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RE: Amendment to CUP No. 733 -
Universal Waste Systems, Inc.,
Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer
Station – Mitigated Negative Declaration
(MND)
SCH #2024070048
GTS #07-LA-2024-04568
LA-605 PM 11.29

Dear Alejandro De Loera,

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is a request by Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS), to obtain an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 733 to increase the processing capacity of the existing Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS) facility from the current 1,500 tons per day (TPD) to 2,500 TPD. A Parking Modification is also being requested by the Applicant. The parking layout would change, and the number of spaces would decrease from 104 parking stalls to 54 stalls. This modification is due to a portion of the adjacent railroad right-of-way being leased in late 2017, making the facility operator revise onsite circulation patterns which rendered some parking spaces unusable. A total of 54 parking spaces will also be provided, a reduction from the previous CUP approval of 104 parking spaces.

After reviewing the MND, Caltrans has the following comments:

Caltrans concurs with the Project's objective for creating more "infill" development, which is seen as an important strategy in combating the release of GHG emissions. Infill development provides a regional benefit in terms of a reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). In addition to promoting transportation-efficient land use patterns, infill

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development reduces the number of single-passenger vehicle trips and alleviates congestion on roadways.

Any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that requires the use of oversized transport vehicles on State Highways will require a Caltrans transportation permit. Caltrans recommends limiting construction traffic to off-peak periods to minimize the potential impact on State facilities. If construction traffic is expected to cause issues on any State facilities, please submit a construction traffic control plan detailing these issues for Caltrans' review. We look forward to the coordination of our efforts to ensure potential impacts to the highway facilities and traveling public are discussed and addressed before work begins.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Frances Duong, at frances.duong@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS #07-LA-2024-04568.

Sincerely,



Anthony Higgins

Acting LDR/CEQA Branch Chief

Cc: State Clearinghouse