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WOODVILLE LANDFILL EXPANSION
SCH # 2018121007
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. Hector Guerra
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Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Dear Mr. Guerra:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Traffic Impact Study (TIS) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Woodville Landfill Expansion. The project proposes to expand the existing 160-acre Woodville landfill, to approximately 400-acres and increase the life of the Project site for the next 55 years until 2074. The Project is designed to meet the increased need for solid waste disposal in the Tulare County for the next 55 years. The Project site is located at 19800 Road 152, Tulare, CA 93274, approximately 3.5 miles south of State Route (SR) 137, 7 miles north of SR 190, and approximately 8 miles east of SR 99.

Caltrans provides the *following comments* consistent with the State's smart mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and sustainable communities:

1. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) dated August 2019, was completed and included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The TIS states that the *existing* site operations generate approximately 350 vehicles per day, although the site is permitted for 489 vehicles per day.
2. Table 2-2 of the TIS shows that the 95th percentile queues for existing conditions of the northbound left lane, eastbound right lane, and westbound left lane of the SR 137 and SR 63 intersection, exceed the existing storage length. Although, Table 3-3 of the TIS shows that the project would not exacerbate the queues at the SR 137 intersections with SR 63, Road 140, and Road 152.
3. The DEIR states that amount of daily solid waste received, and number of vehicles entering/exiting will not increase or decrease with the Project expansion. The Project is expected to generate 490 trips per day (a trip is defined as a two-way trip).

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4. The DEIR indicates the Project will have an estimated average of 12,250 vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The estimated VMT is derived from the trip length from the project site to the Visalia Landfill and has been assumed to be 25 miles per trip. The project's VMT would result in contribution of approximately 0.1150% of all daily VMT in Tulare County, based on the averaged 10,650,825 daily VMT in all Tulare County. Also, the project's VMT would result in contribution of approximately 0.3918% of daily heavy-duty truck VMT in Tulare County, based on the averaged 3,127,189 daily heavy-duty truck VMT in all Tulare County. The DEIR states that waste materials from the City of Tulare will be transported to Project's site rather than the Visalia Landfill site, effectively reducing the VMT.
5. The DEIR concludes that although operations at the Woodville site will be expanded, the project would provide an overall reduction in VMT for solid waste disposal.
6. Caltrans concurs with the conclusions of the TIS and DEIR and determined that the Project will have minimal impacts to the State Highway System, specifically SR 137.

If you have any other questions, please call me at (559) 981-1041.

Sincerely,



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