

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, September 12, 2024

SNHD STAFF PRESENT:

Donna Houston, Sr. EH Specialist Jennifer Luther, Sr. Admin. Assistant Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel Andy Chaney, EH Supervisor Talibah Abdul-Wahid, Law Clerk Brittany Lewis, Sr. EH Specialist Cherie Custodio, Sr. Admin. Assistant Darren Zinser, EH Specialist Nick Bieser, EH Specialist Lynn Cintron, Sr. Admin. Assistant Will Thompson, EH Supervisor Rebecca Dunne, EH Specialist Nancy Cadena, Admin. Specialist Brian Northam, EH Manager Giovanni Delgadillo, EH Specialist Itchel Santos-Perez, EH Specialist Dann Lat, EH Engineer

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Juan Gutierrez – SW24-858/K6

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Hearing Officer, Henry Melton, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- III. MATTERS REQUIRING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR HEARING OFFICER MEETINGS
 - 1. July 11, 2024 SWMA Hearing MINUTES APPROVED
 - B. NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITH CONTESTED FACTS:
 - Edwin Royston NOV #SW24-716/K6- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about March 28, 2024; and 2) causing or allowing sewage or accumulation of human excreta to overflow on the public right of way located at Reverend Wilson Avenue between Concord Street and La Salle Street, North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about March 28, 2024.

The case was withdrawn by SNHD.

2. **Jose Eduardo Murga Samano** – NOV #SW24-858/K6- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about May 21, 2024; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 6363 Clarice Avenue, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about May 21, 2024.

Case called. Hearing Officer Melton asked if the respondent or a representative were present. No person responded. SNHD called Jennifer Luther to testify regarding service of the NOV. Ms. Luther testified that she sent the NOV to the respondent via certified mail. Proof of service and the NOV were attached as exhibits. Hearing Officer Melton determined service was satisfactory. SNHD called Environmental Health Specialist Rebecca Dunne. EHS Dunne testified regarding her investigation of a theft of service complaint at an apartment complex. She detailed the complaint, witness statement and witness photos she received from the complainant, as well as the DMV search that tied the vehicle used in the dumping to the respondent. The witness statement and photos were attached as exhibits. EHS Dunne explained the NRS violations that were charged in the NOV and why they are environmental concerns. The citizen witness was called and sworn in. Witness verified photos and statement, with EHS Itchel Santos-Perez translating. Witness described the course of events, and confirmed the respondent is not recognized as a tenant of the complex. After summation, Hearing Officer rendered decision. Hearing Officer found Jose Eduardo Murga Samano in violation of 1) and 2) and imposed a penalty of \$1,000 for each violation for a total administrative penalty of \$2,000. The Hearing Officer further ordered respondent to cease and desist operating a solid waste disposal site without a permit issued by the solid waste management authority at this location or anywhere else in Clark County, Nevada, and 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.

3. **3285 S Nellis LLC** – NOV #SW24-436/T8- For 1) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on January 24, 2024.

Case called. Hearing Officer Melton asked if the respondent or a representative were present. No person responded. SNHD called Jennifer Luther to testify regarding service of the NOV. Ms. Luther testified that she sent the NOV to the respondent via certified mail. Proof of service and the NOV were attached as exhibits. Hearing Officer Melton determined service was satisfactory. SNHD called Environmental Health Specialist Itchel Santos-Perez. EHS Santos-Perez testified regarding the investigation of accumulated solid waste and human feces in and around the dumpster enclosures of Circle K. EHS Santos-Perez described the photos taken on her initial site visit and the Order issued to the property owner and registered agent instructing the removal and proper disposal of solid waste on the property. Photos and order submitted as exhibits. EHS Santos-Perez testified that no correspondence was received from the property owner or registered agent, and during her follow up survey the property was found to still have an accumulation of solid waste, which was not compliant with the Order issued. Ms. Santos-Perez testified that her most recent visit to the property, which was almost nine months after her initial visit, showed an increase of trash and human feces. After summation, Hearing Officer rendered decision. Hearing Officer Melton found 3285 S Nellis LLC in violation and imposed an administrative penalty of \$1,500, which was \$500 over the initial penalty requested in the NOV. The Hearing Officer further ordered corrective action of removal and proper disposal of waste.

4. Nava Trust and Gonzalez Christian Trust – NOV #SW24-342/T8- For 1) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 10675 Haven Street, Clark County, Nevada on or about November 22, 2023; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on November 22, 2023 with extensions of the Order deadline to December 15, 2023.

The case was continued to the October 10, 2024 SWMA Hearing.

5. Michael C. Corsetti – NOV #SW24-722/R4- For 1) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 5735 South Durango Road, Unit A, Clark County, Nevada on or about April 23, 2024; and 2) disposing of, abandoning or dumping motor vehicle battery, motor vehicle tire or motor vehicle oil at a site which has not been issued a permit for that purpose on or about April 23, 2024.

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 Michael C. Corsetti in violation of 2) and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop disposing of, abandoning, or dumping motor vehicle batteries, motor vehicle tires, or motor vehicle oil at a site which has not been issued a permit for that purpose. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$2,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

6. **Tides On Wynn Owner, LLC** – NOV #SW24-607/32- For 1) causing or allowing sewage or accumulation of human excreta to overflow on property located at 3880 Wynn Road, Unit 415, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about February 22, 2024; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on February 22, 2024.

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 Tides On Wynn Owner, LLC in violation of 1) and 2) and imposed a penalty of \$500 for each violation, for total administrative penalty of \$1,000. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop causing or allowing to cause any sewage or accumulation of human excreta to overflow and deposit on this property or any other property in Clark County, Nevada. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$2,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

C. NON-CONTESTED NOTICES OF VIOLATION:

1. **Nevada Oil Solutions, LLC dba U.S. Oil Solutions** – NOV #SW24-668/B2- For 1) operating or authorizing the operation of a Solid Waste Management Facility outside of the approved conditions of the Solid Waste Management Permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about February 7, 2024, March 11, 2024, and April 17, 2024; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on March 14, 2024.

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 Nevada Oil Solutions, LLC dba U.S. Oil Solutions in violation of 1), 2), 3), and 4) and imposed a penalty of \$500 for each violation, for a total administrative penalty of \$2,000. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop operating a solid waste disposal site outside of the conditions approved in the permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority at this location or anywhere else in Clark County, Nevada. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$4,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

D. <u>NOTICES OF VIOLATION – FURTHER PROCEEDINGS:</u>

None.

IV. REPORT TO HEARING OFFICER

None

- V. Public Comment: None
- VI. ADJOURNMENT ADJOURNED BY THE HEARING OFFICER AT 10:33 A.M.