



June 29, 2016

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SUBJECT: Emergency Waiver of Standards – Kern Valley Recycling & Transfer Station, SWFP #15-AA-0314

The Kern County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution on June 28, 2016 declaring a local State of Emergency in response to the Erskine Fire. Please consider this a formal request by the Kern County Public Works Department (KCPWD), operator of the Kern Valley Recycling & Transfer Station (RTS), to institute the emergency regulations as cited in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). This request is in response to the need to provide additional solid waste services to the public and Erskine Fire victims. Specific information required by Title 14 CCR is as follows:

1. A listing of the existing solid waste facilities permit terms and conditions to be waived in order to facilitate recovery and disposal of disaster debris in the event of a declared disaster or emergency

The KCPWD requests a waiver to operate outside the permitted hours of operation of the Kern Valley RTS. As presented in the Section (e) of the facility's Transfer/Processing Report, the facility is closed on July 4th (a County holiday). **The KCPWD requests to operate the facility on July 4th, 2016.** The facility will be accessible only to the current contractor, Sierra Waste Transfer, Inc., to manage and process any material resulting from cleanup of properties affected by the Erskine Fire. The general public will not have access to the facility on this date.

2. A statement of the remaining disposal capacity of the solid waste disposal facility at the time of the request

The permitted maximum tonnage of 330 tons per day at the Kern Valley RTS will not be exceeded and the material will be transported the following business day (July 5, 2016) to either the Ridgecrest Recycling and Sanitary Landfill (RSLF) or the Bakersfield Metropolitan

(Bena) Sanitary Landfill (SLF) for disposal. Based on the most recent calculations, the approximate remaining disposal capacity for Ridgecrest RSLF is 1,526,132 cubic yards and for Bena SLF is 31,159,418 cubic yards.

3. A description of all facility-related diversion programs and on-site recycling facilities

Sierra Waste Transfer, Inc., will make efforts to divert acceptable wood debris, scrap metal, and concrete debris into the existing stockpiles at the facility. A determination of the quality and acceptability of incoming debris will be made by Sierra Waste Transfer, Inc.

4. A listing of locally approved temporary transfer or processing sites to be used to store disaster debris for future reuse or recycling

No locally-approved temporary transfer or processing sites will be used to store disaster debris for future reuse or recycling.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Brian Klatt at (661) 862-8940 or myself at (661) 862-8997.

Sincerely,



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