

6144 FEDERAL BLVD., SAN DIEGO — PUBLIC RECORDS FILE

Section 11.70 · United Rentals (North America), Inc. dba Reliable Onsite Services — Sewage Disposal Records

Date	June 27 – July 2, 2026
Agency	San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD)
Request No.	California Public Records Act request (filed June 27, 2026)
Status	OPEN
Description	Public Records Act request to the Air District for records concerning the odor/air complaint about the FRAC-tank human-waste operation at 6144 Federal Blvd. District acknowledged the request and estimated production by September 2, 2026.

Summary

This is the requester's Public Records Act request to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District and the District's July 2, 2026 acknowledgment. The District confirmed receipt within the statutory window and estimated that responsive records would be provided by September 2, 2026, citing 'an increased volume of research-intensive requests.' No records had been produced at the time of this file; the matter remains open.

Related records (Section 11.70): County DEHQ PRA 26-3709; City Fire-Rescue PRA 26-6343; City Building & Land Use complaint CE-0541944.

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To: Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 12:03 PM

Good afternoon,

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is in receipt of your California Public Records Act request dated 06/27/2026 regarding [6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114](#).

We estimate that any responsive, non-exempt records, will be provided to you by 09/02/2026.

Due to an increased volume of research-intensive requests, our team is working diligently to provide timely responses. Thank you for your patience – we are addressing all inquiries as quickly as possible, based on the order they are received.

Thank you,

SDAPCD Public Records Unit

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From: Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, June 27, 2026 6:40 PM**To:** APCD, Records <apcdrecords@sdapcd.org>**Cc:** JW August <Jwaugustsd@gmail.com>; Jeffrey Davies <daviescre@gmail.com>**Subject:** 06.27.26 PRR - [6144 Federal Blvd, San Diego, CA 92114](#)

Companion request: this concerns the same matter as City of San Diego Public Records Act Request No. 26-6357 (filed June 27, 2026). It is directed to the District because the District holds air-quality and nuisance records the City does not.

This is a request under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.) to inspect and obtain copies of the District records described below concerning the odor and air-quality complaints arising from the Operation.

Definitions and scope

“The Property” means 6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114. **“The Operation”** means the porta-potty septage hauling and storage activity at the Property, operated by United Rentals (North America), Inc. through its “Reliable Onsite Services” division (Branch 70M; USDOT 899748). **“The Companies”** means United Rentals (North America), Inc. / Reliable Onsite Services and Westport Properties, Inc. (the listed owner/landlord of the Property). **“Records”** has the meaning given in Government Code § 7920.530 and includes emails, letters, memoranda, notices, citations, orders, field notes, text messages, reports, case files, logs, photographs, and their attachments, in any format.

Date range: January 1, 2023 to the date this request is processed — except that permits, applications, approvals, and registrations are requested regardless of date.

Records requested

1. The complete file for any **odor or nuisance complaint** concerning the Property or the Operation, including under District Rule 51 — including the complaint intake record, complaint number, inspector field notes, observations, photographs, and any odor logs.
2. All records of any **District inspector’s site visit(s)** to or near the Property concerning the odor or the Operation, including dated field notes and any documentation of the odor.
3. All records reflecting the District’s **determination to close, decline, or take no further action** on any such complaint, and the stated basis for that determination (including any reliance on the number of complainants).
4. All records reflecting any **referral by the District** of the matter (including any explosion or safety concern) to any other agency — the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego, or Fire authorities — and any response received.
5. Any **Air Pollution Application (APP), Authority to Construct (ATC), Permit to Operate (PTO), Notice to Comply (NTC), or Notice of Violation (NOV)** associated with the Property, the Operation, or either of the Companies (regardless of date).
6. All communications **sent by the District** to either of the Companies concerning the Operation, the Property, or any odor or nuisance complaint.
7. All communications **received by the District** from either of the Companies (or their representatives, agents, or counsel) on the same subject.
8. All **internal District communications** concerning the Operation, the Property, or any related complaint, inspection, referral, or enforcement decision.

Format, delivery, and fees

Please provide records electronically, in their native format with metadata where available, by email to the address above. Partial or rolling production is preferred. To minimize cost, electronic delivery is requested; consistent with the District’s records policy, please contact me before any duplication cost exceeds \$20 so I can confirm before fees are incurred.

Response, assistance, and withheld records

Please provide the determination required by Government Code § 7922.535(a) within 10 days. If any part of this request is unclear, or if you can suggest ways to focus it to speed production, please contact me — I am glad to work with you, and this request expressly invokes the agency’s duty to assist under § 7922.600(a).

If any record or portion is withheld, please cite the specific exemption claimed and produce all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions (Gov. Code §§ 7922.525, 7922.000). If anything is withheld as privileged, please provide a log identifying the date, author, recipients, and privilege asserted.

This request seeks records already in the agency’s possession; it does not ask the agency to create new records.

Attachments

The following are provided for context, to help locate responsive records:

- **(1.0) Summary — Human-Waste Hauling, On-Site Storage, and an Unaccounted Disposal Trail at 6144 Federal Blvd.** A short narrative overview of the operation, the timeline, and the documented complaints.
- **(1.1) Neighbor Petition (roughly 75 signatories).** Signed statements from area residents and businesses reporting the odor and noise.
- **(4.9) Master Noise Nuisance Report.** An analysis of dated recordings characterizing a continuous, tonal, low-frequency pump noise tied to the ongoing early morning operation.
- **(4.10) FRAC Tank Roof Vent — Corrosion & Explosion-Risk Analysis.** A photo-based engineering assessment of headspace gas corrosion and the absence of visible ignition controls.
- **(4.11) 6144 Federal Blvd. Timeline Images.** Dated satellite and ground-level photographs bracketing the tank's appearance (no tank June 2023; tank present February 2024)
- **(5.2) EMAIL Communications with APCD Investigators**
- **((8.1) Westport Properties (Property Owner) and United Rentals (Tenant) information.** Public-records identification of the operator and the listed owner/landlord.

Thank you for your assistance.

Darryl Cotton

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To: "APCD, Records" <apcdrecords@sdapcd.org>

Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 3:06 PM

Thank you for the July 2 acknowledgment and the September 2, 2026 estimate. I appreciate the District's workload, and I'd like to make this easier to manage on both ends.

My request expressly asked for **partial/rolling production**, and several items should be readily available well before September. Could the District please produce those now, on a rolling basis, rather than holding the entire request:

1. The complaint intake record and complaint number for the odor/nuisance complaint concerning 6144 Federal Blvd. (request item 1);
2. The District inspector's dated field notes and any documentation of the odor from the site visit(s) (item 2); and
3. The records stating the District's basis for closing, declining, or taking no further action on the complaint, and any referral of the matter to another agency (items 3–4).

Separately, so the record is clear: could you confirm the determination required by Government Code § 7922.535(a) — whether the District holds disclosable records responsive to the request, and whether any portion will be withheld under a claimed exemption (with a privilege log for anything withheld).

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Thank you again for your assistance. I'm glad to work with you to focus or sequence the production.

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Analysis — What this record shows

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District • CPRA request of June 27, 2026 • acknowledgment received July 2, 2026

This section explains what the attached record shows and why it matters. It concerns how a public agency handled a public-records request. It does not allege that any private party has violated the law.

What the District sent

On July 2, 2026, the Air District's Public Records Unit acknowledged the June 27 request and estimated that "any responsive, non-exempt records will be provided to you by 09/02/2026," citing "an increased volume of research-intensive requests." This is an acknowledgment with a production estimate — not yet a production, and not a substantive ruling on the records.

What it does — and does not — do

The acknowledgment was timely: the request was filed June 27 and acknowledged July 2, within the 10-day window in Government Code §7922.535(a). It is not, however, a substantive determination — it does not state whether the District holds disclosable records, describe the scope of what exists, or identify any exemption it may assert. It also sets a single production date roughly nine weeks out, rather than the partial / rolling production the request asked for, even though several items should be readily at hand: the complaint intake record and number, the inspector's dated field notes documenting the odor, and the District's written basis for closing or referring the complaint.

Why it matters

The requested items go to how the District handled the odor complaint — in particular, the written basis for any closure (including whether it turned on the number of complainants), the inspector's field notes documenting the odor, and any referral of the safety concern. The District's own description of the request as 'research-intensive' indicates that a substantive file exists to be gathered.

Bottom line

The District responded on time but thinly: it acknowledged the request and set a two-month production estimate without making a substantive determination or honoring the rolling-production request. Nothing here is a refusal, and the 'research-intensive' framing implies a real file exists. What the District ultimately produces — and when — is the open question this record leaves.