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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Attn: Janice Mayes, Planner
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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE CLEAN HARBORS WMU BY CLEAN HARBORS BUTTONWILLOW, LLC,
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2020069034

Dear Ms. Mayes,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide scoping input on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study for the *Clean Harbors WMU Solid Waste Disposal Facility by Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC*, State Clearinghouse Number 2020069034 (NOP Package). In the NOP Package, Kern County, as the lead agency, has identified that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will have a discretionary decision regarding DTSC's pending Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal Application for the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility.

As discussed during early consultation activities pursuant to 14 CCR 15082 and PRC 21153, DTSC will participate in the development of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the *Clean Harbors WMU Solid Waste Disposal Facility by Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC* Project (SCH 2020069034) as a responsible agency pursuant to 14 CCR 15096. This letter serves as a response and a request to continue consultation to develop a robust description of DTSC's discretionary action to be included in the Draft EIR and subject to the Draft EIR's analysis, consistent with 14 CCR 15082(b)(2) and 15096(b)(2).

DTSC looks forward to continuing to work with Kern County to develop an EIR to support DTSC's discretionary decision-making on the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

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Renewal Application. Please direct future communication directly to and coordinate with me, the project manager for the technical review of the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal application. I may be reached at Parampreet.Bhatti@dtsc.ca.gov or (916) 255-6413.

Sincerely,

Parampreet Bhatti

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