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**Subject: SCH No. 2021060489** – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colton Sanitary Landfill Final Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan – San Bernardino County (SWIS No. 36-AA-0051)

Dear Mr. Egle:

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**

San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) 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 proposed project, Colton Sanitary Landfill (CSL), is located within the city of Colton, approximately 1.5 miles south of Interstate 10 and less than one mile northwest of Interstate 215. The landfill is bounded by the Santa Ana River to the north and west and the La Loma Hills to the south and east. The facility occupies approximately 113 acres and the permitted disposal footprint covers an area of approximately 88 acres. The refuse footprint includes lands owned by the County of San Bernardino Department of Transportation and Flood Control. The landfill began operation in 1964 and ceased accepting waste on December 31, 2014.

The Lead Agency is seeking approval of a Final Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan for the CSL. The components and systems required for closure of the CSL include: final grading plan, final cover design, drainage and erosion control systems, landfill gas monitoring system, groundwater monitoring system, site security, and structure removal.

**COMMENTS**

Closure is the process during which a landfill or disposal site, or a portion thereof, is no longer receiving waste and is being prepared for post-closure maintenance according to an approved

plan and construction schedule. For additional information and resources regarding the closure and post-closure process and requirements under Title 27 CCR, please visit CalRecycle's webpage: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/swfacilities/closure>.

CalRecycle is responsible for ensuring that operators of solid waste disposal facilities demonstrate adequate financial assurances for costs of closure and post-closure maintenance, known or reasonably foreseeable corrective action, and operating liability. The Financial Assurances Unit of CalRecycle reviewed the financial assurances demonstrations on May 5, 2021, and the financial assurances demonstrations were in compliance with the requirements of Title 27 at the time. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division (operator) must ensure the financial assurances demonstrations remain in compliance.

### **Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight**

The San Bernardino County Division of Environmental Health Services is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and is responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including permitting and inspections during current operations and future closure activities. Please contact the LEA, Kimberly Tra, at 800.442.2283 or by email at [Kimberly.Tra@dph.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Tra@dph.sbcounty.gov) to discuss the regulatory requirements and procedures for the proposed project.

### **CONCLUSION**

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft MND and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency in carrying out their responsibilities in the CEQA process.

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 adopted during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing. If the document is adopted without a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notification of the date of the proposed project being adopted by the decision-making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6363 or by e-mail at [Megan.Emslander@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Megan.Emslander@calrecycle.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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