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**SCH #2021020054**

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**Project Title:** Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site and Biogas and Compost Facility - Landfilling Operations

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency Contact: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner  
Mailing Address: 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Phone: 559-624-7199  
City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

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**Project Location:** County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Visalia

Cross Streets: 8614 Avenue 328 (at the northeast corner of Avenue 328 and Road 80) Zip Code: 93291  
Assessor's Parcel No: 077-020-018, -021, 024-, -026, and -030 Total Acres: 634  
Latitude/Longitude: 36 ° 23 ' 10.64 " N / 119 ° 22 ' 13 " W Section: 4, 5 Township: 18 S Range: 24 E Base: MDBM  
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: St. John's River  
Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) 2021020054  Draft EIS  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Pre-zone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Dev.  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Sub.)  Other Acquire State Permits

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**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW  
 Industrial: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: Landfilling & Composting – 1,000 tons/day increase  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

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**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  
 Archaeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducing  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid/Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Transportation/Traffic/Circulation  Other: Energy  
 Other: Tribal Cultural Res.  Other: Greenhouse Gases  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** Existing Landfill / Exclusive Agriculture (AE-40) / Agriculture

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**Project Description:** See Attached  
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**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X." If the document has already been sent to the agency, denote that with an "s."

- Air Resources Board
- Boating & Waterways, Department of
- California Highway Patrol 480 Visalia Office
- Caltrans District # 6
- Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
- Caltrans Planning
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy
- Coastal Commission
- Colorado River Board
- Conservation, Department of
- Corrections, Department of
- Delta Protection Commission
- Education, Department of
- Energy Commission
- Fish & Wildlife Region # 4
- Food & Agriculture, Department of
- Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of
- General Services, Department of
- Health Care Services, Department of
- Housing & Community Development
- Integrated Waste Management Board
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Other: Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner
- Other: Tulare County Association of Governments
- Other: Tulare County Farm Bureau
- Other: Tulare County Fire Warden
- Other: Tulare County HHSA – Environmental Health
- Other: Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission
- Office of Emergency Services
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Office of Public School Construction
- Parks & Recreation, Department of
- Pesticide Regulation, Department of
- Public Health, Department of
- Public Utilities Commission
- Regional WQCB # 5F
- Resources Agency
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- Water Resources, Department of
- Other: U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command
- Other: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Other: City of Visalia
- Other: Tulare County Office of Emergency Services
- Other: Tulare County Resource Conservation District
- Other: Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW)
- Other: Tulare County Sheriff's Office
- Other: Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

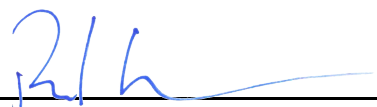
**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date: December 29, 2023 Ending Date: February 12, 2024

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: Tulare County c/o Solid Waste  
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 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: Visalia, CA 93277  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (559) 624-7195  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:**  **Date:** 12/20/2023  
 Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:**  **Date:** 12/21/2023  
 Reed Schenke, Director/Environmental Assessment Officer

This Draft Focused Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) is tiering off the adopted/certified EIR (SCH No. 2021020054) for the Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site Compost and Biogas Compost - Facility project. The SEIR will address two proposed updates to the County's current landfill permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to avoid the County's risk of violating its current permit by exceeding its daily tonnage limit.

Tulare County intends to develop and operate a covered aerated static pile (CASP) compost facility within the Visalia Landfill property to comply with the upcoming SB 1383 regulations. The compost facility will occupy 36 acres of the 634-acre Landfill site. 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 can store up to 200,000 cubic yards on-site of organic material that would have otherwise been landfilled. The compost facility would include installing processing and composting equipment, a 50,000 square foot processing building, compacted compost pads, and a lined pond. To accommodate the transport of organic material for the compost and biogas component at the Landfill, it is anticipated that a maximum of 300 vehicles (haul trucks) would be required. Increases in haul trucks would be incremental over an approximately 13-year period when the compost and biogas component reach maximum operations.

The proposed Project is intended to maintain the current maximum permitted volume of solid waste (2,000 TPD) and increase total daily vehicles by 300 vehicles (to haul in organic material) for the compost/biogas component of the Landfill. To summarize, the Project consists of two updates to the existing Landfill operational permits: 1) increase the Landfill's total permitted tonnage to 3,000 tons per day (tpd), by directing 2,000 tpd to the landfilling operation and the remaining 1,000 tpd to the composting operation; and increase the Landfill's total permitted haul trucks from 900 to 1,200 trucks per day to accommodate the additional 1,000 tpd.