

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) notification is hereby given to responsible agencies, trustee agencies and the public that the Butte County Department of Public Works proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the **Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility Composting Project**.

Project: Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility Composting Project

Notice Date: March 5, 2021

Location: The proposed project would be within the existing Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility at 1023 Neal Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 040-600-082) in unincorporated Butte County near the Town of Paradise, southeast of the City of Chico and east of the census-designated place of Durham. The facility is 1.2 miles east of the intersection of State Route 99 and Neal Road.

Project Description: Butte County Department of Public Works is proposing to construct a covered aerated static pile (CASP) composting facility within the existing Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) located at 1023 Neal Road in unincorporated Butte County. The CASP is a composting system equipped with an oxygen controlled, positively aerated system and an oxygen and temperature monitoring device. At full buildout, the CASP would have a feedstock throughput of approximately 40,000 tons of organic waste per year and would produce approximately 40,000 cubic yards of compost per year. The County has been awarded a grant by CalRecycle to assist with the construction of the CASP and the County anticipates that the CASP would be constructed during the third quarter of 2021.

Public Review: The ND and reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment starting March 5, 2021 through April 5, 2021, at the Butte County Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. The ND is also available for review on the County website at:

<http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/Planning/CEQA.aspx>.

The ND will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. Written comments on the ND for the proposed project must be received no later than March 30, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Send comments by mail to:

Butte County
Department of Public Works
7 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965
Attention: Eric Miller

Comments may also be sent by email to emiller@buttecounty.net (please include the name of the project in the subject heading).