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**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2026 4:05 PM  
**To:** Clerk of Board  
**Subject:** Re: In Re: City of Riverside Water Quality Control Plant (Case 5674-10) - Consent Request

Hi,  
Yes to consent hearing.

Mohan Balagopalan

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**To:** Mohan Balagopalan [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: In Re: City of Riverside Water Quality Control Plant (Case 5674-10) - Consent Request

Dear Clerk of the Board,

In response to the follow-up question: the District does not propose removing Condition #3. This condition will provide additional contextual information should there be concerns or reports of odors. Such monitoring may be used to trace the source of odors in the area. The District also notes that, while not expected to occur as a result of this variance, in the event that significant odors occur, the District retains enforcement authority under Rule 402 and that such enforcement is not premised on an action level/minimum H2S quantity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Roberts

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**To:** Kathryn Roberts; Clerk of Board  
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Dear Clerk of the Board,

The City is confident it can meet the current conditions and consents to keeping Condition #3 as requested by the District. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



### **Tarren Alicia Torres**

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**Subject:** Re: In Re: City of Riverside Water Quality Control Plant (Case 5674-10) - Consent Request

Hi,  
A follow up question. What is the purpose then of perimeter monitoring? No action level is specified. Why not remove this condition?

Mohan Balagopalan

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

In response to the Board Member's question, the District does not propose a modification to the condition. Even if a portable monitor was sensitive enough to measure < 30ppb, it would not be useful for assessing compliance with the state standard, which employs a one hour average and not an instantaneous measure that is obtained with a portable device. The District's purpose in proposing a portable measure is to ensure odor control, and not compliance with the state standard. As noted prior, this measure is backstopped by the District's existing complaint investigation program.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Hi,  
Is there a proposal then to modify Condition #3, as the instrument they are using for perimeter monitoring is not sensitive enough to ensure compliance with a state standard and presumably AQMD approved measurement method for perimeter monitoring?

Mohan Balagopalan

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Good morning,

The District largely concurs with Petitioner's response. As to question 5, the District provides an additional response to the Petitioner in Green below.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Roberts

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: In Re: City of Riverside Water Quality Control Plant (Case 5674-10) - Consent Request

Good morning,

City Control Plant staff have provided the following responses to questions in red.

1. How far are the nearby residents and businesses?  
**Businesses are directly South and East of the facility and the nearest resident is approximately 900 yards away.**
2. Has the facility received odor complaints from any of these sources?  
**We have not received any odor complaints and continue to monitor the fenceline for H2S**
3. What has been the fenceline monitoring data for H2S?  
**All downwind fenceline readings have been 0.00**
4. What instruments are being used for measuring H2S and VOC?  
**H2S and VOC – Honeywell RAE Series - MultiRAE Lite – Model No. PGM-6208  
H2S – Industrial Scientific – Ventis MX4 – K1232111101**
5. The current CARB 1-hour average standard for H2S at the fenceline perimeter is 30 ppb. Is the facility willing to accept a condition to inform the air quality inspector if the reading exceeds 25 ppb within an hour?  
**Should we detect such a reading at the fenceline we have no issue with reporting within the hour.**

Based on District review of the specs sheets of the above-referenced instruments, the District does not believe this equipment would be sensitive enough to detect H2S below 0.03ppm (30 ppb). The District does thus does not agree this proposed condition would be readily enforceable. Rather, the District believes it is more appropriate to ensure compliance through the District's normal complaint process, where any complaints received from the public will be investigated. The District considers this more stringent, as the human nose may detect odors at less than 30ppb of H2S.

6. Has the facility looked into the possibility of using the existing Carbon adsorption system to control the emissions or other portable units to collect the leaks?

Yes and we are still exploring the possibility. Capturing and funneling the emissions is the current hurdle. We estimate the intermittent leak at less than 1scfm.

Thank you,



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Hi,  
I have a few questions.

1. How far are the nearby residents and businesses?
2. Has the facility received odor complaints from any of these sources?
3. What has been the fence line monitoring data for H<sub>2</sub>S?
4. What instruments are being used for measuring H<sub>2</sub>S and VOC?

5. The current CARB 1-hour average standard for H2S at the fenceline perimeter is 30 ppb. Is the facility willing to accept a condition to inform the air quality inspector if the reading exceeds 25 ppb within an hour?
6. Has the facility looked into the possibility of using the existing Carbon adsorption system to control the emissions or other portable units to collect the leaks?

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Attached for filing in the above referenced matter, to be heard **May 12, 2026**, please find:

1. Joint Stipulation to Place Matter on Consent Calendar
2. [Proposed] Order Granting a Short Variance
3. Declaration of Robert Eland in Support of a Short Variance

Pursuant to Hearing Board Rule 2, undersigned counsel will provide 8 hard copies of these filings in advance of the hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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