

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING ON  
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTH KERN COUNTY COMPOSTING MANUFACTURING  
FACILITY PROJECT**

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days.

**PROJECT TITLE:** South Kern Compost Manufacturing Facility by South Kern Industrial Center, LLC (PP18125); Kern County Franchise Agreement (PP18125) (SCH #2018101060)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project site is located in the Valley Region in the western portion of unincorporated Kern County, California near the unincorporated communities of San Emidio, Lakeview, Dustin Acres, and Valley Acres and is bound by Santiago Road to the north and solar sites to the east, west, and south and is entirely within Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 25 East (MDB&M).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The document and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review at the Planning Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Departmental website (<https://kernplanning.com/planning/environmental-documents/>).

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:** Kern County is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

**DATE:** January 27, 2022

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter

**LOCATION:** Chambers of the Board of Supervisors  
Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

And/or submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on November 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Testimony at future public hearings may be limited to those issues raised during the public review period either orally or submitted in writing.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** You may provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above or provide written comments prior to the close of public comment period on November 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to:

**Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department  
ATTN: Johnathan Jensen, Planner II  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Phone: (661) 862-8638  
E-mail: [Jensen.J@kerncounty.com](mailto:Jensen.J@kerncounty.com)**

Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proponent is requesting: Modifications to Conditional Use Permit No. 2, Map No. 158, which consist of increasing the types of composting feedstocks accepted at the facility, including digestate, in response to Assembly Bill 1826 and Senate Bill 1383 requirements; installing new equipment to be used as part of pre-processing and post-composting operations, including, but not limited to grinders, electrical screens, etc., to improve composting efficiency and capability; increasing all pile heights from 15 feet to 20 feet, including, but not limited to, receiving, mixing, composting, curing, screening, and

finished product; and increasing storage time of finished compost product from seven (7) days to 180 days to accommodate seasonal markets and be consistent with regulatory permitting requirements.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** Anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts on the Air Quality resources area.

LORELEI H. OVIATT, AICP, Director

Planning and Natural Resources Department

To be published once only on next available date and as soon as possible

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JJ:cc (09/14/21)

cc: County Clerk (2) (with fee)  
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Sierra Club/Kern Kaweah Chapter  
LiUNA  
Supervisorial District No. 2

California Native Plant Society/Kern Chapter  
Kern County Archaeological Society  
Native American Heritage Pres. Council/Kern County  
Center on Race, Poverty and Environment (2)