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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

**Subject: SCH No. 2020080465** –Notice of Preparation for the Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions

Dear Ms. Cormier:

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

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Yolo County Department of Community Services, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) for preparing an Environment Impact Report (EIR) 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 YCCL is a municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill located in unincorporated Yolo County about four miles northeast of Davis, and three miles southeast of Woodland, near the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104. The YCCL is owned by Yolo County and operated by the County's Department of Community Services, Division of Integrated Waste Management (DIWM); it has been in operation since 1975. The landfill is open seven days per week, accepting non-hazardous MSW from both incorporated and unincorporated areas of Yolo County. YCCL is permitted to accept up to 1,800 tons per day of waste.

The site covers 725 acres, 473 of the acres are permitted for disposal of MSW and an area for Class II surface impoundments for holding liquid wastes. The site also includes one existing composting facility and one under development, a construction, demolition and inert debris (CDI) recycling facility, areas for metal, wood, and inert material (concrete, rock, etc.) recovery and recycling, and a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility.

The proposed changes that will be evaluated in the EIR include: an increase in daily permitted tonnage, a biomass gasification facility, a wood pellet facility, a large scale

floating solar project & small-scale roof and parking lot solar panels, waste gasification, expanded biogas utilization, a new class 2 surface impoundment, an organic waste fertilizer facility, a storm water treatment system and discharge, an additional groundwater pumping with possible treatment and discharge, a transfer station, and a non-specific future borrow site.

## **COMMENTS**

When preparing the EIR, please make an effort to use terminology that is consistent with definitions in the applicable sections of the California Code of Regulations, Titles 14 and 27, respectively.

### **Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight**

The County of Yolo, Environmental Health Division, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), and CalRecycle are responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including permitting and inspections.

A change to the disposal facility design or operation such as an increase in permitted tons per operating day and the addition of new solid waste handling activities are considered significant changes and will require a revision to the solid waste facilities permit. Prior to implementation of such a changes, the operator shall submit an application package for a solid waste facilities permit revision pursuant to 27 CCR, section 21570 which shall be processed by the Local Enforcement Agency pursuant to 27 CCR, section 21650.

Please contact the LEA, Suzie Dawley, at 530.666.8591 or by email at [Suzie.dawley@yolocounty.org](mailto:Suzie.dawley@yolocounty.org) to discuss the regulatory requirements for the proposed project.

## **CONCLUSION**

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental document and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency preparing the EIR and in carrying out their responsibilities in the CEQA process. Staff also thanks the Lead Agency for making the public scoping meeting available online.

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

If the environmental document is certified during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6066 or by e-mail at [Alyssa.Williams@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Williams@calrecycle.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,

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