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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COLTON SANITARY LANDFILL FINAL CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE PLAN PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA guidelines, the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the proposed Final Closure/Post Closure Maintenance Plan (FCPCMP) for the Colton Sanitary Landfill (CSL) located approximately 1.5 miles south of Interstate 10 and less than one-mile northwest of Interstate 215, Colton, CA, San Bernardino County.

The Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) is pursuing approval of a revised FCPMP for the CSL from applicable regulatory agencies. A plan was approved by CalRecycle in February 2016, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (SARWQCB) in July 2015, and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) in March 2015. The plan included an Evapotranspiration (ET) final cover system utilizing belt-press soil imported from the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill. Belt press soil is a byproduct of the Robertson's Ready Mix Plant operations for aggregate recovery located at the Mid-Valley Sanitary Landfill. The design included a 3-foot thick ET cover placed over a 1-foot interim cover soil to meet the applicable regulatory standards prescribed in 27 CCR, Chapters 3 and 4 and 40 CFR, Subpart F. Due to the lack of available belt-press material, cost of blending, and cost of importation, SWMD requested concurrence from the SARWQCB to use a Linear Low-Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) geomembrane with Closure Turf as an alternative to the approved final cover system. The proposed final contours of the site, which provide the vertical grading limits of the landfill, will be modified to maintain bench and top deck drainage prior to placing the final cover system. The components and systems required for closure of the CSL include: the final grading plan, final cover design, drainage and erosion control systems, landfill gas monitoring system, groundwater monitoring system, site security, and structure removal.

The 30-day public comment period for the MND begins on June 24, 2021 and closes on July 24, 2021. The document is available for review at the County of San Bernardino Public Works Department, or on the website: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/Home.aspx>.

Please submit comments by 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2021 to:

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Comments may be made on the MND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider the MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document at a public hearing.

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