

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, June 12, 2025

SNHD STAFF PRESENT:

Donna Houston, Sr. EH Specialist Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel Nancy Cadena, Admin. Specialist Jennifer Luther, Sr. Admin. Assistant Summer Holloway, EH Specialist Itchel Santos-Perez, EH Specialist Ryan Flors, EH Specialist Bruno Stephani, EH Supervisor Andy Chaney, EH Supervisor Rebecca Dunne, EH Specialist Jason Garcia, Sr. EH Specialist Giovanni Delgadillo, EH Specialist Darren Zinser, EH Specialist Erik Sumera, EH Specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Roderick Walker –SW25-655/Z3 Mark Thomas –SW25-181/T8 Josue Hernandez SW25-515/G4

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Hearing Officer, Henry Melton, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- III. MATTERS REQUIRING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR HEARING OFFICER MEETINGS
 - 1. May 8, 2025 SWMA Hearing MINUTES APPROVED
 - B. NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITH CONTESTED FACTS:
 - 1. Ray S. Tan Revocable Trust NOV #SW25-181/T8 For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about September 12, 2024; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on October 8, 2024.

Case called. Senior Environmental Health Specialist Donna Houston and Environmental Health Specialist Itchel Santos-Perez were called and sworn in. Senior EHS Houston testified to the Notice of Violation and proof of service. EHS Santos-Perez explained the process of her investigation of excessive solid waste at the respondent's property. EHS Santos-Perez testified regarding her findings on investigation, including solid waste and offensive odors at the site, photos taken on her site visit and the Order issued to the property owner instructing the removal and proper disposal of solid waste on the property. EHS Santos-Perez testified regarding several return visits to verify compliance and described the photos taken and the solid waste and odors observed. EHS Santos-Perez explained the violations and public health concerns. The photos, Order, and NOV

were submitted as exhibits. At this time, Hearing Officer Melton opened the floor for Public Comment. Mark Thomas, a member of the public, spoke in regards to the condition and maintenance of the residence including food waste, urine and feces odors, and an increase in rodent sightings. After summation, the Hearing Officer rendered decision. Hearing Officer Melton found Ray S. Tan Revocable Trust in violation of 1) and 2), and imposed an administrative penalty of \$2,000 for each violation for a total administrative penalty of \$4,000. 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. 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 additional Notices of Violations seeking additional administrative penalties.

2. **Heather Pressley**– NOV #SW25-511/C6- For 1) causing or allowing sewage or accumulation of human excreta to overflow on property located at 7221 West Laramie Avenue, Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about February 3, 2025; and 2) failure to comply with the Order issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on January 14, 2025.

The case was continued to a future Hearing, date to be determined.

3. Roderick Preston Walker – NOV #SW24-655/Z3- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about March 6, 2024; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 2455 West Deer Springs Way, North Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about March 6, 2025.

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 Roderick Preston Walker 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 \$2,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

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

 JDH Enterprises LLC – NOV #SW25-515/G4- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about January 3, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 228 South 16th Street, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about January 3, 2025.

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 JDH Enterprises LLC 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. 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 has been completed.

2. Randolf Lloyd Turrow – NOV #SW25-336/F5- For 1) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 10935 South Eastern Avenue, Henderson, Clark County, Nevada on or about November 10, 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 Randolf Lloyd Turrow in violation of 1), 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.

3. **Yuxiang Liu** – NOV #SW25-644/N2- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the solid waste management authority on or about March 2, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 4505 West Flamingo Road, Clark County, Nevada on or about March 2, 2025.

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 Yuxiang Liu 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 \$2,000 as initially sought in the Notice of Violation.

D. NOTICES OF VIOLATION - FURTHER PROCEEDINGS:

None.

IV. REPORT TO HEARING OFFICER

A. **Timothy Halifax and Evelyn Halifax** – NOV #SW24-870/K6 – EHS Dunne and Senior EHS Houston conducted three separate site surveys beginning two weeks from the May 8 hearing. EHS Dunne testifies regarding the site visit from May 20, 2025, that there was excessive solid waste and rotting food in the front yard of the residential property. EHS Dunne described the photos taken in the initial follow up site survey and the conversation with Mr. Halifax where he had indicated that he was in the process of cleaning up the front yard. On June 3, the second site survey, EHS Dunne and Senior EHS Houston noticed efforts had been made; however, waste was still present including boxes of rotting food and rotting petrifying food odors. On June 11, 2025, the last site survey, EHS Dunne and Senior EHS Houston did not see any noticeable change from the previous week. They did notice rotting food and miscellaneous solid waste present, debris, rodent droppings, and bags of solid waste. Mr. Halifax had not made any effort in the backyard. EH Supervisor makes a comment that from the last CMART meeting. County Code

Enforcement has notified of an abatement to include the backyard by the end of the month.

- V. Public Comment: None
- VI. ADJOURNMENT ADJOURNED BY THE HEARING OFFICER AT 10:53 A.M.