



October 4, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Marshall, R.E.H.S
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**RE: Emergency Waiver of Standards – Ridgecrest Recycling & Sanitary Landfill
SWFP No. 15-AA-0059**

The Kern County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution on June 28, 2016 declaring a Local Emergency in response to the Erskine Fire. Please consider this a formal request by the Kern County Public Works Department (KCPWD), operator of the Ridgecrest Recycling & Sanitary Landfill (RSLF), 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 and disaster-related 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 management of disaster-related concrete debris resulting from cleanup of properties affected by the Erskine Fire will be handled and transported by a CalRecycle-approved hauler and in compliance with the CalOES Erskine Operation Plan. It is difficult to estimate at this time the amount of disaster-related concrete debris that may be incoming to the landfill. **Therefore, the KCPWD requests a waiver to exceed the permitted maximum tonnage of 701 tons per day.** Due to the characterization of the concrete debris, this material will be diverted from disposal and stored on site for future processing and use. This debris will be stockpiled and maintained to prevent public nuisance and vector harborage and stored in a manner that does not cause potential harm to public health, safety, and the environment.

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

Based on recent calculations, the approximate remaining disposal capacity of Ridgecrest RSLF is 1,526,132 cubic yards.

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

The facility has an area designated for the storage of disaster-related concrete debris. The debris will be beneficially reused at Public Works' facilities for dust control, all weather road and pad construction, and other facility-related improvements. Debris is stockpiled and maintained to prevent public nuisance and vector harborage and stored in a manner that does not cause potential harm to public health, safety, and the environment.

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 Phil Jones at (661) 862-8976.

Sincerely,



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