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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE PROPOSED
TAJIGUAS LANDFILL CAPACITY INCREASE PROJECT**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) proposes to construct a limited capacity increase project (14.25 acres/6.1 million cubic yards) to extend the service life of the Tajiguas Landfill and reduce the rate-payer burden associated with paying debt service on the ReSource Center concurrently with off-site transport and disposal of residual and bypass waste. The extension of life was expected to be provided by diversion associated with operation of the Resource Center; however, based on numerous factors, the Landfill is currently projected to reach its' currently permitted capacity in 2026. RRWMD is proposing to increase the current Landfill capacity to accommodate projected waste burial needs through approximately December 2038.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at the Tajiguas Landfill, approximately 26 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara, commonly known as 14470 Calle Real, APNs 081-150-026, -019 and -042 in the Gaviota Coast area, 3rd Supervisorial District.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: RRWMD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in 23EIR-00001. You may comment by providing testimony in person or via Zoom during the public hearing on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m., at the Tajiguas Landfill ReSource Center Education Room located at 14470 Calle Real, Goleta CA, 93117** and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5 p.m. To register for in-person attendance at the meeting, or to participate remotely through Zoom, please go to <https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>.

PROJECT DETAILS: The Tajiguas Landfill property comprises 497 acres, a permitted operational area of 357 acres, a permitted waste disposal footprint of 118 acres, and a permitted disposal capacity of 23.3 million cubic yards (mcy) (Solid Waste Facility Permit SWFP No. 42-AA-0015). The Capacity Increase Project involves a new approximate 14.25-acre Phase IV waste fill area to provide approximately 6.1 million cubic yards of additional airspace for burial of solid waste not suitable for recycling. The proposed project would increase the permitted height from 620 feet above mean sea level to 650 feet above mean sea level, disposal area footprint from 118 acres to 132.25 acres, and design capacity of the Landfill from 23.3 million cubic yards to 29.4 million cubic yards to extend the estimated closure year to approximately December 2038. No changes to other Landfill operations or staffing would occur; however, the project includes a proposed change from the existing daily waste receipt limit of 1,500 tons per day to a working week limit of 9,000 tons. No changes to the ReSource Center facilities or operations are proposed. Relocation of some ReSource Center supporting infrastructure (e.g., electrical transmission lines, stormwater pipelines)

would be required to eliminate conflicts with the proposed Phase IV waste fill area. Some changes to the Landfill's storm water management system (e.g., north sedimentation basin) would also be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: RRWMD has prepared a Draft Subsequent EIR (23EIR-00001, SCH#2023030563) to the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR [01-EIR-05, SCH#98041003], the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Subsequent EIR (08EIR-00000-00007, SCH#2008021052) and Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project Subsequent EIR (12EIR-00000-00002, SCH#2012041068) pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. RRWMD has prepared a Subsequent EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The Subsequent EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. **Significant and unavoidable effects on the environment are anticipated from implementation of the project in the following areas: air quality (greenhouse gas emissions) and biological resources (Crotch's bumblebee). Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated from implementation of the project in the following areas: biological resources, hazards/hazardous materials, cultural resources, noise and land use. The project would extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill, and thereby extend previously disclosed significant and unavoidable visual resources and biological impacts, and significant but mitigable biological resources, hazardous materials, nuisance and cultural resource impacts.** If the project description changes, RRWMD will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the Draft Subsequent EIR is not attached, the Draft Subsequent EIR may be obtained and all documents referenced in the Subsequent EIR may be reviewed at RRWMD at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 AND on our website at: <https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Goleta Branch Library, 500 N Fairview Ave, Goleta, CA 93117 and Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E Anapamu, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project environmental planner, Joddi Leipner, by email at Jleipner@countyofsb.org or to 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100 Santa Barbara, CA 93101, PHONE 805-882-3614 prior to the close of public comment on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing (in person or via Zoom) on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. Please check the Public Works website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents> for information regarding the dates of future public hearings before the Board of Supervisors to consider the project, which is estimated in winter 2024.