

**VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To: Office of Planning & Research**  
State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From: Victor Valley Wastewater  
Reclamation Authority**  
20111 Shay Road  
Victorville, CA 2394

and

San Bernardino County  
**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**Project Title:** AMERICAN ORGANICS VICTOR VALLEY REGIONAL COMPOSTING  
FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT

**SCH Number:** To be assigned

**Project Location:** The Victor Valley Regional Composting Facility (Facility) is located at the northern terminus of Shay Road in the City of Victorville at 20055 Shay Road, Victorville, CA 92394. The proposed area for expansion is located just north of the 28.8-acre area in which the Facility currently operates. The project will also include grading the area just north and west of the Facility across the street on Shay Road. The cadastral location is Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 5 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The site can be viewed on the USGS – Victorville Quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series topographic map.

**Project Description:** The Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VWRA) is responsible for the regional collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater in Victor Valley. VWRA leases land adjacent to their wastewater treatment facility along Shay Road to American Organics for operation of their Victor Valley Regional Compost Facility (VVRFCF). American Organics is proposing to expand their existing VVRFCF to enable further storage and processing of composted materials.

The proposed project will expand the VVRFCF operated by American Organics on VWRA owned land from 28.8 acres to encompass an area of 49.9 acres that will include two new operations areas that are contiguous or adjacent to the existing VVRFCF operations. The Project proposes to expand the existing area in which the VVRFCF operates to the north and west by utilizing the adjacent parcel to create a larger contiguous lot within which to operate. The proposed Expansion Project would not require any additional infrastructure in support of the expanded area of operation. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional area within which to accommodate operation of the VVRFCF as new features that were completed as part of the VVRFCF Modification Project have reduced the amount of available area in which to process/blend composted materials and store finished products.

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**Project Sponsor(s):** American Organics

- The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- The Initial Study identified potentially significant effects but:
  - (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposal made or agreed to by the applicant before this proposed Negative Declaration was released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and,
  - (2) There is no substantial evidence before the agency that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the VVWRA based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at:

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority  
20111 Shay Road  
Victorville, CA 92394  
Mr. Darron Poulsen  
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The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins June 30, 2021 and ends on July 29, 2021 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to Mr. Darron Poulsen at the address listed above no later than July 29, 2021 by 5:00 PM.

	<b>GENERAL MANAGER</b>	<b>6/24/21</b>
Signature	Title	Date

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Date received for filing and posting

- Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- OPR