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**From:** Karli Meyer <karli.m.meyer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 11:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Agenda Item D-4, 24-00246

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My name is Karli Stevens and I have lived at 101 Arroyo Quemada Ln. full time since the summer of 2011. Before operation of the Resource Center odor from the landfill was nonexistent. However that is no longer the case, the odor coming from the compost operation has posed a serious and unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of my family's property. My husband and I are raising our daughter here and we are very concerned this nuisance will not be dealt with appropriately and we are concerned about the long term health consequences.

101 Arroyo Quemada is remarkably unique, and for generations, dating back to my great uncle Pierre Baron and his father Pedro Baron (Baron Ranch), has been cared for responsibly by my family. Since the activities at the resource center have been active the way in which we are able to enjoy the property has changed dramatically. Our outside enjoyment is limited to times when there is no odor in the air. Which means on an overcast day when the air is still or when it's raining.

When adopting the Gaviota Coast Plan, Policy REC-7: California Coastal Trail says "the Coastal Trail should be within sight, sound, or at least the scent of the sea." I attended these meetings and recall how important these principles were to those pushing for the coastal trail. I find it ironic that when the members of the Arroyo Quemada community can no longer smell the ocean no one seems to care.

I oppose the expansion of the Tajiguas Landfill. Our groundwater supply and quality will be adversely impacted. And changes to the topography of the site and alterations to the drainage will result in erosion and sedimentation, effect drainage and result in flooding downstream of the landfill. This is unacceptable! Arroyo Quemada is downstream from the landfill and all these problems will end up in our laps in addition to the terrible odor issue.

It is our most sincere and urgent opinion that the complaints voiced by us and the residence of the Arroyo Quemada community should be given immediate attention. And it is our hope that a conclusive, permanent solution to our complaints will be implemented.

Respectfully,  
Karli Stevens

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Gary Meyer <garygerda@cox.net>  
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**To:** sbcob  
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Board of Supervisors,

My name is Gary Meyer. A brief history, Our family has owned property at Arroyo Quemada for over 100 years. Our adobe was once the headquarters for the Baron Ranch, which at one time included the canyon under the Tajiguas Landfill. My great aunt was married to Pierre Baron.

No sense in complaining about the terrible location for the landfill now. But the newest expansion and composting should be shut down now! The environmental impacts are great and that awful stench always appears. Sometimes it is so bad your only option is to leave.

The compost odor also affects us financially. To make ends meet we have an occasional wedding or event, but we can no longer do this because of how unpleasant the air smells. This was an important source of income for my family.

Do the right thing, no expansion and shutdown the composting. The odor cannot be eliminated, many attempts and still unsuccessful.

Thank you,  
Gary Meyer  
and family

**Sarah Mayer**

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**From:** Christine Cattell <cattell.hendricks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 3:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob

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To County Board of Supervisors,

Further to the notice to expand the Tajiguas landfill, it should be recommended that any expansion be put on hold until an experienced operator has taken over running the facility and that the current problems with the landfill from odor to debris litter be addressed and resolved.

As the Board is well aware, there have been numerous problems with the operation at the landfill and those problems continue. Expanding the landfill without solving the current problems means expanding the problems. It would seem irresponsible on the part of the Board to expand the landfill at this time given the degree of issues facing the current operator.

Respectfully,  
Christine Cattell  
Resident Goleta