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MEMORANDUM

August 20, 2009

To: Chairman Sara Kyle
Director Eddie Roberson
Director Mary Freeman
Director Kenneth Hill
CSD Chief Lisa Cooper

From: Zenobia Wade

Re: Lynwood Utility Corporation
Docket Number 09-00034
Field visit to Cottonwood subdivision

Several recent complaints received from residents of the Cottonwood subdivision alleged the presence of a pungent odor emanating from the waste-water treatment plant located behind the subdivision. As a result of these complaints, contact was made with Mr. John Dunavan on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 to set up a visit to the site. Mr. Dunavan suggested a time the visit should take place and agreed to the following day.

On Wednesday, August 19, 2009, a visit was made to the residence of the Dunavan's. I was met by Mrs. Dunavan at approximately 5:00 P.M. It was a clear, slightly humid day with a breeze. Mrs. Dunavan shared that they had lived in their home for 9 years. The first couple of years they did not experience problems with an odor from the plant. The treatment plant is located approximately 150 feet from the rear of their home; a culvert runs along the east side of her neighbors' home.

I asked Mrs. Dunavan to walk with me to the fence of the treatment plant and along the culvert and manhole. We also walked to a site where the culvert runs under the street. There was no obvious smell or odor at any of the sites that we visited. The explanations provided by Mrs. Dunavan for the lack of an odor were: The breeze was not coming from the west; the odor is more prevalent early in the morning and late evening (around 7:00P.M.). Mrs. Dunavan also shared that there had been activity of worker's at the plant for the last 2 weeks.

I asked Mrs. Dunavan when the last time that she experienced a smell from the plant. She replied while mowing the yard the previous Saturday. I also inquired if a complaint had been filed with any environmental agency. She responded that complaints had been

filed and someone had come out to do some testing but she did not know the results of the testing.

At approximately 5:30 P.M., I thanked Mrs. Dunavan for her time and departed.