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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE COUNTY OF TULARE

VISALIA DISPOSAL LANDFILLING

OPERATIONS

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Declaration of Publication

State of California, County of Tulare, ss:

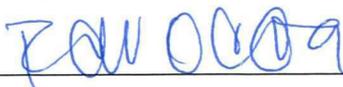
Declarant says:

That at times herein mentioned is and was a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, and not a party to nor interested in the within matter; that declarant is, now and was at all times herein mentioned, the Principal Clerk of the FOOTHILLS SUN-GAZETTE, a newspaper of general circulation (as that term is defined by Sec. 4460 of the Government Code of the State of California) printed and published weekly in the City of Exeter, Exeter Judicial District, County of Tulare, State of California, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the said Superior Court Order No. 30910 as entered in Book 59, Page 306 of said Court; that the instrument of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each regular and like issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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EXECUTED ON DECEMBER 4, 2024 at
Exeter, California.



Declarant

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, VISALIA DISPOSAL (LANDFILL) SITE AND BIOGAS AND COMPOST FACILITY – LANDFILLING OPERATIONS (SCH # 2021022054)

The Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer has approved for public review the Focused Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) for the Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site and Biogas and Compost Facility – Landfilling Operations Project Name (SCH# 2021022054). Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California 93277-9394, (559) 624-7000, (Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m). Documents can be found at the Tulare County website: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/visalia-landfill-compost-and-biomass-conversion-facility/>. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the documents may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Administration Building, County Civic Center, 2800 West Burrel, Visalia, California. The hearing will pertain to certification of the FSEIR and approval of the project by the Board of Supervisors. Following the public hearing, the Tulare County Environmental Health Division (TCEHD), serving as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), will hold an informational meeting to discuss the permit application with the public.

PROJECT: This FSEIR is tiering off the adopted/certified EIR (SCH No. 2021020054) for the Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site Compost and Biogas Compost - Facility project. The SEIR will address two proposed updates to the County's current landfill permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to avoid the County's risk of violating its current permit by exceeding its daily tonnage limit. Tulare County intends to develop and operate a covered aerated static

pile (CASP) compost facility within the Visalia Landfill property to comply with the upcoming SB 1383 regulations. The compost facility will occupy 36 acres of the 634-acre Landfill site. The compost facility will be designed to accept up to 200,000 tons per year (TPY) in increments of 50,000 TPY technology modules and can store up to 200,000 cubic yards on-site of organic material that would have otherwise been landfilled. The compost facility would include installing processing and composting equipment, a 50,000 square foot processing building, compacted compost pads, and a lined pond. To accommodate the transport of organic material for the compost and biogas component at the Landfill, it is anticipated that a maximum of 300 vehicles (haul trucks) would be required. Increases in haul trucks would be incremental over an approximately 13-year period when the compost and biogas component reach maximum operations. The proposed Project is intended to maintain the current maximum permitted volume of solid waste (2,000 TPD) and increase total daily vehicles by 300 vehicles (to haul in organic material) for the compost/biogas component of the Landfill. To summarize, the Project consists of two updates to the existing Landfill operational permits: 1) increase the Landfill's total permitted tonnage to 3,000 tons per day (tpd), by directing 2,000 tpd to the land-filling operation and the remaining 1,000 tpd to the composting operation; and increase the Landfill's total permitted haul trucks from 900 to 1,200 trucks per day to accommodate the additional 1,000 tpd.

APPLICANT/AGENT: Tulare County Solid Waste
LOCATION: Visalia Disposal Site, 8614 Avenue 328, Visalia, CA 93291

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Focused Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse #2021022054), Findings of Fact, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

REVIEW PERIOD: 10 days until December 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. All meetings are held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California 93291. Board of Supervisors meetings start at 9:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. For further information regarding this project, please call Aaron Bock (559) 624-7000 or for environmental questions please call Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner at

624-7199 (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar (559) 624-7132).

If you challenge the decision on any of the foregoing matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, Economic Development and Planning Branch, within the review period described herein.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings call (559) 624-7000 48-hours in advance of the meeting.

REED SCHENKE, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICER

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