March 2, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Current and Future Operation of the Davis Landfill

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing this letter to describe the long term operational plans at the Davis Landfill as it relates to recent and proposed residential development near the landfill.

The Davis Landfill is owned and operated by Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District (Wasatch), which is a special service district providing waste disposal and recycling services to Morgan and Davis Counties. Primary operations located at the Davis Landfill include a Class 1 landfill, a green waste recycling and composting facility, a residential waste drop-off facility, and household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop-off facility, and associated recycling operations.

The Class 1 landfill has been in operation since 1952 and currently accepts around 300,000 tons per year of municipal solid waste (MSW) annually. The landfill contains approximately 4 million tons of MSW. Beginning in 2020, Wasatch will begin diverting a portion of the currently landfilled waste to a regional landfill through our newly constructed transfer station, located at 3404 North 650 East, Layton. It is anticipated that the landfill will continue to accept 150,000 to 200,000 tons per year of waste for about 25 more years, at which time commercial operations will be scaled back and only waste delivered by residential customers will be landfilled. There is no set closure date for the residential use of the landfill.

The landfill is equipped with an active gas collection and control system for the removal of gasses generated by the decomposing waste. While Wasatch goes to great lengths to operate the landfill in a fashion which limits adverse impacts to the surrounding community, there are times when strong odors, blowing dust, and litter are present.

The green waste recycling and composting facility currently processes about 25,000 tons per year of yard trimmings to produce wood chips and compost. Operations include grinding, screening, and composting, all of which generate a certain amount of noise, dust, and odor. It is anticipated that green waste processing could increase to over 50,000 tons per year and is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. Composting operations can generate odors similar to a barn yard and curbside collected green waste often smells offensive as it comes into the facility, typically during hot summer periods.
The residential waste drop-off facility is heavily used by the community and currently generates peak traffic on Saturdays during the spring and fall when we handle as many as 1,800 visits per day. These and other services are expected to continue into the foreseeable future and peak traffic is anticipated to increase as the population of the area is expected to double over the next few decades.

I hope that you find this information useful. I assure you that Wasatch will continue to work diligently to mitigate, as much as possible, any impact that our operations may have on the surrounding community. There remains, however, an intrinsic land use incompatibility between landfill operations and residential development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information or would like to discuss our operations in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District

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Nathan Rich, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Administrative Control Board