



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF A SCOPING MEETING

DATE: July 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental EIR and Notice of a Scoping Meeting
PROJECT: Zone 4 Landfill Construction Projects and Source Separated Organics Facility
APPLICANT: OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 15082 and 15163(c) of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title. 14, §15000 et seq.) that the County of Orange (County) has determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is the appropriate environmental document for the proposed Zone 4 Landfill Construction Projects and Source Separated Organics Facility Project (Project). The County will be the Lead Agency for the proposed Project and will be responsible for the SEIR's preparation pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed Project's description and location and a list of probable environmental effects are provided below.

As required by Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared and distributed to solicit comments from potential Responsible and Trustee Agencies on Project-related concerns relevant to each agency's statutory responsibilities. Comments on the content and scope of the SEIR also are solicited from any other interested parties (including other agencies and affected members of the public). The SEIR will be the environmental document of reference for Responsible and Trustee Agencies when considering subsequent discretionary approvals.

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION

Prima Deshecha Landfill (Landfill) is owned by the County and operated by OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR). OCWR is a County department that is overseen by the Board of Supervisors. Prima Deshecha Landfill is 1,530 acres (ac) and is located in southeastern Orange County partially within San Juan Capistrano (570 ac), San Clemente (133 ac), and unincorporated Orange County (827 ac). The landfill is located at 32250 Avenida La Pata, and access is provided by the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5 [I-5]), Ortega Highway (State Route 74 [SR-74]), and Avenida La Pata. The Prima Deshecha Landfill site is divided into five zones, called Zones 1 through 5. Zone 1 is the current landfilling area, with an estimated closure date of approximately 2050. Zone 4 is the future landfill development area, with an estimated closure date of approximately 2102.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project includes the following components: (1) changes to the phasing of operations between Zone 1 and Zone 4 of the landfill to allow for concurrent operations; (2)



blasting, excavation, on-site relocation, pulverizing into soil, soil stockpiling and off-site soil removal of hard rock material in Zone 4, referred to as the San Onofre Breccia area; (3) imported soil trips for liner installation that will occur for all future Zone 4 development phases; and (4) construction and operation of a Source Separated Organics (SSO) recycling facility.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Based on the Initial Study (IS) completed for the proposed Project, the County has determined that the proposed Project could result in impacts related to aesthetics, air quality, and noise. These topics will be analyzed in the SEIR. Mitigation will be developed and included in the SEIR, if necessary, to address the proposed Project's potentially significant adverse effects.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of this NOP have been transmitted to the California State Clearinghouse of the Office of Planning and Research and to each applicable Responsible and Trustee Agency. Copies of this NOP, the IS, and future environmental documents prepared in conjunction with the proposed Project will be available for public review on the County's website at <http://www.oilandfills.com/events/prima-deshecha-virtual-public-meeting>.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION COMMENT PERIOD

The County invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns, if any. The NOP comment period begins on July 23, 2020 and ends on August 21, 2020. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2020, the close of the public review period. Please send your written comments to Kevin Gaxiola, OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701 or via email to kevin.gaxiola@ocwr.ocgov.com. Please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

To provide an additional opportunity for input, the County will be conducting a Scoping Meeting to present information about the proposed Project and to solicit comments relative to the content of the information to be analyzed in the SEIR. Due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be conducted online. The Scoping Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. To access the meeting, visit <http://www.oilandfills.com/events/prima-deshecha-virtual-public-meeting>.