



CITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION CALENDAR

July 14, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Linda Maio and Lori Droste

SUBJECT: Status Report: West Berkeley Industry

INTRODUCTION

On January 20, 2015, the Berkeley City Council passed the following actions:

1. Councilmembers Linda Maio and Lori Droste to work with residents, businesses, and City Staff to review complaints and make good faith efforts to mitigate impacts in the areas where the City has authority such as noise and odors and to bring their findings back to City Council.
2. Direct the City Manager to enforce the terms of the Use Permit and the 1999 Settlement Agreement with the Oceanview Neighborhood Association.
3. If the City Manager and delegated staff or department finds the West Berkeley Lehigh Asphalt Company plant is not compliant with the Use Permit or the 1999 Settlement Agreement with the Oceanview Neighborhood Association, the City and its jurisdictional bodies or the appropriate authority implements corrective action and enforces the 1999 Settlement Agreement Use Permit immediately.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECT

On January 20, 2015, the City Council tasked Councilmembers Maio and Droste to review complaints made regarding air quality in West Berkeley. Subsequently, Councilmembers Maio and Droste discussed concerns with residents. On May 12, 2015, Council was provided a status update on site visits and potential questions for a meeting with BAAQMD. On July 1, 2015, Councilmembers Maio and Droste, along with city staff, met with BAAQMD.

FINDINGS

Sample agenda for upcoming meeting with BAAQMD:

1. Introductions
2. Background/Purpose of Meeting
3. Clarification of BAAQMD'S Complaint Response and Tracking/Monitoring Processes and discussion of improvements.
4. Actions taken in response to confirmed complaints of odor emissions.

5. BAAQMD's history with Berkeley Forge given its proximity to Pacific Steel Casting (PSC)
6. BAAQMD's use of air monitoring information from PSC stacks
7. Request for detailed information on particulate matter, as it relates to asthma, impacting Berkeley from West Berkeley industrial sources and the I-80/580 freeways.
8. BAAQMD's assessment of Hanson Aggregates' (Berkeley Asphalt) major emission impacts
9. Next Steps/Timeline

#### FUTURE ACTIONS

[To be delivered.]

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

[To be delivered.]

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