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SCH # 2018121007

Project Title: Woodville Disposal Site (Landfill) Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

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City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394

County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Woodville

Cross Streets: Avenue 200 and Road 152 Zip Code: N/A

Latitude/Longitude: 36 ° 08' 54.44" N / 119 ° 13' 57.70" W Total Acres: 400

Assessor's Parcel No: 196-030-006, -011, -012; 196-040-001, 002, -003, -004, -005, -006; 196-070-11 (196-030-014 & 196-040-029)

Section: (portion) 35 & 36 and (portion) 25 & 26, Township: 20 S, Range: 25 E, Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: _____ Waterways: Hutchinson Ditch

Airports: _____ Railways: _____

Schools: _____

- CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH#) Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Dev. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Sub.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Disposal (Landfill) Site Expansion</u> |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid/Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tribal Cultural</u> |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Existing landfill / Zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture-40 Acre Minimum) / Designated Agricultural

Project Description:

The County of Tulare Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the expansion of the existing 160-acre Woodville landfill by 240 acres. Combined, the landfill would encompass an area of approximately 400 acres. The currently unused portion of the existing landfill is vacant, unproductive land, while the proposed Project expansion area is predominantly under agriculturally productive row crops. This proposed Project is designed to anticipate and meet the demands/needs of increases in projected solid waste disposal of the County for the next 55 years.

As noted earlier, the Woodville Landfill Expansion EIR will analyze the landfill's expansion to approximately 400 total acres. Expanded operations include the following substantial modifications to the landfill:

- Expand the Woodville landfill northeast of the existing Waste Management Unit-1 (WMU-1) landfill site to two contiguous parcels of approximately 80-acres each located east of the existing landfill. The inclusion of the northeast 160 acres (formerly known as the Hanni property) will be designated as future WMU-3.
- Expand the Woodville landfill to a contiguous approximately 70-acre parcel north of the existing landfill.
- Relocate the landfill entrance scale and scale house, landfill gas flare, and operations facilities to the northernmost 70-acre parcel designated for operations.
- Include the northwest 10-acre parcel (APN 196-03-010, formerly known as the Thompson Property) for the Borrow/ Operations area, and possibly include a staff office (approximately 5,000 square feet) and composting facility (less than 50,000 cubic tons annually).
- Utilize approximately 80 unused acres of the currently permitted landfill disposal area in the southern portion of the landfill as WMU-2.
- Change operation floor from 282 feet above mean sea level (MSL) to approximately 270 feet above MSL in WMU-2 and WMU-3.
- Increase the permitted landfill capacity by approximately 14.0 million cubic yards for an overall capacity of the Woodville landfill to approximately 27.5 million cubic yards. The additional WMUs will be designated Class III landfill units and would extend the anticipated landfill closure date by 55 years (to approximately Year 2074).

The landfill would expand usage of approximately 320 acres beyond its current, active area and would extend its life for another 55 years. It is anticipated that daily tonnage received, number of vehicles entering/exiting, landfill operations equipment, water usage, ancillary uses, etc., will not increase or decrease.

In addition to the proposed Project as described above, the Project is anticipated to maintain the current days and hours of operation (that is, 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Saturdays). It would be closed New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Daily tons per day are approximately 900 tons per day (tpd) although the site is permitted for 1,078 tpd. It is possible that tpd may increase or decrease following completion of an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Daily vehicles per day (vpd) are approximately 350 vpd, although the site is permitted for 489 vpd. It is possible that vpd may increase or decrease following completion of an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Approximately 1,700 tpd are transported to the Teapot Dome and Visalia Disposal Sites (landfills) daily. Currently, approximately seventy percent (70%) is transported to Visalia (1,190 tpd) and 30% (510 tpd) is transported to Teapot Dome. Teapot Dome Landfill will be closed and the solid waste it receives would be transported to Woodville Landfill. All Tulare County landfills divert tires, metal, wood/green waste, construction and demolition (C&D) materials, and mattresses. Current regulation AB 939 requires 50% diversion of waste within the County's jurisdiction (i.e., unincorporated areas). AB 341 sets a "policy goal" of 75% diversion by 2020, but is not mandated. SB 383, which will be rolled-out in phases, targets organic waste going into landfills and will take effect on January 1, 2022. If composting is added to the operations, organic vegetative waste (e.g., wood, leaf and lawn clippings, tree trimmings, paper products, and food wastes) would be used as composting stock derived from incorporated and unincorporated areas. The public will continue to have access to Woodville Landfill (this is accounted for in the expected daily tonnage). The entrance/exit to access/egress the site will remain on Road 152, but will be relocated farther to the north than its present location. The majority of traffic would likely arrive from Avenue 192 or State Route 137. Minor traffic volumes are also anticipated to enter Road 152 from Avenues 208 and 224 (Bardsley Avenue).

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5 (attn: Doug Patteson) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of (Public School Construction) | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region #4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County RMA – Planning Branch</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County RMA – Public Works Branch</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County RMA – Flood Control</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County RMA – Fire Division</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>US Fish & Wildlife</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency -EHD</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>US Army Corps of Engineers</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Solid Waste</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>City of Porterville</u> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>City of Tulare</u> |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: April 12, 2021 Ending Date: May 26, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Tulare County Solid Waste</u>
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Visalia, CA 93227</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(559) 62-7195</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Aaron R. Bock For _____ Date: 6.18.21
 Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

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 Reed Schenke, Environmental Assessment Officer
 RMA Director