

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013081021

Project Title: Coachella Valley Compost Facility Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-24553-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Project is located within APN 697-280-015, within unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Project site is located on the Coachella Landfill facility in eastern Coachella Valley, east of City of Indio, immediately west of the northern limits of the City of Coachella. Coachella Landfill facility address: 87011 Landfill Rd, Coachella, CA 92236. Project GPS latitude and longitude coordinates: 33.723571, -116.136849.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-24552-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Gary Koontz of Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. The Project is limited to impacts to streams associated with improvements to the water system on-site at the Coachella Valley Compost Facility, including the installation of a 264,000-gallon water tank with associated infrastructure (access road, fencing, etc.) and connecting pipelines to existing water lines. The new water lines will extend from the compost facility to the existing transfer station. The Project will temporarily impact a total of 1.78 acres of fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq. To compensate for temporary impacts to 1.78 acres of fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq., the Project Proponent shall restore all 1.78 acres of area temporarily impacted by the Project through the control of all non-native plant species for a minimum of three growing seasons following the completion of Project activities

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on March 6, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).

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- 3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  _____ Date: 3/6/2023

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____