Solid Waste Management Authority
Hearing Officer Administrative Hearing

MEETING MINUTES

Southern Nevada Health District
280 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Lone Mountain Conference Room
9:00 AM – Thursday, May 14, 2026

SNHD STAFF PRESENT:
Donna Houston, Sr. EH Specialist
Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
Nancy Cadena, Admin. Specialist
Jennifer Luther, Sr. Admin. Assistant
Niani Torres, EH Specialist
Gary Martens, EH Specialist
Bruno Stephani, EH Supervisor
Andy Chaney, EH Supervisor
Jason Garcia, Sr. EH Specialist
Summer Holloway, Sr. EH Specialist
Ryan Flors, EH Specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT:
Marisol Zertuche – SW26-427/13

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. March 12, 2026, SWMA Hearing – *MINUTES APPROVED*

B. *NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITH CONTESTED FACTS:*

1. **Sandra Patricia Almodovar and Alvaro Almodovar –** NOV #SW26-259/Z3- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about October 6, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 780 South Rampart Boulevard, part of 8704 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on or about October 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 Sandra Patricia Almodovar and Alvaro Almodovar in violation of 2) and imposed an administrative penalty of $500. Corrective action has been completed. 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. **Jose Roman Barron and Kristal Moanasa Lal –** NOV #SW26-427/13- For 1) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 10175 Spencer Street, Clark County, Nevada on or about January 16, 2026.

   Case called. Senior Administrative Assistant Jennifer Luther was called and sworn in. Ms. Luther testified regarding two services of the NOV and that she sent the NOV to the respondent via certified mail. Proof of services and the NOV were attached as exhibits. Environmental Health Specialist Gary Martens was called and sworn in. EHS Martens testified regarding his investigation of an illegal dumping complaint at 10175 Spencer Street. He collected video evidence and a witness statement from a citizen witness, prepared screenshots of the video, and identified the vehicle and license plate involved in the dumping of a mattress. The photos were submitted as exhibits. The citizen witness Marisol Zertuche was called and sworn in. Ms. Zertuche testified to the voluntary statement and video evidence she provided EHS Martens, confirming that the individuals were not residents, they ignored attempts to intervene, and left the property quickly. Ms. Zertuche explained the operational and financial impacts of illegal dumping on the apartment complex and its residents. After summation, the Hearing Officer Melton found Jose Roman Barron and Kristal Moanasa Lal in violation of 2) and imposed an administrative penalty of $1,000. Corrective action has been completed. 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 additional Notices of Violations seeking additional administrative penalties.

3. **Sara Meritt –** NOV #SW26-168/N2- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about September 4, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the 2.6 acre vacant parcel located southeast of the intersection between West Ford Avenue and Reynolds Spring Street, Clark County, Nevada on or about September 4, 2025.

   Case called. Senior Administrative Assistant Jennifer Luther was called and sworn in. Ms. Luther testified regarding service of the NOV and that she sent the NOV to the respondent via certified mail. Proof of service and the NOV were attached as exhibits. Environmental Health Specialist Ryan Flors was called and sworn in. EHS Flors testified to discovering a significant amount of solid waste on a vacant parcel, documented the scene with photographs, and identified multiple shipping labels addressed to Sarah Meritt. DMV and Accurint records confirmed the address. EHS Flors explained the environmental and public health concerns, including the risk of encouraging further dumping and attracting vermin. The photos were attached as exhibits. After summation, the Hearing Officer Melton found Sara Meritt 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. Corrective action has been completed. 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. Failure to comply will result in additional Notices of Violations seeking additional administrative penalties.

4. **Emma Leigh Burns –** NOV #SW26-363/C6- For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the Solid Waste Management Authority on or about December 10, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the vacant parcel located west of 6194 West Irvin Avenue, Clark County, Nevada on or about December 10, 2025.

   The case was continued to the September 10, 2026 Hearing.

C. *NON-CONTESTED NOTICES OF VIOLATION:*

1. **John Camenzind –** NOV #SW26-341/N2**-** For 1) operating a disposal site in Clark County, Nevada, without a permit issued by the solid waste management authority on or about November 25, 2025; and 2) placing, depositing or dumping or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped solid waste upon the property located at 9240 Manitou Peak Court, Clark County, Nevada on or about November 25, 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 John Camenzind in violation of 2) and imposed an administrative penalty of $500. Corrective action has been completed. 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

None.

V. Public Comment: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT – *ADJOURNED BY THE HEARING OFFICER AT 9:58 A.M.*