

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, February 13, 2025

SNHD STAFF PRESENT:

Donna Houston, Sr. EH Specialist Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel Nancy Cadena, Admin. Specialist Jennifer Luther, Sr. Admin. Assistant Brian Northam, EH Manager Nick Bieser, EH Specialist Ryan Flors, EH Specialist Giovanni Delgadillo, EH Specialist Bruno Stephani, EH Supervisor Andy Chaney, EH Supervisor Jason Garcia, Sr. EH Specialist Brittany Lewis, Sr. EH Specialist Darren Zinser, EH Specialist Gary Martens, EH Specialist Will Thompson, EH Supervisor Edna Wanene, EH Specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT:

George Burris – SW25-309/H3 Ron Tabat – SW25-309/H3 Jill Britton – SW25-309/H3

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Hearing Officer, Henry Melton, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- III. MATTERS REQUIRING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR HEARING OFFICER MEETINGS
 - 1. January 09, 2025 SWMA Hearing MINUTES APPROVED
 - B. NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITH CONTESTED FACTS:

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 Jami Chrome LLC dba American Polishing and Plating in violation of 1) on June 5, 2024 and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop 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. Failure to comply will result in the original penalty of \$3,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

 Ronald Howard Tabat – NOV #SW25-309/H3- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about October 27, 2024; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 8070 West Russell Road, Clark County, Nevada on or about October 27, 2024.

Case called. Ronald Howard Tabat is sworn in. The Health District called Environmental Health Specialist Jason Garcia. EHS Garcia testified regarding his investigation of an illegal dumping at a condominium complex. He detailed the complaint, witness statement, and witness photos he received from the complainant, as well as the DMV search that tied the vehicle used in the dumping to the respondent. The Notice of Violation, EHS photos, and witness photos were attached as exhibits. The citizen witness was called and sworn in. The witness verified the voluntary statement and video of the dumping, which were then attached as exhibits. The witness explained the impact of illegal dumping at the complex, such as the HOA having to pay for large items to be hauled away and Republic Services charging extra for over-filled dumpsters. The respondent accepts responsibility for the dumping and says he did not know this wasn't allowed. Mr. Tabat testified the dumped items were brought in to use at his fiancé's condo but ended up not being needed so he disposed of the items in the complex's dumpster. Mr. Tabat called Jill Britton, who was sworn in. Ms. Britton testified that she owned a condo in the complex and confirmed the items dumped by Mr. Tabat were originally to be repurposed for her patio. Ms. Britton testified that they never had any violations or fines with the HOA or SNHD, and would be willing to reimburse the HOA for any fee charged from Republic Services. After summation, Hearing Officer rendered decision. Hearing Officer Melton found Ronald Howard Tabat in violation of 2) and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. 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.

C. <u>NON-CONTESTED NOTICES OF VIOLATION:</u>

1. **Dino Frank Dienno** – NOV #SW25-239/D5- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about October 2, 2024; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 3355 East Russell Road, Clark County, Nevada on or about October 2, 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 Melton found Dino Frank Dienno in violation of 2), and imposed an administrative penalty of \$500. 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 \$1,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

 Las Vegas Superstore, Inc. – NOV #SW25-038/H3- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about July 11, 2024; 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 3550 Decatur Boulevard, with business located at 4801 Spring Mountain Road, Clark County, Nevada on or about July 11, 2024; and 3) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on July 18, 2024, with extensions of the Order deadline to September 26, 2024.

The respondent did not contest the Notice of Violation, agreeing to the facts alleged and accepting the proposed penalty. Hearing Officer Melton found Las Vegas Superstore, Inc. in violation of 1), 2), and 3) and imposed an administrative penalty of \$1,000 for each violation for a total administrative penalty of \$3,000. A Cease and Desist order is issued to stop 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. 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. Corrective action is ordered to remove and properly dispose of all solid waste on the property and provide SNHD with a written receipt showing proof of proper disposal within thirty (30) days.

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 10:23 A.M.