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Project Title: Clean Harbors WMU Solid Waste Disposal Facility by Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC

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City: Bakersfield Zip: 93301-2323 County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: McKittrick; Buttonwillow; and South Belridge

Cross Streets _____ Zip Code: 93206

Lat. / Long.: 35° 24' 20" N / 119° 36' 25" W Total Acres: 320 + 320 = 640 acres

Assessor's Parcel No.: 099-290-17 and 099-261-32 Sections: 15 & 16 Twp.: 29S Range: 22E Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 15; 33, 46, and 58 Waterways: California Aqueduct

Airports: Elk Hills/Buttonwillow Railways: Union Pacific Railroad Co. Schools: _____

Document

Type: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 CEQA: Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EA Final Document Neg
 Dec (Prior SCH No.) EIR Draft EIS Other
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit *Modification* Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other DTSC Renewal

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type Solid Waste MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type DTSC Renewal
 Other: Non-Haz Facility Exp & Haz Waste Permit Renewal

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Present Land Use: Solid Waste Disposal Facility/Undeveloped Land;
 Present Zoning: A (Exclusive Agriculture);
 Present Kern County General Plan: 3.4 (Solid Waste Disposal Facility); 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture, 20 acre min).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Facility is an existing commercial waste management facility that accepts solid, semi-solid, and liquid, hazardous and non-hazardous wastes for treatment, storage, or disposal.

The proposed project includes Kern County's modification of existing land use authorizations to include an expanded permitted disposal area to facilitate the construction and operation of additional non-hazardous waste landfill units and an expanded permitted facility area

to accommodate a soil stockpiles area; an increase in non-hazardous waste truck traffic; an increase to permitted disposal capacity for additional non-hazardous waste; the construction and operation of four new waste tank treatment buildings; and construction and operation of a latex paint recycling building. In addition, the project proponent has submitted a renewal application to the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) for the existing Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

Land use authorizations for the facility were originally approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors in 1982. Modifications to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 4 were approved on December 12, 1994, November 30, 2004, July 13, 2010, and December 16, 2014 by both the Kern County Planning Commission and Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Kern County's authorization specifically includes:

1. Amendment to the Kern County General Plan of approximately 320-acres (on parcel 099-251-32) from the existing 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture, 20 min acres) land use designation to a 3.4 (Solid Waste Disposal Facility) designation;
2. Amendment to the Kern County General Plan Appendix E Map, "Petroleum Waste Management" to show the current "Clean Harbors" name and revised permitted facility boundary, with designated buffer property areas;
3. Zone change of 640 acres (parcels 099-290-17 and 099-251-32) from A (Exclusive Agriculture) to M-3 (Heavy Industrial);
4. Application for removal of both parcels (640 acres) from Agricultural Preserve No. 2; and
5. Modification of the existing CUP No.4, Map No. 97 to include:
 - a. an increase in the permitted facility boundary from 320 acres to 640 acres to include the expansion parcel for a soil stockpile area;
 - b. an increase in permitted disposal area from 160 disposal acres to 193.3 acres for the addition of non-hazardous waste landfill units (WMU 36, 37, 38) within existing facility boundary;
 - c. an increase in permitted disposal capacity from 13,250,000 cubic yards to 16,674,000 for the addition of non-hazardous waste landfill units (WMUs 36, 37, 38) within the existing facility boundary;
 - d. construction of four new hazardous waste treatment buildings (tank treatment buildings) to support modifications proposed in a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal application; and
 - e. construction of one latex paint recycling building.

The facility was granted a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit by the DTSC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in May 1983 and October 1984. The hazardous Waste Facility Permit was renewed in 1996. On April 6, 2006, the DTSC Hazardous Waste Facility Permit expired but is continued in accordance with regulatory requirements. Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC has submitted a permit renewal application to DTSC. DTSC is currently performing a technical review of the permit renewal application. The facility continues to operate in accordance with the existing Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

While the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal application does not include an increase in the hazardous waste capacity, the scope of the proposed permit includes renewed authorization for existing facilities and operations, with the following modifications:

1. Reclassification of four existing tank units to miscellaneous units;
2. Construction and operation of four new buildings where treatment is conducted (tank treatment buildings) within the existing facility and reorganizing operations to use the new tank treatment buildings, including the construction of a new bulk container storage pad area for waste that is pending verifications; and
3. Addition of environmental monitoring programs consistent with current regulatory standards.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 28, 2024 Ending Date May 13, 2024

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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.