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### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION SAN TIMOTEO SANITARY LANDFILL STOCKPILE 3 PROJECT REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA**

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works (DPW) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a proposal to stockpile earthen material excavated onsite at the San Timoteo Sanitary Landfill (STSL), located in Redlands, California. This IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with CEQA to identify and assess the potential environmental impacts from the stockpiling of earthen material removed from the excavation of the Phase 5 area associated with Unit 2 of the STSL.

In order to use Phase 5 for future landfilling of refuse, approximately 2,620,000 cubic yards of earthen material must be excavated and would be stockpiled for future use as cover. The earthen material is proposed to be stockpiled in an area that would expand the area of disturbance associated with the landfill although the stockpile would be within the current landfill property limits. Please refer to the location map contained within the environmental document for reference. Equipment used to excavate earthen materials and create the stockpile would be staged onsite adjacent to the work area when not in use. The upper level of the stockpile would be at the level of the landfill access road and could also be used to stage equipment.

The STSL is an existing regional Class III landfill operating on a 366-acre site located within the southwest corner of the City of Redlands in San Bernardino County. The landfill is located at 31 Refuse Road, south of San Timoteo Canyon Road with the scale facilities located just inside the entrance gate. The STSL accepts only Class III non-hazardous solid waste in accordance with waste classification regulations in California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 27.

The Draft IS/MND details the proposed project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the operation and maintenance of the proposed project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which avoid, minimize, or mitigate these impacts. As provided for by CEQA Section 21064.5, an IS/MND may be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when the project will not result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level below significance.

The DPW has identified that the Stockpile 3 Project at the STSL meets the CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 definition of a Project. To be a Project, it must require a Discretionary Action by a public agency (i.e., CEQA Lead Agency). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 defines a "Project" as the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

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The draft IS/MND is available for public review on the DPW project website: <https://dpw.sbcounty.com/#notices>; additionally, copies of the draft IS/MND are also available at the County office listed below.

In accordance with CEQA, a good faith effort has been made during the preparation of this draft IS/MND to contact affected agencies, organizations, and individuals who may have an interest in this project. In reviewing the IS/MND, affected public agencies and the interested public should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects on the project area are proposed to be avoided or mitigated.

Comments may be made on the draft IS/MND in writing before the end of the comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, the County Board of Supervisors will consider this IS/MND and comments thereto in determining whether to certify the environmental document. Written comments on the draft IS/MND should be sent to the following address no later than **December 26, 2023**. E-mail is preferred if possible.

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San Bernardino County's Board of Supervisors will consider this document for approval and certification during a future public hearing.