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Subject: FW: City of El Segundo Concerns and Recommendations for Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant at Case No. 1212-40 Abatement Order Modification Hearing on 9/5/24

From: George, Darrell <dgeorge@elsegundo.org>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 3:47 PM
To: COB <cob@aqmd.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City of El Segundo Concerns and Recommendations for Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant at Case No. 1212-40 Abatement Order Modification Hearing on 9/5/24

Dear South Coast AQMD Clerk of the Boards,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing on behalf of the City of El Segundo to request the distribution of the attached letter to the members of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board and Governing Board ahead of the upcoming abatement order modification hearing on September 5, 2024 regarding Hearing Matter No. 1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plant).

The attached letter outlines ongoing concerns and failures related to the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and provides a set of recommended measures that we believe are critical to address these issues effectively. Given the significance of the matter, we would appreciate it if the board members could review the contents of the letter prior to the meeting.

Please let me know if there are any additional steps I need to take to ensure that this letter is properly distributed and considered at the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Darrell George

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Letter from City
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Mayor*

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Councilmember*

*Lance Giroux,
Councilmember*

*Ryan Baldino,
Councilmember*

*Tracy Weaver,
City Clerk*

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*Darrell George,
City Manager*

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Transmitted Via Email

August 23, 2024

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Honorable Chairperson Micah Ali and SCAQMD Hearing Board Members
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Hearing Matter No. 1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plant) – Abatement Order Modification Hearing – 9/5/24

Honorable Chairperson Micah Ali and Board Members,

The City of El Segundo has submitted prior letters to the Hearing Board regarding this matter and is once again writing to express its continued frustration and concerns regarding the ongoing health and odor issues that are being caused by the City of Los Angeles's failures to properly maintain and operate the Hyperion wastewater treatment facility. Residents along with our mayor voiced their concerns during the previous Hearing Board Meeting on July 31, 2024.

We would like to thank the SCAQMD for extending abatement order No. 1212-40 and for organizing the Abatement Order Modification Hearing on September 5, 2024.

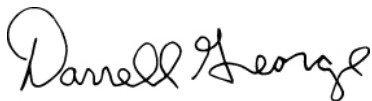
Addressing the many concerns currently plaguing the facility can only be accomplished if the entire Hyperion plant maintenance and operational failures are brought into compliance as quickly as possible. We are requesting the following updated measures be imposed by the board, understanding that portions of our requests are currently included within the abatement order but have not been addressed. These suggested measures are critical to the ongoing health and safety of our community and the regulatory and environmental compliance of the facility.

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- 1) Provide El Segundo with all long-term maintenance programs/plans. (We were told this information is available, just need to provide it). Neighboring cities need to know when regularly scheduled maintenance will occur that might cause odor. We need more than one days' notice.
- 2) Implement Bio-solid Loading Improvements. The trucks are too big to close the door while being loaded.
 - a. Short Term Suggestions: use smaller trucks that fit inside with the doors shut, build or purchase a movable hopper apparatus so the hopper moves while the trucks are stationary, eliminating the need to open the doors to move the trucks back and forth, and install odor prevention equipment when doors are open (vacuums/negative air flow blowers)
 - b. Long Term Suggestions: A complete re-design of the grit screen loading area so all activities are indoors until the truck is covered for transportation.
- 3) Bar Screens Upgrades/Replacement. Perform daily inspections of the bar screens and ensure at least one set of clean bar screens is always available. Research new technology to replace and update the existing bar screens.
- 4) Set-up a Preventive Maintenance Plan and keep a backstock of vital parts that may need emergency replacement.
- 5) Bar Screen Overpass System. Currently, the only option is to release untreated wastewater into the ocean – which is a violation. A holding tank or other bypass options need to be designed and implemented. This is the same system operating today as before the July 2021 incident.
- 6) Ensure compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements for jobsite safety. When touring the facility, attendees noted that there were pieces of equipment and hardware lying on the ground.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these critical issues impacting our city. I'm available at any time to discuss or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Darrel George,
City Manager

Cc: El Segundo Honorable Mayor Boyles and City Council Members
South Coast Air Quality Management District Honorable Chair Delgado and Board Members
City of Los Angeles Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Elias Sassoon, El Segundo Public Works Director