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Dear Mr. Edelmeyer:

**SUBJECT: COMMENT LETTER ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT FOR SIERRA WASTE RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION 8260 BERRY AVE SACRAMENTO, CA 95828; SWIS # 34-AA-0214**

The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) is in receipt of your letter dated May 20, 2013, regarding the proposed modification to the solid waste facility permit for Sierra Waste Recycling and Transfer Station (Sierra Waste). EMD is certified by the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle) to act as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) within the Cities and County of Sacramento. The LEA issues permits and enforces state laws and regulations at solid waste facilities, including Transfer/Processing facilities.

Your letter expressed concern that the modification would allow "an additional 300 vehicles per day". The proposed modification would change the permit from 150 incoming vehicles per day to 450 Passenger Car Equivalents (PCEs) per day. A self-haul vehicle is equal to one (1) PCE and a transfer trailer is equal to three (3) PCEs. The Initial Study prepared for the CEQA document was developed under the assumption that all of the incoming vehicles would be transfer truck trailers, for a total of 450 PCEs entering the facility per day. Additionally, the traffic study used a more conservative traffic impact metric, which analyzed the impact of a total of 1,236 PCEs and determined that there would be no significant impact. Therefore, the LEA found that the proposed modification was consistent with the original CEQA document developed for the facility.

Your letter also expresses concern about nuisance conditions, litter, and increased theft associated with facilities like Sierra Waste. The LEA enforces the provisions of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which impose the State Minimum Standards that require solid waste facilities to control for nuisance conditions, provide site security, and properly dispose of all on-site and off-site litter. The LEA performs monthly inspections and complaint response to ensure compliance with Title 14. To date, the LEA has not received any complaints about or noted any violations at Sierra Waste since they were issued their Solid Waste Facility Permit on May 24, 2012. Sierra Waste also contracted an engineer to perform a traffic study to ensure that the permit modification would not cause stacking on to public roadways. Based on the engineer's reports and the application package submitted by Sierra Waste, the LEA determined that the current solid waste facility permit does not need to include further restrictions, prohibitions, mitigations, terms, conditions or other measures to adequately protect public health and safety, ensure compliance with State minimum standards, or to protect the environment.

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The final paragraph of your letter expresses concern about the recent fire at Sierra Waste. LEA staff inspected the facility the morning after the fire and found that Sierra Waste had complied with the training, fire prevention, and notification requirements of the State Minimum Standards. Any concerns about violations of the fire code may be directed to the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District at (916) 859-4300.

Thank you for your comment letter on the proposed modification to the Solid Waste Facility Permit for Sierra Waste. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at (916) 875-8468 or at [GibsonLea@saccounty.net](mailto:GibsonLea@saccounty.net).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lea Gibson", is written over a faint blue rectangular stamp. The stamp contains some illegible text and a date that appears to be "MAY 24 2013".

Lea Gibson, Environmental Specialist  
Solid Waste/Local Enforcement Agency program

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