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Memo

Date: December 18, 2017
To: Roy W. Brower, Solid Waste Information, Compliance, and Cleanup Director
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Subject: Renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-043-18 for Grimm's Fuel Company

Attached for your signature is Solid Waste Facility License No. L-043-18 for Grimm's Fuel Company (Grimm's) which renews its current authorizations for a short-term duration of one year. The proposed license, which becomes effective on January 1, and ends on December 31, 2018, carries forward all of Grimm's current license conditions and includes new provisions that requires the licensee to permit access to the facility premises and cooperate in good faith with Metro's contractor as described below. This memo provides information on the proposed license renewal and recommends that Metro issue the renewed license as attached.

Grimm's current license¹ was initially set to expire on June 30, 2017, but Metro extended the term of the license until December 31, 2017, to ensure that residents and businesses surrounding the facility had sufficient opportunity to provide input on the proposed license renewal.

Metro initiated public outreach with the local government and neighboring community members early in the license renewal process to better understand the views and experiences of residents and businesses located near the facility. Specifically, Metro staff met with city of Tualatin staff on March 3, and a community group known as "Clean Air Safe Environment (CASE)" on April 8. CASE requested additional time to review the renewal application and requested that Metro host a public meeting to allow a higher level of community involvement. In response to that input, Metro took the following actions:

1. Increased the public notice mailing radius from the standard ¼ mile to one mile;
2. Extended the public comment period from the standard 30 days to 60 days to allow for additional public participation;
3. Extended the term of Grimm's license by six months to allow for additional public participation and evaluation of comments; and
4. Hosted a public information event to provide information about Metro's licensing process and solicit input on the renewal application. The information event was held at the Tualatin Public Library on June 12.

At the information event, members of the public reported that they had experienced malodors, dust, and other negative impacts associated with operations at Grimm's. Additionally, Metro received written and verbal comments from the public requesting a variety of operational changes at the facility to reduce offsite impacts. In response to the input that Metro received and the history of odor complaints at the site, Metro initiated a Request for Proposals² seeking a third-party to perform an independent assessment of Grimm's composting operations to identify best management practices and malodor mitigation recommendations to better inform potential license provisions. Metro received three proposals in response to the request and the evaluation is pending. Metro will select a consultant which will likely begin the site assessment in early 2018.

¹ Solid Waste Facility License No. L-043-12B

² RFP 3419

The proposed license renewal carries forward all of the same conditions in the current license with exception of a 12-month term and added conditions that the licensee must permit access to the facility premise and cooperate with Metro's contractor.³ The short-term license renewal is intended to provide adequate time for Metro's contractor to thoroughly evaluate the site and make recommendations. Metro will consider the resulting recommendations to inform future license conditions for Grimm's.

Approval of the proposed license will renew Grimm's current authorizations for a one year period. The proposed license becomes effective on January 1, 2018, and will expire on December 31, 2018.

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³ Solid Waste Facility License No. L-043-18 Sections 5.1 and 12.3