



Solid Waste Management Authority
Hearing Officer Administrative Hearing
MEETING MINUTES

Southern Nevada Health District
280 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Red Rock Trail Conference Room
9:00 AM – Thursday, October 12, 2023

SNHD STAFF PRESENT:

Donna Houston, Sr. EH Specialist
Jennifer Luther, Sr. Admin Assistant
Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
Linly Hazlett, Sr. EH Specialist
Talibah Abdul-Wahid, Law Clerk

Andy Chaney, EH Supervisor
Bruno Stephani, EH Supervisor
Rebecca Dunne, EH Specialist
Lynn Cintron, Sr. Admin Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT:

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Hearing Officer, Henry Melton, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

III. **MATTERS REQUIRING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:**

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR HEARING OFFICER MEETINGS**

1. September 14, 2023 SWMA Hearing – ***MINUTES APPROVED***

B. **NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITH CONTESTED FACTS:**

1. **Lorenz Rothbucher and Thea Rothbucher Trust** – NOV #SW23-665/C6 - For 1) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on April 12, 2023; and 2) failure to provide proper removal of all solid waste accumulated at the premises on or about May 15, 2023.

SNHD and the respondent reached a compromised settlement of the case. The details of the agreement were stated on the record and approved and ordered by Hearing Officer Melton. Hearing officer found Lorenz Rothbucher and Thea Rothbucher Trust in violation of 1) and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. Respondent was ordered to prepare a solid waste management standard operating procedure for tenants to follow and submit to SNHD for review within 30 days. Corrective action of removal and proper disposal of waste is ordered. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop placing, depositing, or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon property other than property designated or set aside for such purpose. Failure to

comply will result in the original penalty of \$2,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

2. **Loft De Luxe LLC** – NOV #SW23-734/C6 - For 1) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on May 10, 2023.

SNHD and the respondent reached a compromised settlement of the case. The details of the agreement were stated on the record and approved and ordered by Hearing Officer Melton. Hearing officer found Loft De Luxe LLC in violation of 1) and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. Corrective action of removal and proper disposal of waste is ordered. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$1,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

C. NON-CONTESTED NOTICES OF VIOLATION:

1. **Desert Palace, LLC d/b/a Caesars Palace** – NOV #SW23-747/C6- For 1) causing or allowing sewage or accumulation of human excreta to overflow on property located at 3570 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Clark County, Nevada on or about June 21, 2023; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on May 9, 2023, with extension of the Order to May 25, 2023.

The respondent did not contest the Notice of Violation, agreeing to the facts alleged and accepting the proposed penalty. Hearing Officer Melton found Desert Palace, LLC d/b/a Caesars Palace in violation of 1) and 2), and imposed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 for each violation for a total administrative penalty of \$2,000.

2. **Christopher St. Cyr** – NOV #SW23-824/R4- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about June 4, 2023; 2) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about June 10, 2023; 3) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 7590 Hope Valley Street, Clark County, Nevada on or about June 4, 2023; and 4) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 7590 Hope Valley Street, Clark County, Nevada on or about June 10, 2023.

SNHD and the respondent reached a compromised settlement of the case. The details of the agreement were stated on the record and approved and ordered by Hearing Officer Melton. Hearing Officer found Christopher St. Cyr in violation of 3) and 4), and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500 for each violation for a total administrative penalty of \$1,000. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop placing, depositing, or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon property other than property designated or set aside for such purpose. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$4,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

D. NOTICES OF VIOLATION – FURTHER PROCEEDINGS:

1. **Rio Properties, LLC d/b/a Rio Suites Hotel and Casino** – NOV #SW23-306/C6- For 1) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on October 27, 2022, with extension of the Order to April 12, 2023.

The Hearing Officer Order in this matter dated September 14, 2023, was corrected to reflect that Corrective Action shall be completed within 180 days.

IV. REPORT TO HEARING OFFICER

None

V. Public Comment: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT – *ADJOURNED BY THE HEARING OFFICER AT 9:10 A.M.*