

# Department of Public Works

OFFICE OF EQUALITY ASSURANCE

Issue Date: December 16, 2013

Via Email – <u>MCaprio@republicservices.com</u> & USPS

Michael Caprio Area President Republic Services of Santa Clara County 1601 Dixon Landing Road Milpitas CA 95035

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION - Commercial Solid Waste & Recyclable Materials Collection Franchises Agreement

Dear Mike:

I received Mr. Thomas Bruen's letter dated Decembe 11, 2013 sent on behalf of Republic Services of Santa Clara County (Republic). Based on the information the Office of Equality Assurance (OEA) has received to date, we have determined that Republic has not complied with the City of San Jose's living wage requirements of the Commercial Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Franchises Agreement Between the City of San Jose and Allied Waste Services of North America LLC dba Allied Waste Services of Santa Clara County dated September 6, 2011 (Franchises Agreement). All affiliates and subcontractors that have provided services and wished to continue to provide services under the Franchises Agreement are required to pay its employees the minimum wage rates established by the City of San Jose. In addition, Exhibit E contains worker retention, job fair and labor peace provisions, and documentation and reporting requirements.

#### **Order to Pay Restitution**

The OEA has determined that Republic and its affiliates and subcoontractors failed to pay its workers performing work under the Franchises Agreement a City of San Jose living wage as required under the Franchises Agreement.

The attached restitution calculation is based on the following best available information:

- Republic's October 2013 staffing levels provided to the Environmental Services Department. Based on titles and count, **193** workers were paid less than the City's established living wage rates.
- There are 173.33 workable hours in a month. Since July 1, 2012, the estimated number of workable hours is 2,946.61. These hours do not include overtime or any holiday hours.

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  - The City's living wage rate for July 1, 2012 through June 20, 2013 was \$15.98 per hour.
  - The City's living wage rate for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 is \$17.03 per hour.
  - The State of California minimum wage rate is \$8.00 per hour.
  - The City's minimum wage rate, effective March 11, 2013 is \$10.00 per hour.
  - The average percentage of San Jose tons delivered and processed at the NIRRP MRF for the period July 2012 through July 2013 is 65% of all tons delivered and processed through NIRRP MRF.

Based on the above, Republic is ordered to pay \$13,396.94 in restitution to each worker. Total gross restitution for 193 workers is \$2,585,608.59.

#### Liquidated Damage for Violation of Living Wage Requirement

In accordance with the City of San Jose's Franchises Agreement, Franchisee shall pay to the City as liquidated damages the amount of \$7,756,825.77, the sum of three (3) times the difference between the actual amount of wages paid and the living wage. Republic is directed to remit a check payable to the City of San Jose no later than twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance of this Notice of Violation. The check is to be delivered or mailed to the following address: City of San Jose, Nina Grayson, Office of Equality Assurance, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Fifth Floor, San Jose CA 95113.

## **Payment Process Information**

Republic must deliver the restitution checks for all underpaid workers by mail or in person to Nina Grayson, 200 East Santa Clara Street, Fifth Floor, San Jose CA 95113 no later than twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance of this Notice of Violation. OEA will disperse the restitution checks to the affected workers.

## **Notice of Violation Review Process**

Republic has the right to contest this Notice of Violation. Republic is afforded the opportunity to provide additional information and relevant documentation to the OEA no later than ten (10) days from the date of the issuance of this Notice of Violation.

The additional information and relevant documentation will be reviewed and responded to by the OEA. If Republic is still not satisfied with the result, Republic is afforded the opportunity to speak with the Director of Public Works no later than ten (10) days following a response from the OEA. The Director of Public Works' decision will be final.

#### Failure to Comply

Should Republic fail to comply within the time required by this Notice of Violation or within the time required by the decision of the Director of Public Works, the City reserves all rights to take

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appropriate enforcement action.

Sincerely

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#### Attachments

c Tom Bruen Esq.
 Gil Cheso, Republic Services, Inc.
 Joan Gallo Esq.
 Kerrie Romanov, Environmental Services Department
 Rosa Tsongtaatarii, City Attorney's Office
 Jo Zientek, Environmental Services Department

#### Operations

NIRRP's permit allows it to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Current operating hours are 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 4 a.m. to midnight. The facility is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. No further changes to the operating hours or holiday schedule are currently being contemplated.

Staffing by Title	- Annual and a second a second and a second				
Title	Count	Resonsibility			
General Manager	1 .	Oversee all activity and personnel			
Supervisors	7	Oversee Facility, Maintenance, Safety, Shifts			
Administrative	3	Accounting and clerical			
Maintenance	√11 ·	Maintain Equipment			
Scale House Operators :	$\sqrt{3}$	Conduct scale house operations			
Truck Drivers	11	Material movement on site and to ZWED			
Equipment Operators	<b>√</b> 10	Loaders, Material Handlers, Sort Line			
Lift Truck Operators	V 6	Conduct shipping dock operations			
Load Check/Spotters		Inspect loads, direct traffic			
Sorter - Dry CDR Pre-Sort - Day	4	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Dry CSS Pre-Sort - Day	6	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - WET Pre-Sort - Day	<b>√</b> 7	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Residential Pre-Sort - Day	6	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Dry Post Sort - Day	<b>V</b> 9	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Fiber QC - Day	<b>√</b> 20	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Container Line - Day	<b>1</b> 0	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Bale Cleaning - Day	√3	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Line Leads - Day	<b>V</b> 4	Supervise the Sort Staff			
Sorter - Dry CDR Pre-Sort - Swing	<b>V</b> 4	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Dry CSS Pre-Sort - Swing	<b>1</b> 6	This crew is need during peak volumes			
Sorter - WET Pre-Sort - Swing	17	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Residential Pre-Sort - Swing	<b>/</b> 6	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Dry Post Sort - Swing	√9	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Fiber QC - Swing	<b>√</b> 20	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Container Line Swing	$\sqrt{10}$	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Shared Bale Cleaning - Swing	√ 3	Hand sort materials			
Sorter - Line Leads - Swing	<b>/</b> 4	Supervise the Sort Staff			
Sorter - Manager	1	Manage all sorter operations			
Quality Control Sorter	<u> </u>	Test incoming and outgoing material quality			
louse keepers	<b>√</b> 19	Clean property and equipment			
	(193)				

	% of SJ tons at NIRRP MRF	
6,200	not available	
16,285	68%	-
14,490	65%	
17,968	67%	laret
17,037	65%	average/65
16,734	65%	-
16,268	63%	
14,433	66%	•
15,918	66%	
16,122	65%	
16,634	66%	
15,227	63%	
16,506 .	65%	٠.
15,070	not available	
14,292	not available	•
	16,285 14,490 17,968 17,037 16,734 16,268 14,433 15,918 16,122 16,634 15,227 16,506 15,070	16,285       68%         14,490       65%         17,968       67%         17,037       65%         16,734       65%         16,268       63%         14,433       66%         15,918       66%         16,122       65%         16,634       66%         15,227       63%         16,506       65%         15,070       not available

%

Republic Restitution Calculations
Commercial Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection Franchises Agreement

Month	Workable Hours By Month	Living Wage Rate	Rate Paid by Republic/ Affiliate/ Subcontractor	Difference/ Living Wage Rate & Rate Paid	Restitution Owed Each Worker
Jul-12	14.(3)43.(4)44.444.444.(740.4440	\$15.98	\$8.50	\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Aug-12		\$15.98		\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Sep-12	173.33	\$15.98	\$8.50	\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Oct-12	173.33	\$15.98		\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Nov-12	173.33	\$15.98		\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Dec-12	173.33			\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Jan-13	173.33	\$15.98		\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Feb-13	173.33	\$15.98	\$8.50	\$7.48	\$1,296.51
Mar-13	173.33	\$15.98	\$10.00	\$5.98	\$1,036.51
Apr-13	173.33	\$15.98	\$10.00	\$5.98	\$1,036.51
May-13	173.33	\$15.98	\$10.00	\$5.98	\$1,036.51
Jun-13	173.33	\$15.98	\$10.00	\$5.98	\$1,036.51
Jul-13	173.33	\$17.03	\$10.00	\$7.03	\$1,218.51
Aug-13	173.33	\$17.03	\$10.00	\$7.03	\$1,218.51
Sep-13	173.33	\$17.03	\$10.00	\$7.03	\$1,218.51
Oct-13	173.33	\$17.03	\$10.00	\$7.03	\$1,218.51
Nov-13	173.33	\$17.03	\$10.00	\$7.03	\$1,218.51
Subtotal Per					
Worker		·	·		\$20,610.67
Total Per					
Worker @ 65%				·	\$13,396.94
Total - 193					
Workers					\$2,585,608.59
LD Assessment					\$7,756,825.77