

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Inyo County CEQA Procedures, and are available for public review:

Purchase of Three Parcels from the City of Los Angeles by Inyo County, Without Water Rights, for Continued Operation of Bishop-Sunland, Independence, and Lone Pine Landfills

The County has been operating three (3) existing landfills near the communities of Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine for over 5 years, to provide essential waste disposal services to its citizens. For the County to continue to use and operate the landfill properties for solid waste disposal purposes in accordance with permit requirements, and in compliance with current laws and regulations regarding landfills in California, the County must acquire the properties on which the waste disposal facilities are located. The County does not intend to change the general use of the properties at issue from their existing uses. However, those operations may be changed as required to comply with current regulatory requirements set forth by Public Resources Code, Division 30; California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14; CCR Title 27; Solid Waste Facility Permits issued by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle); Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB); and other applicable local, State, and Federal regulations, as well as other reasonably foreseeable changes flowing from the change in ownership of the properties. The proposed purchase would not include water rights, but would include a water exchange for continued use of an existing supply well (Bishop-Sunland) and easements for extension of town waterlines for landfill operational uses (Independence and Lone Pine).

The 30-day review period for this Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on June 1, 2024 and expires on July 1, 2024. During this period comments may be submitted regarding the Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Written comments and all questions should be addressed Rebecca Graves, Operations Analyst at P.O. Drawer "N," Independence, CA 93526, or emailed to Rebecca.Graves@inyocounty.us.

Copies of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Administrators Office (224 N. Edwards Street, Independence) and the Inyo County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Services website: <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/county-administrators-office/landfill-acquisitions>.