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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DATE: October 29, 2021
TO: Agencies and Interested Parties
FROM: Western Placer Waste Management Authority
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Renewable Placer: Waste Action Plan
REVIEW PERIOD: October 29, 2021 through December 13, 2021

The Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Renewable Placer: Waste Action Plan (proposed project) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines. The WPWMA is the lead agency and is distributing this Notice of Availability to the Office of Planning and Research, responsible agencies, interested parties, and trustee agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the project.

Project Location

The proposed project site is located on the WPWMA's properties, generally at the intersection of Fiddymment Road and Athens Avenue, consisting of the following:

- Approximately 155-acre eastern property, which is leased by the WPWMA to a private entity for cattle grazing and is not currently permitted for solid waste operations.
- Approximately 314-acre center property, which includes the existing Material Recovery Facility building, organics management operation, construction and demolition materials processing area, public waste drop-off area, household hazardous waste facilities, Western Regional Sanitary Landfill, stormwater ponds, scale house facilities, landfill gas-to-energy plant, site entrance infrastructure, and a Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) transmission line easement.
- Approximately 459-acre western property, part of which is currently leased to the City of Lincoln for discharge of reclaimed water and a part of which is leased for model airplane operations. A sublessee of the City of Lincoln resides on this property in a single-story residential structure located at the end of the dirt road that extends directly west from the intersection of Athens Avenue and Fiddymment Road. The same PG&E transmission line easement that extends along the southwestern corner of the center property extends through the south-central part of this property. Solid waste uses on this property have already been subject to environmental review, and a conditional use permit to operate a landfill was previously granted by the Placer County Planning Commission; however, the property has not been fully permitted for solid waste related operations.

The project site includes the following Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs):

- Eastern Property (APN: 017-063-003-000)
- Center Property (APNs: 017-063-001-000, 017-063-002-000)
- Western Property (APNs: 021-281-001-000, 021-281-002-000, 017-062-001-000, 017-062-002-000, 017-062-003-000)

Project Description

The Renewable Placer: Waste Action Plan is a long-term plan to identify and evaluate changes needed to the WPWMA's facilities and operations. The Draft EIR evaluates two potential plan concepts for implementing the Waste Action Plan. The concepts include similar elements, the locations and characteristics of which vary between the two plans. The following concept elements are evaluated in the Draft EIR:

- Solid waste project elements, including landfill capacity expansion, composting, construction and demolition material processing, and public facilities.
- Complementary and programmatic elements, including a pilot study area, reservation of space for compatible manufacturing, reservation of space for a university research area, and reservation of space for a landfill gas to renewable fuels area.
- Supporting elements, including recovered materials storage areas, stormwater ponds, road crossings, maintenance areas, administrative buildings, parking areas, continued use of the existing materials recovery facility, a household hazardous waste facility, and redesigned site entrances.

Significant Environmental Effects

Under CEQA, a significant effect on the environment is defined as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the baseline physical conditions within the area affected by the project. The proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, and transportation. Significant impacts to biological resources; cultural and tribal resources; geology, soils, and paleontological resources; hazards, hazardous materials, and wildfire; hydrology and water quality; and noise resulting from the project would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with mitigations identified in the Draft EIR. All other impacts would be less-than-significant.

Document Availability and Review

The Draft EIR is available for review and comment for a period of 45 days beginning on October 29, 2021 and ending on December 13, 2021. Agencies and interested parties may provide the WPWMA with written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2021. All written comments received on the Draft EIR prior to the close of the public comment period will be considered in the Final EIR. Please direct all written comments to the following address or email:

Western Placer Waste Management Authority
3013 Fiddymont Road
Roseville, CA 95747
Attention: Stephanie Ulmer
Email: EIRcomments@RenewablePlacer.com

The Draft EIR and supporting documents may be reviewed at the WPWMA's offices at the address above between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Draft EIR is also available for review online at www.RenewablePlacer.com.

Public Comment Meetings

Meetings to solicit comments from the public and responsible agencies on the Draft EIR will be held at the WPWMA's administrative offices located at 3013 Fiddymont Road, Roseville, CA 95747 on December 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.