

## 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>MAR 31 2023</p> <p>ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p>
DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

**Lead Agency:** Tulare County Resource Management Agency  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277  
(559) 624-7000  
Attn: [hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:hguerra@tularecounty.ca.gov) and [jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:jwillis@tularecounty.ca.gov)

**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:** Addendum to Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site - Compost and Biomass Conversion Facility

**State Clearinghouse Number:** Addendum to SCH No. 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 proposed Project consists of an amendment to the Visalia Disposal Site (Visalia Landfill or Landfill) – Compost and Biomass Conversion Facility Project. The Addendum will address two proposed updates to the County's current landfill permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The Landfill is currently allowed to receive up to 2,000 tpd of solid waste and 900 vehicles per day. It is the County's desire to increase its overall daily solid waste tonnage and daily vehicle limit to avoid violating its current permit from exceeding both daily tonnage and vehicle limits. As such, the County is proposing to:

- Increase the Landfill's total daily permitted tonnage of solid waste by 1,000 tpd to 3,000 tpd. The County proposes to increase its total daily landfill tonnage by diverting 1,000 tpd of daily organic waste material to be used for composting and biogas production; and maintaining its 2,000 tpd of solid waste toward landfilling. It is anticipated that the composting operation would reach its planned maximum of 200,000 TPY over the course of 13 years and would be constructed in four phases of 50,000 TPY; and
- Increase the Landfill's daily permitted vehicles trips by 300 vehicles/day to 1,200 vehicles/day. The County's current permit allows a daily limit of 900 vehicles/day; however, it currently averages approximately 600 vehicles/day. Allowing the 300 vehicles/day would provide a comfortable margin from its current limit of 900 vehicles/day. The increase of 300 vehicles/day would be incremental over a 13-year period to coincide with full build-out of the composting/biogas production.


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

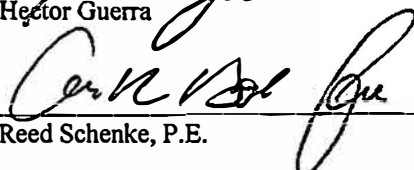
blowers running 24 hours per day, 7 days per week so the processing hours will be 24 hours. The biomass conversion facility will run 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on N/A, 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: 03/30/23 Title: Chief Environmental Planner  
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 3.30.23 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer  
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required

EIR (Addendum)

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Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Not Required – Fees Paid

Receipt Number: 22-54-09272022-245

Cc: California. Dept. of Fish & Game, 1416 Ninth St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.