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SCH #: 2016101062

Project Title: Agromin Composting and Soil Amendment Facility Major Modification to Conditional Use Permit 5001-1

Lead Agency: Ventura County Resource management Agency - Planning Division

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Project Location: 6859 Arnold Road, Oxnard, California, 93033-8701

City

Ventura

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The applicant requests that a modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) be granted to authorize modification and continued operation of an existing composting and soil amendment facility until December 31, 2030. Proposed facility modifications include a revised CUP boundary from 9.77 acres to 11.44 acres, an increase in the volume of compost feedstock that can be accumulated on the project site from 10,000 cubic yards to 12,500 cubic yards, and the installation of various facility improvements. The 17.42-acre property is located at 6859 Arnold Road, west of the intersection of Arnold Road and Casper Road, in the unincorporated area of Ventura County (Attachments 1 and 2). The Tax Assessor's parcel numbers (APNs) of the parcels that constitute the project site are 231-0-040-315, 231-0-080-085, and 231-0-080-070

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Water Resources: An increase in the the volume of feedstock and compost on-site would increase the potential for groundwater contamination – significant, but mitigable. [WR MM-1: Active composting areas shall be lined with soil cement consistent with recommendations provided by Earth Systems (2016, soils testing)]

Public Health: The proposed larger volume of on-site feedstock may increase the attraction of vectors, and potentially increase human disease transmission – significant, but mitigable. [PH MM-1 Storm Water Application Restrictions in accordance with Title 14 CCR Section 17852].

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

City of Oxnard: As an interim use, the facility is potentially in conflict with the City's General Plan and Ormond Beach Wetland Restoration Plan. The City also stated concerns about compatibility with adjacent wetlands and coastal resources impacts of the proposed below grade percolate tank, odor, the effectiveness of the proposed predatory bird management program, flooding, effects on community character, and truck trips. Naval Base Ventura County: Concerns about the potential for project-related odors, dust, pests, stormwater run-off and lighting to affect water quality and listed bird species. California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: Storing more than 12,500 cubic yards of feedstock, compost and ground material would require obtaining a Compostable Materials Handling Facility Permit. Applicant shall ensure compost storage limitations are not exceeded, to implement nuisance controls and odor impact minimization plan, and maintaining processes operating under different Enforcement Agency (EA) Notifications. California State Coastal Conservancy: Stated concerns regarding adverse effects of predatory birds and wetland habitats, rodents and compost fires. Native American Heritage Commission: Provided guidance regarding compliance with applicable State and Federal laws, and provided a list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation. Earth Alert, Point Mugu Wildlife Center, Ormond Beach Observers, Ventura Audubon Society, and the Public: Concerns regarding impacts to coastal wetlands and special-status species, (snowy plovers, California least terns, light-footed clapper rail, Belding's savannah sparrow, horned larks and many other species) at Ormond Beach, funding for nest enclosures, a predator control program, and monitoring of predator activity and nesting success, impacts associated with discharge of storm water into Oxnard Drainage Canal #3, flooding, odors, off-hours staffing to address fires.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Lead Agency: Ventura County

Responsible Agencies: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Region), and formerly the City of Oxnard (Operations will be removed from property within their jurisdiction).

Trustee Agencies: California Department of Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service