

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Landfill-Gas-to-Energy ProjectLead Agency: Merced County Regional Waste Management AuthorityContact Name: Jerry LawrieEmail: jlawrie@mcrwma.orgPhone Number: 209-723-4481Project Location: Merced, Merced County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (MCRWMA) has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Landfill-Gas-to-Energy Project (project) in Merced County, California. The project site extends between the Highway 59 Landfill (7040 North Highway 59, Merced, CA 95348) and the University of California, Merced (UC Merced) Central Plant (5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343) and is located within portions of the unincorporated county, the City of Merced, and UC Merced.

At the Highway 59 Landfill, equipment would be installed adjacent to the existing landfill flare related to the transfer and treatment of landfill gas (LFG) prior to transmission to UC Merced. Within the UC Merced campus, up to four microturbines (800 kilowatts per microturbine) and associated heat utilization equipment would be installed within an approximately 80 feet by 80 feet enclosure that would be constructed adjacent and attached to the existing Central Plant. Between the facilities at the landfill and UC Merced, a 10-inch pipeline would be installed connecting the two. The pipeline route would leave the landfill property, head south on State Route 59 (SR 59), travel east on Bellevue Road, travel north on Lake Road, travel east on Ranchers Drive, then south on Ansel Adams Road and east on Mineral King Road. The pipeline would be installed within existing rights-of-way of these roadways.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant impacts were identified for biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, and transportation; however, the following mitigation measures included in the IS/Proposed MND would reduce all impacts to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measure 3.4-1a: Conduct Preconstruction Special-Status Plant Surveys and Implement Avoidance/Minimization Measures, if Necessary; Mitigation Measure 3.4-1b: Vernal Pool Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 3.4-1c: California Tiger-Salamander Surveys and Implement Avoidance/Minimization Measures, if Necessary, During Construction; Mitigation Measure 3.4-1d: Giant Garter Snake Surveys and Avoidance and Minimization Measures During Construction; Mitigation Measure 3.4-1e: Nesting Bird Surveys and Nest Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 3.4-2: Sensitive Natural Community Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 3.4-3a: Wetland Avoidance; Mitigation Measure 3.4-3b: Clean Water Act Permitting; Mitigation Measure 3.5-1: Inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources; Mitigation Measure 3.7-1 Complete design level geotechnical investigation before final design; Mitigation Measure 3.7-2: Previously undiscovered paleontological resources; Mitigation Measure 3.13-1: Construction Hours; Mitigation Measure 3.17-1: Traffic Control Plan; Mitigation Measure 3.17-2: Implement Mitigation Measure 3.17-1; Mitigation Measure 3.17-3: Implement Mitigation Measure 3.17-1

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

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Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Responsible Agency) To comply with the Clean Water Act (if necessary) for impacts to wetlands.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Responsible Agency) To comply with the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) for potential take of listed species.
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Responsible Agency) To comply with the California ESA for potential take of state listed species.
California Department of Transportation (Responsible Agency) Encroachment permit.
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Responsible Agency) To comply with the Clean Water Act (if necessary) for impacts to wetlands.
University of California, Merced (Responsible Agency) Authorization to proceed with construction.
City of Merced (Responsible Agency) Encroachment permit
Merced County (Responsible Agency) Encroachment permit
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Responsible Agency) To issue a revised or new authority to construct/permit for the proposed facility.

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