



Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF BERKELEY TRANSFER STATION SOLID WASTE FACILITIES PERMIT REVISION PROJECT

The City of Berkeley has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the City of Berkeley Transfer Station Solid Waste Facilities Permit Revision Project as identified below and is requesting comments on the Draft IS-ND. The Draft IS-ND addresses the potential physical and environmental effects of the proposed project for each of the environmental topics outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The City of Berkeley is the Lead Agency for the project. This notice is being sent to the California State Clearinghouse, Alameda County Clerk, adjacent cities, potential responsible agencies (such as CalRecycle), other interested parties, and individuals who have indicated they would like to review the Draft IS-ND. Responsible agencies are those public agencies, besides the City of Berkeley, that also have a role in approving or carrying out the project.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Berkeley Transfer Station Solid Waste Facilities Permit Revision Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is the existing City of Berkeley Solid Waste Management Center Transfer Station Facility (Transfer Station). The Transfer Station is located at 1201 Second Street in the city of Berkeley in Alameda County, California. The Transfer Station is located on a 4.68-acre site owned and operated by the City of Berkeley on the east side of Second Street, north of Gilman Street. **Error! Reference source not found.** shows an aerial view of the project site and its immediate surroundings.

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Berkeley

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The City of Berkeley is soliciting comments on the Draft IS-ND from **June 5, 2020** until **July 6, 2020**. Responses to comments will be incorporated into the Final IS-ND. Comments on the Draft IS-ND and any questions or comments should be directed in writing to: *Joy Brown, Senior Management Analyst, Public Works Department, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94702; or ejbrown@ci.berkeley.ca.us.*

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft IS-ND is available for review online on the City's website:
https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Planning_and_Development/Land_Use_Division/Environmental_Impact_Analysis.aspx

A paper copy can be mailed upon written request (one copy per requestor).

PUBLIC HEARING: In addition, the City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board is anticipated to take public comments and consider the IS-ND and make a decision on the project at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 23, 2020. CalRecycle, as the Enforcement Agency for the City of Berkeley, has determined that this meeting will also serve as a substitute for the informational meeting required for the Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit under Title 27 California Code of Regulations Sections 21660, 21660.2 and 21660.4. Interested attendees should visit the Zoning Adjustments Board webpage to confirm the meeting location, time, and agenda <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/zoningadjustmentsboard/>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Berkeley Zero Waste Division (ZWD) is proposing to increase the tonnage handled at the Transfer Station and modify the hours of operation. The proposed operational changes at the Transfer Station require revisions to the Transfer Station's Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWIS No. 01-AC-0029) ("Permit"), which is administered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The current Permit was issued by CalRecycle on August 22, 2011.

The proposed project involves the operational changes needed related to the addition of commercial waste collection route days within the City's existing commercial materials collection routes. The project involves operational changes only. No changes to the project site, modification of the Transfer Station facilities, or new construction are proposed as part of the Permit revision project. Proposed Operational changes would include:

- An increase of the permitted maximum daily tonnage from 560 to 620 tons per day, an increase of 60 tons per day or approximately 11 percent.
- An adjustment to the permitted daily operating hours to Monday through Friday from 3:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday (if needed) from 3:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed increased tonnage of waste accepted at the transfer station would not result in an increase in the total waste stream within the City. It would shift the location at which this waste is off-loaded and subsequently transported off site for composting or landfilled. A corresponding shift in truck trip destination would also occur. Rather than trucks hauling waste to and from another facility in the region, e.g. WMI's Davis Street Transfer Station or RSI's Richmond facility, they would instead haul waste to and from the project site.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: As discussed in the Draft IS-ND all issue areas were found to have no physical environmental effects or less than significant environmental effects.



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Attachment: Figure 1: Project Area Map

Figure 1



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Fig. 2 Project Site