

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

### Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk  
Room 105, Courthouse  
221 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93291

<p>FILED TULARE COUNTY</p> <p>SEP 27 2022</p> <p>ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p>
<p>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</p>

**Lead Agency:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 624-7000  
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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Solid Waste  
5955 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 624-7195

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

**Project Title:** Visalia Landfill and Compost Facility Project (previously named Visalia Landfill – Compost and Biomass Conversion Facility Project)

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021020054

**Contact Person:** Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner **Telephone Number:** 559-624-7121

**Project Location:** The Project site is located within the existing Visalia Landfill boundaries at 8614 Avenue 328, Visalia, CA 93291 (County APNs 070-020-030). The existing Visalia Disposal Site (Landfill) is located approximately one mile north of the City of Visalia, at the northeast intersection of Avenue 328 and Road 80. The site lies within the Traver USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle and within Sections 4, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, MDB&M.

**Project Description:** The County of Tulare is proposing the Visalia Disposal Site and Compost Facility Project. The Project would develop and operate a covered aerated static pile (CASP) compost facility and add a 2.0 mega-watt biomass conversion facility to produce electricity, heat and biochar using wood fuel. The intent of the Project is to comply with the upcoming SB 1383 regulations. Of the 634-acre Visalia Disposal Site, the borrow pit area will encompass approximately 36 acres of total area; the compost facility will operate on a compost pad of 24 acres (approximately 20 feet below grade); while the biomass conversion component will encompass approximately 2.5 acres east of the compost facility. The compost facility will be designed to accept up to 200,000 tons per year (TPY) in increments of 50,000 TPY technology modules and store up to 200,000 cubic yards of organic material on-site that would have otherwise been landfilled. The compost facility will include installation of processing and composting equipment, a 50,000 square foot processing building, compacted compost pads, and a lined pond.

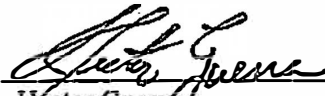
The proposed 2.0 mega-watt (MW) biomass conversion facility will produce electricity, heat and biochar using wood waste as fuel. The facility will utilize approximately 18,000 bone dry tons (BDT) of wood chips per year or 25,000 TPY of wet recovered wood waste.


The compost facility will typically operate as the same gate hours of operations for receiving waste material at the landfill, which is currently Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. covered aerated static pile processing has fans and blowers running 24 hours per day, 7 days per week so the processing hours will be 24 hours. The biomass conversion facility will run 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on September 27, 2022, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
- 2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation Measures [ were  were not] made a condition of approval of this project.
- 4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at: Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

Signature:  Date: 09/27/22 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 9/27/22 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
- EIR
- MND
- ND
- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid
- Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_