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Subject: SCH No. 2023040173 – Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for H Cycle Pittsburg Renewable Hydrogen Project – City of Pittsburg

Dear Alison Hodgkin,

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff have the following comments on the subject Notice of Preparation.

Project Description

The project as described involves the conversion of solid waste. As such, the project may meet the definition of transformation per PRC Section 40201. As a transformation facility, the activity will be regulated under a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) issued by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the City of Pittsburg and will be required to be described in a Countywide Siting Element, approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721(a).

Alternatively, the project may meet the definition of Engineered municipal solid waste (EMSW) conversion in accordance with PRC Section 40131.2. As an EMSW conversion facility, the activity would be regulated under a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) issued by the LEA and would be required to be described in a Siting Element, approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721(b).

The City of Pittsburg, Environmental Affairs Division, is the Local Enforcement Agency and is responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including inspections. Please contact Zuna Barker, the LEA, at 925-252-4129 to discuss the regulatory requirements for the proposed project.

The solid waste facilities permit process requires CalRecycle to concur on the issuance of the proposed permit. This is a discretionary action and therefore requires CalRecycle to comply with CEQA requirements as a Responsible Agency.

CalRecycle staff request 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 request 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 916.341.6119 or by e-mail at Harprit.Mattu@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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