

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Blvd

June 09, 2003

MEETING #11 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Hyginus Mmeje, City of Los Angeles,
Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering
Services Division

Handouts:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes of May 12, 2003 meeting
3. Public Service Announcement: "What's that Smell?"
4. Trap Maintenance Hole diagram
5. Analysis of NOS Flow Levels in South Los Angeles After ECIS is Operational, by Milton Bassett
6. Map with free-hand sketch of the locations of the two operating temporary ATFs

Introductory Issues:

Samuel Hart chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved after Milton Bassett added a topic on the analysis of flow in the North Outfall Sewer (NOS) after the East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) is operational. The May 12, 2003 meeting minutes were approved.

Odor Control Efforts: Air Treatment Facilities (ATFs):

Brent Lorscheider indicated that interim odor control efforts will start soon while design on the permanent ATFs is continuing. The temporary ATFs will operate for two to three years. Two scrubbers have been installed on the NOS for controlling odors during construction. These scrubbers have the same capacity as those used during the fan testing.

Analysis of NOS Flow Levels in South Los Angeles After ECIS is Operational:

Milton Bassett presented an analysis of NOS flow levels in South Los Angeles after ECIS is operational. Details of his presentation are summarized in handout #5 above.

Questions, Answers and Action Items:

	Questions/Issues	Comments/Responses	Action Items
1.	Fan Testing	The results of fan testing are still in draft form.	The draft results of fan testing was provided to the Board on 6/17/03.

2.	Siphon Maintenance	Milton expressed concern that the siphons at Rodeo and Jefferson and another near the 405 Freeway are the cause of odors in the area and that they may not be operating properly due to poor maintenance. He asked for information concerning the siphons' maintenance history and how the City services inverted siphons.	The City will explain how siphons are serviced, their maintenance history and their planned maintenance schedule.
3.	Report of a 30' section of unlined sewer at La Cienega and Rodeo	Lin Min Kong and Beverly Johnson inquired about the status of the much-discussed 30' section of a sewer, near La Cienega and Rodeo, that was not slip lined. They asked that the City investigate this 30' section.	The City will CCTV the said missing 30' section of NOS that was not slip lined, determine its condition, present findings to the Board and repair as part of the MAZE 4 project.
4.	City crew activities and roach infestation in sewer line at 5783 Bovesfield	Beverly Johnson reported seeing a City crew at 5783 Bovesfield approximately six weeks ago. She was not sure why the crew was there or what they were doing. She observed roaches when the crew opened one of the maintenance holes.	The City will spray maintenance holes at 5783 Bovesfield near La Cienega for roaches. The City also will determine what City wastewater collection crews were doing at that location about six weeks ago.
5.	ECIS construction	Beverly Johnson reported possible damage to her residence and construction noise around 2:00 a.m.	The City will provide the hours of operations and construction schedule for the ECIS project. The City will send an ECIS structural team to investigate possible ECIS-related construction damage at 5783 Bovesfield.
6.	Analysis of NOS flow levels in South Los Angeles after ECIS is operational	Milton presented an analysis showing no significant reduction in NOS flow levels after ECIS is operational and after six additional relief sewers planned for the area are placed in service over the next ten years.	The City will provide an analysis of flow in the NOS after ECIS is operational and after the six planned interceptor sewers in the area become operational. The City will

			<p>ask Mr. Bowker to consider this analysis in his final report.</p> <p>The City will provide information on the flow impact that will result when the Buckingham pumping plant is taken offline.</p>
7.	Health impacts of Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S) gas	Beverly Johnson inquired about the health impact of sewage odors.	The City will conduct ambient readings of H ₂ S in the area to determine levels being detected and will explain the health impacts of such levels to the community. The testing will occur along Rodeo Road, from Buckingham to La Cienega.
8.	Other issues	Board members discussed and inquired about the maintenance status of trap maintenance holes, notification of Neighborhood Councils of the ATFs and the status of the odor coordinator position they requested.	<p>The City will provide information on how maintenance holes that need to be trapped are identified and how frequently the trapped maintenance holes are maintained.</p> <p>The City will determine whether the neighborhood councils near the ATFs have been notified as requested in the previous meeting minutes.</p> <p>The City will provide information on whether the odor coordinator position was approved, what her/his duties will be and if he/she would have the authority to implement the odor master plan.</p>

Next Meeting: Will be on July 14, 2003 and will be chaired by Ted Lumpkin.