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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: SCH No. 2019079087 – Notice of Completion of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for SCOR Industries - 500 TPD Heavy Recycling Facility, (Solid Waste Information System Number 36-AA-0481), San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Casey:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff to provide comments on this proposed project and for your agency's consideration of these comments as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Rialto, Development Services Department, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Notice of Completion of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Initial Study/MND) in order to comply with CEQA and to provide information to and solicit consultation with, Responsible Agencies in the approval of the proposed project.

The proposed project, SCOR Industries 500 tons per day (TPD) Heavy Recycling Facility (Large Volume Construction Demolition and Inert Debris Processing Facility), is located at 2321 South Willow Avenue in the City of Rialto. The proposed project is located south of Interstate 10. The project site is accessed via Willow Avenue. The proposed project consists of 3.5 acres and the land use/zoning designation in the Agua Mansa Specific Plan is Heavy Industrial. There is an existing building on site that was used as a single-family home that will be demolished and converted to office space. The site is surrounded by industrial uses. To the northwest of the project site is a steel manufacturer, to the south is a warehouse, to the west is a trucking terminal and to the east is a propane facility.

The proposed project will allow the construction of a 24,200 square foot building for sorting, grinding, screening, chipping and other beneficiation of dry solid materials

including fiber, glass, plastic, wood waste, metals, wallboard, roofing materials, tiles, concrete, dirt, bricks, inerts, and other inorganic materials from construction sites. No food waste, grass clippings, or other organic will be accepted. The maximum daily throughput is 500 tons.

In addition, the proposed project will include the following improvements: 1,800 square foot truck maintenance building, pavement, storm water collection and treatment system, fencing, block screen walls, landscaping, lighting, and scale house and permanent scale.

COMMENTS

The project description and analysis provided in the MND will be reviewed as part of CalRecycle's consideration of concurrence in a Solid Waste Facilities Permit for the project. The MND project description and analysis should be clear on the specifications and the key design and operation parameters (e.g., design capacity, handling, processing, days and hours of operation, etc.) must be analyzed in the MND for the proposed project.

Where a specific location in the document is noted for comment, please ensure the comment is addressed throughout all sections of the IS/MND, in addition to the specific location noted.

Comments regarding the IS/MND are summarized below:

The PROJECT DESCRIPTION states that dry solid materials including fiber, glass, plastics, wood waste, metals, wallboard, roofing materials, tiles, concrete, dirt, bricks, inerts, and other inorganic materials from construction sites will be accepted at the proposed project site. Are these the only waste materials that will be accepted? Please specify the type(s) of fibers and other inorganic material from construction site that will be accepted?

According to the information in the HAZARDS/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Section, the proposed project involves the development of a sorting facility for municipal and construction non-hazardous materials. Please clarify. Will the proposed project be accepting municipal solid waste?

According to the information in the NOISE Section, all balers will be required to be located within the proposed building. The project description indicates that chipping and grinding will occur on site. Will there be a grinder that generates noise on site to process construction and demolition wood debris? If so, it needs to be analyzed as part of the MND. Will the grinder be allowed to be located outdoors?

According to the information in the PUBLIC SERVICES Section, the impacts to Fire Services as the result of this project will be reduced to a level of insignificance by payment of the Development Impact fees. The greatest risk to public health and safety

and the environment arising from Construction Demolition and Inert (CDI) Debris processing activities is fire. Any Large Volume CDI Debris Processing Facility will need to operate in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Section 18223.5(a)(20) - Fire Prevention and Control Mitigation Plan.

According to information in the TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Section, the proposed project will generate approximately 30 truck trips and 10 passenger vehicle trips per day. What are the potential impacts from the maximum number of vehicles considered for all potential impacts of all vehicle types? Will the site be open to self-haulers?

On the Site Plan (Figure 2), there is an office building, proposed canopy, and a proposed maintenance building. However, the 24,200 square foot building or equipment are not illustrated on the site plan. The Location Map (Figure 1), shows outdoor operations. Is this a phased project? According to the Project Description, the proposed project will allow the sorting, grinding, screening and chipping inside of the 24,200 square foot building. The IS/MND appears to only analyze the impacts for an indoor facility receiving 500 TPD. Will the receipt, storage and processing of any materials be allowed to occur outdoors and/or under a canopy? It would be helpful to clarify what this analysis does and does not cover.

Solid Waste Facilities Permit

Currently, SCOR Industries is permitted as a Medium Volume Construction, Demolition and Inert Debris Processing Facility and authorized to accept a maximum of 174 tons per day. In addition, SCOR Industries is authorized to operation a Small Volume Construction and Demolition Wood Debris Chip and Grind (CD C&G) Operation within the property boundary of the facility. The CD C&G operation accepts a maximum of 199 tons per day of sourced separated CD Wood Debris.

Resources and [guidance](#) are available on CalRecycle's webpage to assist Lead Agencies in the preparation of environmental documents for solid waste handling activities.

Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services, as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), and CalRecycle are responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities such as CDI operations/facilities, including permitting, inspections, and enforcement. The permitting and regulatory requirements for these operations/facilities are contained in Title 14 and Title 27 CCR.

The LEA contact for this proposed project is Kimberly Tra. She can be reached at (800) 442-2283, by e-mail at kimberly.tra@dph.sbcounty.gov. Please contact the LEA to discuss solid waste permitting requirements for this proposed project.

CONCLUSION

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on this environmental document and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency in carrying out their responsibilities in the CEQA process.

CalRecycle staff request copies of any subsequent environmental documents, copies of public notices, and any Notices of Determination for this project.

If the environmental document is adopted during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing. If the document is adopted without a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notification of the date of the adoption and project approval by the decision-making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (951) 782-4168 or by e-mail at Dianne.Ohiosumua@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

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