory violation occurring right before his eyes is problematic, to say the least.

Additionally, in the LEA's investigation of the October 24, 2016 odor complaint, the inspector determined that the offensive smell matched that of the odors coming from the West County Organics operation, the same material that the LEA had reported was being use for ADC, however, the LEA failed to address the fact that the failure of such material to suppress odors, and in this case to actually generate odors, is a violation of ADC regulations.³⁰

Moreover, KCL's ADC practices must be documented in its Report of Disposal Site Information ["RDSI"].³¹ The available record does not show that KCL has any documented practice for the use of compost as ADC in its RDSI. This is another violation of the regulatory requirements.³²

Under the circumstances, it appears that KCL enjoys a certain degree of freedom from regulatory enforcement and scrutiny at the hands of the LEA. The Board cannot allow such a diminished level of scrutiny towards activity at KCL to continue. The landfill is an important resource that must be protected and managed properly in order to maximize its utility and minimize its dangers.

²⁷ DFIR of Keller Canyon Landfill by Eric Fung, dated 09/30/2016, p. 3.

²⁸ Title 27 §20690(b) CCR.

²⁹ CMFIR for WCCSL OMPF, by Lori Braunesreither, dated July 20, 2016, p. 3.; Cease and Desist Order, p. 1.

³⁰ Title 27 §20690(a)(2) CCR.

³¹ Title 27 §20690(a)(11) CCR.

³² *Id.*

Letter to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Re: Keller Canyon Landfill Future Compliance
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Again, in light of the DCD's initiative to conduct on-sight inspections, I strongly urge the Board to direct DCD staff to continue and maintain that proactive posture with regard to oversight of the landfill operations in the County, including expanded oversight.

In addition, I strongly urge the Board to reconsider assigning the City of Pittsburg's Local Enforcement Agency to oversee the Landfill or, at a minimum, direct staff to reallocate LEA inspection personnel for KCL.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Monica White
Sustainability Manager
Edgar & Associates, Inc.

Residents/Neighborhoods that Smell Keller Canyon

Jennette Borcic Jacqueline Drive

Robert Borcic Jacqueline Drive

Rusty Thomason · Begonia Ct

David Schild Lawlor Estates

Charles Manangquil · Jacqueline Dr

Rosa Fallon · Carmel Ct

Patricia Frame · Honey Ct

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Mary Manangquil · Jacqueline Dr

Jesse Gutierrez · Jacqueline Dr

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Mr. Scholl Oak Hills South

Joseph Trinh Oak Hills South

Rahul Kojrekar Vista Del Mar

Doris Reiter Oak Hills South

Gayle Ramirez San Marco

Vik Dee Oak Hills South

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Chris Argento Oak Hills South

Rick Poulton Vista Del Mar

Namratha Rao Vista Del Mar

John Ross Oak Hills South

Yulia Ede · Zennia Ct

Sara Hazelwood Oak Hills South

Kathy Roche Vista Del Mar

Gabe Essoe Oak Hills South

Amal Lyon Oak Hills South

Bruce Ferris San Marco

Marvin Young Vista Del Mar

David Kubeck Vista Del Mar

Patty Nelson Oak Hills South

Robin Matthews Oak Hills South

Felix Gallo Oak Hills South

Aurora Wiley Oak Hills South

Dewanda Benard Willow Plaza Estates

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Vanessa Bonite · Jacqueline Dr

Sara Jawad Oak Hills South

Michael Lz Oak Hills

Tammie Peters Range and Wedgewood

Richard Palma Oak Hills South

Rory Gentry Range and Wedgewood

Sandy Adams · Mount Whitney Dr

Jim Villa Atherton Ave

Sue Fujita · Sugartree Dr

Claudia Sparks Oak Hills South

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Liz C. Oak Hills South

Rick Treat Ackerman

Mark Davey Range and Wedgewood

Inci Tolnay Oak Hills South

Comments:

Claudia Sparks Oak Hills South Dec 8 2014 I smells strongly like bleu cheese outside *

*Mr. Scholl Oak Hills South Jan 25, 2015 Keller Canyon Landfill across Bailey is stinking up the neighborhoods and this wasn't an issue before, anyone know what has changed? Smells like Dixon Landing exit off 680 Fremont. Post regarding Noise and Odor "Makes me want to sell and relocate." I didn't sign up for that noise...notice the smell from the garbage company is now in our neighborhood as well? Wasn't like that in the past 5 years.

Liz C. Oak Hills South Jan 28, 2015 I've wondered where the random foul smells come from and I'm glad I'm not the only one. If they capture the methane at the landfill I guess that would capture other gases/rot. I don't know what it is but since I moved here a couple of years ago I'll notice that it smells like (giggle) 'poop' outside. Not dog poo :(

Daniella Lopez · Concord Dr regarding Feb 25 odor post "Thank you!!! I'm so glad someone posted about this, I honestly thought I was the only one who smell that foulness!! I also thought it was the landfill...I'm not sure but I will definitely be calling and making a serious complaint."

Rob Callahan · Santa Maria Dr. March 21 regarding odor complaint on Feb 25 Keller must be getting pretty full since they are bringing in refuse from the dumps in Martinez as well. There was never a problem in the beginning.

Monica Rosalez · Peachtree Cir Oct 20 I just asked what that smell was I was walking my dog it's awful I live by golf course.

Yulia Ede · Zennia Ct Oct 20 It smells awful!!

Frankie Gonzales W Leland/Montevideo · Ridgecrest Way Oct 20 Let's not forget the first decent rains on a garbage dump and with no stiffer winds blowing, the putrid smell emitted isn't dissipated away as it is in the real coastal areas. Ergo, this sho is stinky!

Rick Treat Ackerman Dec 3 I moved here before the dump was built. Nancy Parent said we wouldn't see, smell or hear it. Of course she doesn't live by it. *

John Ross Oak Hills South Nov 3 Did anyone else have problems breathing the air today, or just me? I walked to the mailbox and had to rush back to the house after retrieving my mail because I could not breathe in. My lungs kept rejecting the air so I had to rush back inside. It is a sour smell of some sort but had a kick to it. Anyone else smelling this? Anyone have any idea what it is? This is my first time smelling it. Just checking. I am in Capistrano, by the way. ...it is 10:25pm now and I just went outside to see if I could still smell it. It is still in the air. I guess I would need to know which direction the wind is blowing to determine if it is the city dump or not. It could possibly be that, but with a number of factories in the area, it could be one of them as well. I had forgotten about the city dump until one of you mentioned it. But I would like to think I could handle that without a lot of discomfort, but this smell, when I breathe in, it does not want to go down so I have to exhale right away to flush it out, but then I need to breathe in again and the exhale process starts all over again so if I stayed outside, I'd end up hyperventilating, which would not be good. Anyway, at least I know I'm not the only one smelling it. Need to do some searching. Thanks all, at least I'm not alone.

Vik Dee Oak Hills South Nov 3 I smelled it up here. It smelled like a strong acid.

Namratha Rao Vista Del Mar Nov 3 I smelled it too when I was in my backyard this evening. Smelled like sewage.

Joseph Trinh Oak Hills South Nov 3 I smelled it also. I thought it smelled like burnt metal. Are we talking about the same thing here? Garbage has a garbage smell. Acid/metal has a harsh violent type smell... does the garbage have the same violent type smell? Nov 8 Just got off of Bart train and there is a strong smell of garbage in the air. A pretty obvious smell but there is a chemical odor acid smell that was released last week!

Elise Davila Vista Del Mar Nov 3 This is scary. Please update if you find it the cause.

Mar Val Oak Hills South Nov 3 I smell it too. It smells like garbage. The wind is probably blowing the air from the dump off Bailey in our direction.

Joseph Abeyta Vista Del Mar Nov 3 It's the landfill on Bailey, the wind blows the smell over here every once in a while.

Sara Hazelwood Oak Hills South Nov 3 I also noticed the odor, smelled like a garbage dump!

Kathy Roche Vista Del Mar Nov 3 Stinky right now!!!

Gabe Essoe Oak Hills South Nov 4 It had a definite insecticide or weed killer odor. I wonder if the city was spraying something last night. Anybody know about that?.

Chris Argento Oak Hills South Nov 4 I smelled it this morning walking out of the house for work and then again when passing the landfill.

Rahul Kojrekar Vista Del Mar Nov 4 We also smelled this thing yesterday on lower Tomales Bay Drive

Amal Lyon Oak Hills South Nov 4 I smelled it last night when I got home. It smelled like something rotten or old garbage. I thought it might have been the landfill.

Bruce Ferris San Marco Nov 8 That horrendous chemical oder just came back.

Marvin Young Vista Del Mar Nov 8 The smell is really bad right now.

David Kubeck Vista Del Mar Nov 8 It's the landfill. The wind was blowing out of the east today. If it was a refinery, power plant, steel mill or other industrial plant there are a lot more people closer to those facilities that would smell it before anyone here would- and for the record, there are no refineries east of here.

Charles Manangquil · Jacqueline Dr Dec 5 I'm sure everyone smells the garbage tonight. Smells like I'm at the dump literally. I will be calling in a complaint with the Contra Costa environmental health *

Sara Jawad Oak Hills South Dec 5 regarding Charles Manangquil's post about odor and asking people to call "Yup thanks will do"

Vanessa Bonite · Jacqueline Dr Dec 5 regarding Charles Manangquil's post about odor "Yea it's horrible."

Sandy Adams · Mount Whitney Dr Dec 5 I have been calling the general air pollution and odor complaint Hotline. The telephone number is 1-800-334-6367. if every time you smell the Keller landfill maybe we can get something done about it.

Sue Fujita · Sugartree Dr Dec 5 You may call the City Manager's office at 252-4850 and speak to Laura Wright. I believe she is the one handling calls for the landfill issues. Has anyone heard anything about other cities possibly dumping their waste out here since their landfills are full?

Claudia Sparks Oak Hills South Dec 13 It's really rank this morning at 4AM Thx for providing the link for the complaint form ... super easy <http://www.cccounty.us/odor> I think we need to be diligent about this, as we smelled it only once or twice a year in the past. It's almost a daily accuracy now. *

Rosa Fallon · Carmel Ct - This morning I was in a Neighborhood Improvement Team Meeting, were I found out some info about Keller Canyon. Seems like Laura Wright is the person to go if we have any questions. She explain about an extension and expansion...I did not catch everything she said and I wonder if our neighborhood should ask for a meeting with her. She seems sympathetic to NO MORE extensions, expansions, additions, etc... the problem is not only odors and contamination, but all the traffic in Bailey Rd. that is dangerous and pollutes the air we breath. Let me know if you like to know more about it. Or come to the next neighborhood improvement meeting Wednesday, October 26th Delta View Elementary

6:30 -8:30 pm 2916 Rio Verde - Multi-purpose Room I'm adding a leaflet that was giving in today's meeting. Dec 15 The smell was strong today around 1:30 and we called the county

Patricia Frame Honey Ct. Toxic waste=toxic runoff & toxic fumes. Can you spell CANCER??? Sounds like a HUGE potential for asbestos!!! Who will be testing the material before it turns into an easily airborne powder that we will all be breathing? What agency and who do we contact about this? Dec 9 I just called Lochlin Caffey, because when I took some recyclables out at 5:30pm today the smell was very noticeable!! He'll check into it call me tomorrow. I am the only one who has called, so go outside, take a whiff, call him if it stinks. He says they have brought in compost that is not usable and that might be the cause. Dec 15 Every time it stinks, we need to contact them. And keep a record of every contact made. When we have a pile of complaints, we can escalate to a higher authority, whatever that may be. They are definitely doing something different, since we've had only rare problems with smells over the past three decades! Dec 15 in regards to the response Jesse Gutierrez got from Air Quality Control "Driving down Leland between Bailey and Railroad is a guarantee of no smells!! They need to go to the addresses where the complaints are being generated. Just park their butts at the southern end of Jacqueline!! And realize that a wind coming from the south/southwest is NOT going to carry a smell from north of the freeway!! What bullshit responses!! Smell comes on the wind. Just look at a weather map showing radar and wind direction. Their response is a disgusting attempt to offload blame and deliberately ignore reality."

Ashley Anderson Rock Ridge Way If you search your address on www.homefacts.com it tells you how many environmental hazards are in the area, also crime rates and registered offenders.

Susan Kurcz-Easom · Mount Whitney Dr. Dec 15 in regards to the response Jesse Gutierrez got from Air Quality Control "That's really great! They will close the complaint because they do not smell it when they come by...I smell it almost every day on Mt. Whitney Dr and it's pretty strong. I cannot believe nobody can tell where is it coming from exactly."

Mary Manangquil · Jacqueline Dr Oct 20 Does anyone smell this foul stench! It is thick tonight! Dec 2 We should alert all our neighbors...perhaps go door to door and leave fliers @ their front door telling them we need to meet and strategically put in the best plan that will help control the rancid odor, or even better make them relocate further away from homes. We have to do something big. Dec 9 regarding CCC's response to complaint - very disappointing response. Almost like they're in cahoots with Keller - like they're protecting them in a way. How could you not smell it?! Just hang around for 1 day - from morning until night. You can't deny the rancid, foul odor. I will continue to file complaints as I smell them, maybe someone else will be assigned to check. Dec 15 They need to drive up Jacqueline! That's where the stench is the strongest..they seem to give everyone the same excuses- I know what garbage smells like. Dec 19 Here's our 2 cents (mine and my spouse): Real investigation should be made up on Jacqueline drive - to the end of that street. This is where it smells the most, but on worse days you can smell the rancid odor on E. Leland/bailey. But the odor stays up Jacqueline drive. They should in the morning around 8am-1030am or 5pm-8pm. They should also take the time to knock door to door up Jacqueline drive (the end of that street) and mt. Whitney and ask what these folks have experienced. If anyone is home, I'm sure that resident can attest to this foul problem. We also know that the surrounding places contribute to "foul" odor, but we know what garage smells like and can tell the difference. *

Jesse Gutierrez · Jacqueline Dr Dec 15 in response to air quality's message to him regarding to complaint "SAME RESPONSE EVERYTIME!!!!!!"

David Schild Lawlor Estates Dec 19 I'm unable to go. I will add my voice to the complaints regarding the recent issue with odors. I've lived here for over 5 years and this seems to be the worst it's ever been. Please provide an update here if you do attend the meeting. *

Mark Davey Range and Wedgewood

I wish I could attend (CCC Board Meeting 12/20). The smell has been consistently awful for far too long. From the moment the Bart train doors open until the time I race into my home holding my nose, nothing says that I have made it back to Pittsburg more than that smell. Warm days, windy days, rainy days, cold days, it does not matter the weather, the stink will be there, serving as a reminder that no one elected to city or county office cares much about the residents of Pittsburg.

Complaint Responses:**Jennette Borcic Jacqueline Drive Feb 27**

I sent a complaint in on Thursday and Keller Canyon called me back. They left a message stating it might be the cows making the smell - funny, the smell didn't appear after the complaint. hmmm - it is not the cows. I know the difference between garbage fumes and cow poop.

Mary Manangquil Dec 9

from Contra Costa County: "The landfill has been operating in the same way for quite sometime. Landfills are actually very regulated. They have many regulations dictating how they are to operate. Among the agencies that oversee a landfill are us as the Local Enforcement Agency. Dept of Conservation and Development which watches that they abide by their use permit. Haz Materials, Dept of Toxic Substance Control, Bay Area Air Quality Management, Water Board, etc. We (the LEA) inspect them each month to assure that they are meeting state minimum standards. The facility is not allowed to take in hazardous materials and has programs and protocols to guard against that. It is interesting that you experience most activity during the evening as that is when the landfill closes up and they have covered all the waste. I was on the working face last night and it was covered and there were none or very faint odors right where the garbage had been being filled that day. When I was there last night I did have some odor from all the grass, wet mud, and cows at the very end of your street but that is not from the landfill. I also have on more than a couple occasions had a strange burning smell just around the corner from you on Mt Whitney but that is also not from the landfill. We are definitely concerned about mitigating the impact of the landfill but we must also verify that the odors are actually from the facility, as your area actually has a number of different potential other sources as well, including the Bay Muds from the Delta, the **water treatment plant** near the golf course, chemical plants down in Pittsburg, etc. Again we and other agencies require the landfill to abide by regulations and standards and try best to mitigate any potential issues."

Jesse Gutierrez · Jacqueline Dr. Dec 15

Response from Air Quality, This is in regards to your complaint referenced above. We conducted an investigation yesterday on your street and at that time there was no odor detected. As a result we could not verify your complaint as being from Keller Canyon at this time. **The time that you are referencing is when the landfill is closed and their active face is covered.** Recently due to circumstances they have been primarily covering with dirt, which should not be emitting any odor. One of our staff went through Leland between Bailey and Railroad last night and did not detect any odor as well. I am planning another investigation of the area but if unable to detect an odor from the landfill. We will however continue to monitor the facility and take what actions are appropriate to try and mitigate any issues. On a side note, the vegetation on the hills has been made moist and is producing a particular odor. Also although the **landfill is closed the time that you have mentioned, that time does coincide with low tide in the Delta which can also expose the bay muds.** If you have any more information you think will help in the investigation feel free to let us know. Thank you for your concern. **SAME RESPONSE EVERYTIME!!!!!!**

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