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To: Nick Lee, Jose Capati , Robert Patterson

Subject: Portola Hills Odor Issue

Nick,

I realize that the odor issue is unexpected and acknowledge your efforts to resolve it to date. However, residents continue to report strong odors at night, weekends, and during the working week. The capping each day does not seem to be working. AQMD, City staff, and City Council are greatly concerned for the resident's wellbeing. The residents have lived with this odor for 3 months now and continue to be negatively impacted. I know the City can't dictate the means or methods of your disposal operation itself, but the current pace of removing the soil, and effectiveness of keeping the odors and dust under control are not adequate.

In your June 11, 2021 letter to residents you stated "We anticipate material removal to be completed later this month." That is in 7 days. The City has offered to waive working hour restrictions and encouraged you to work weekends and take advantage of the extra sunlight to complete the removal work, and we have asked you to consider adding more equipment to the removal effort but to date that has not occurred. I feel at this point, the best way forward is to concentrate your work effort on the odor issue by stopping work on all other, non-odor related work. Therefore, the City will issue a Stop Work notice effective Wednesday, June 30 if the odor issue is not resolved.

Please let us know how we can help you resolve this issue in a timely manner.

Tom

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