

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) notification is hereby given to responsible agencies, trustee agencies and the public that the Butte County Department of Public Works proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the **Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility Transloading Facility Project**.

Project: NRRWF Transloading Facility Project

Notice Date: September 22, 2023

Location: The proposed project would be within the existing Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility at 1023 Neal Road, Paradise, California, in unincorporated Butte County (Assessor's Parcel Number 040-600-082). The project is approximately 4 miles southeast of the City of Chico and east of the census-designated place of Durham off of State Route 99.

Project Description: Butte County Department of Public Works is proposing to construct an organic waste transloading facility that will assist with the loading of organic waste into transfer trucks at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) that will be subsequently transported to an off-site composting facility. The organic waste transloading area will be located on Waste Module 4 of the NRRWF. The transloading operation will be on the compacted intermediate cover of the lined waste module. In addition, a three-sided concrete block push wall would be located nearby where organic waste would be temporarily stored until it is loaded into the transfer trailer using a grapple. The proposed project is in response to Senate Bill (SB) 1383, which requires 50 percent reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent organic waste reduction by 2025.

Public Review: The ND and reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment starting September 22 through October 23, 2023, at the Butte County Public Works Department, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. The ND is also available for review on the County website at:

<https://www.buttecounty.net/363/Environmental-Review-Documents>

The ND will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. Written comments on the ND for the proposed project must be received no later than October 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Send comments by mail to:

Butte County
Department of Public Works
7 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965
Attention: Eric Miller

Comments may also be sent by email to emiller@buttecounty.net