

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

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**Subject:** **APPROVAL OF THE QUINN RANCH DISPOSAL SITE,  
FACILITY NO. 29-CR-0033, NEVADA COUNTY, SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL AND CODISPOSAL SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM  
(SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TRUST FUND, FY 2011/12)**

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**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department) staff have completed an evaluation and recommend approval of the Department-managed cleanup of the Quinn Ranch Disposal Site pursuant to the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program (Program).

Time Factor: Decision required no later than July 29, 2011.

Options: The Program Manager may decide to:

1. Approve the proposed project;
2. Disapprove the project; or
3. Direct staff to provide additional information and bring the project back for future consideration.

Recommendation: Staff recommend Option 1.

**PROJECT SCOPE:**

Site Location/Description: The site is located on United States Forest Service (USFS) lands in the Tahoe National Forest and is located approximately 20 miles northeast of Nevada City off Graniteville Road approximately 3 miles west of Graniteville in Nevada County. Waste materials consisting of household garbage, tires and miscellaneous debris have been illegally dumped along an access road into drop off areas of the site. Total waste volume to be removed is estimated to be approximately 150 cubic yards.

Enforcement Actions: The Nevada County Department of Environmental Health is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the site. The LEA has been inspecting the site since August 2008. The latest inspection on November 16, 2010, noted violations for site maintenance, litter control, and site security.

Proposed Remediation Project: The Program's contractor will remove the illegally dumped solid waste and any hazardous waste to appropriate facilities. Metal debris, appliances, and tires will be separated and hauled to appropriate recycling facilities. To deter future dumping, access to the dumping areas will be restricted by berming and/or installing an access gate at the entrance to the dumping areas.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

Cost Estimate: The Department-managed project will be performed on a time-and-materials basis under the Program's Northern California remediation contract number DRR10008. The Program's contractor has conducted a site visit with Program staff and developed a work plan with a preliminary cost estimate of \$85,000, which includes a 10 percent contingency. These costs would be shared per an agreement with the USFS, with an estimated cost to the Program of \$42,500. Actual costs may vary depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to the quantities and/or types of materials encountered, market forces, the required timeframes for cleanup, and competitive bids from subcontractors.

Funding: Funding for the project will be derived from previously encumbered funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Trust Fund in the Program's Northern California remediation contract number DRR10008. The contract currently has \$1,255,100 in available funds from the Solid Waste Disposal Trust Fund and is adequately funded to complete this project.

Cost Recovery: Public Resources Code Section 48023 directs the Department to seek reimbursement for monies expended under the Program to the extent possible. To address cost recovery for Department-managed projects on USFS lands, the USFS and the Department have

adopted a Master Participating Agreement that defines agency roles and responsibilities and agrees to equally split the remediation costs. The Department provides project management and remediation contractor services and the Forest Service provides project environmental permitting and reimburses the Solid Waste Disposal Trust Fund for their share of the remediation costs.

**BACKGROUND:**

Program Eligibility: The Program addresses cleanup of solid waste disposal and codisposal sites where the responsible party either cannot be identified or is unable or unwilling to pay for a timely remediation and where cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety or the environment. Cleanup projects are implemented through Department-managed contracts, grants, and loans. Staff uses adopted regulations and policies in determining site eligibility. Unless otherwise noted, actions proposed for this project are specifically eligible pursuant to the regulations.

Site Prioritization: The site is rated as an environment priority of A2. Priority A2 is a suspected condition of pollution or nuisance from solid waste based on comparison with state minimum standards with significant residential, industrial, park, recreation, or environmentally sensitive areas within one mile of the site. In addition, other factors used in making the site a priority for the Program include the ability of the Department to remediate the site with available funds, and the amount of in-kind services and funds from the Forest Service.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Program staff has reviewed the proposed project and determined that it is categorically exempt per the Class 8 exemption (14 CCR §15308: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). Compliance with CEQA requirements will be made with a Notice of Exemption filed by the Program staff.

Support: Cleanup assistance was requested from the USFS, who is working cooperatively with the LEA.

Opposition: Staff has not received any written opposition at the time this document was submitted for approval.

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**FINDINGS:**

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action, the Department hereby approves this project under the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Program.

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In addition, the Department directs staff to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the State Clearinghouse.



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