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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: SCH No. 2022010281 – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration – South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRSTS) Commingled Recyclables, White Goods and Mattress Cover Structures, Facility No. 42-AA-0014 – Santa Barbara County

Dear Joddi Leiner:

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

Santa Barbara County Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Notice of Completion (NOC) of 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 South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRSTS) Commingled Recyclables, White Goods and Mattress Cover Structures project (project) is located at 4430 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan area. The SCRSTS site is located at the north end of County Road on the north side of U.S. Highway 101. Calle Real extends along the north side of U.S. Highway 101 and provides access to County Road and the project site. The site has a permitted area of approximately 8.3 acres and is part of a larger 143.48-acre publicly owned parcel. The site is zoned for Recreation (REC) and the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Designation for the site is Institution/Government Facility. Surrounding land uses include county facilities to the south, riding stables to the southeast, and residential to the north, east, and west.

The proposed project would include construction of three cover structures for comingled recyclables, white goods, and mattresses. The structures would be comprised of energy-efficient industrial strength fabric with a rigid frame made of galvanized steel and would cover footprints of 7,500 Square Feet (sf; for the recyclables), 750 sf (for the white goods) and 700 sf (for the mattresses). The intent of the structures are to maximize the amount of materials recovered and recycled by protecting them from wind and rain. The cover would also be beneficial to water quality by minimizing storm water contact with stockpiled material. No change to the permitted capacity or operation of the SCRTS would occur due to this project.

COMMENTS

CalRecycle staff's comments on the proposed project are listed below. Where a specific location in the document is noted for the comment, please ensure the comment is addressed throughout all sections of the Draft MND, in addition to the specific location noted. Comments on the Draft MND are summarized below:

Page 2, Section 1.0 REQUEST/PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Construction – The second paragraph states that construction would be limited to weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. However, mitigation measure NOISE-1, shown on page 29 states that construction activity shall occur between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. These times should match to avoid confusion.

Page 36, Section 6.0 PROJECT SPECIFIC AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT SUMMARY – This section lists the issue areas where project-specific impacts are less than significant. Land Use should have been listed here, since all aspects were determined to have no impact or less than significant impact.

Page 36, Section 6.0 PROJECT SPECIFIC AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT SUMMARY – This section lists the issue areas where the project would result in no impacts. Energy was listed here, but had impacts marked that were insignificant.

Page 39, Section 9.0 RECOMMENDATION BY RRWMD STAFF – This section states that staff recommends the preparation of a Negative Declaration (ND), but since mitigation measures are necessary, this should be a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

A copy of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) should be attached to the Final MND.

Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for Santa Barbara County and responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including permitting and inspections. Please contact the LEA, Norma Campos Bernal at 805-681-4942 or Norma.CamposBernal@sbcphd.org to discuss the regulatory requirements for the proposed project.

CONCLUSION

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental document and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency preparing the Final MND and 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 adoption and proposed project approval by the decision-making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.324.0393 or by e-mail at gina.weber@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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