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Enter CEQA Information

**Lead Agency:** KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**Project Title:** PP18125 / SOUTH KERN COMPOST MANUFACTURING FACILITY PROJECT

**Project Applicant Name:** SOUTH KERN INDUSTRIAL CENTER LLC **Phone Number:** (661) 378-2515

**Address:** P.O. BOX 265 **City:** TAFT

**State:** CA **ZIP:** 93268

**Posting Period:**  30 Days  45 Days  Other 45

**Project Applicant Type:** Private Entity

Select Fee

- Notice of Intent
- Notice of Availability
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Notice of Preparation
- Mitigated Negative Declaration/Negative Declaration
- Environmental Impact Report
- Notice of Exemption
- Other
- No Fish & Wildlife Fee

Total: \$0.00

Proof of Payment

Please enter Proof of Payment: N/A

Additional Information

**Reference Number:**

**Notes:**

FEE SELECTION:  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
\*\*\*NO FEE  
\*\*\*NO JV

Enter JV Information (if needed)

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MARY B. BEDARD  
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
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# Draft Environmental Impact Report

SCH# 2018101060

Volume 1

Chapters 1 through 10

## SOUTH KERN COUNTY COMPOSTING MANUFACTURING FACILITY PROJECT

by South Kern Industrial Center, LLC (PP18125)

Modification to Conditional Use Permit 2, Map #158



Kern County  
Planning and Natural Resources Department  
Bakersfield, California

October 2021

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**PLANNING AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Planning  
Community Development  
Administrative Operations

October 7, 2021

File: Mod. to CUP 2, Map #158

**TO:** See Attached Distribution List

**FROM:** Kern County Planning and Natural  
Resources Department  
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**Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the South Kern Compost Manufacturing Facility by  
South Kern Industrial Center, LLC (PP18125) (SCH #2018101060)**

Kern County has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the above-noted proposed modifications to the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2, Map No. 158 for the South Kern Industrial Center Composting Facility.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located at 2653 Santiago Road and is entirely within Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 25 East, in the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Sec 24, T32S, R25E, M. D. B. & M.). The project site is bound by Santiago Road to the north and solar sites to the east, west, and south. The entrance to the project site is located on Santiago Road off South Lake Road at the San Joaquin Valley Railroad crossing.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proponent is requesting: modifications to CUP 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 7 days to 180 days to accommodate seasonal markets and be consistent with regulatory permitting requirements.

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, as Lead Agency, has determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report would be appropriate for the referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Draft EIR.

The comment period for this document closes on **November 22, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.** Comments can be submitted to the address above or e-mailed to [JensenJ@kerncounty.com](mailto:JensenJ@kerncounty.com). If we have not received comment by the close of the comment period, we will assume that you have no comments regarding this Draft EIR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Johnathan Jensen", is written over a horizontal line.

Johnathan Jensen, Planner II  
Advanced Planning Division