

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

**To:** Cara Morgan  
Branch Chief

**From:** Piper L. Miguelgorry  
Integrated Waste Management Specialist

**Request Date:** October 6, 2011

**Decision Subject:** Amended Nondisposal Facility Element For The County Of Santa Clara

**Action By:** November 15, 2011

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**Summary of Request:**

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 40900 et seq., describe the requirements to be met by cities and counties when developing and implementing integrated waste management plans. PRC Sections 41730 et seq. require that each city and county prepare and adopt a Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) which includes a description of existing and new nondisposal facilities, and the expansion of existing nondisposal facilities, which will be needed to implement a jurisdiction's Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), to enable it to meet the requirements of PRC Section 41780. Cities and counties must amend their NDFE if they are adding or expanding facilities. Jurisdictions are not required to amend their NDFE if they stop using a facility identified in the NDFE; however, if they want to remove the facility from the NDFE, an amendment is required.

The County of Santa Clara has submitted a NDFE amendment for the facility identified below. Based on review of the amended NDFE, staff found that all of the foregoing requirements have been satisfied and that the amended NDFE substantially complies with PRC Sections 41730, et seq., and recommends approval. This memo requests approval of the County's Nondisposal Facility Element Amendment (NDFE).

<b>Facility Name: Recology Pacheco Pass Wood Processing Facility</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing, but newly added to NDFE	<input type="checkbox"/> Expanded <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted
Type	A Wood Processing Facility planned for continued operation to operate under a separate Solid Waste Facility Permit, as a Medium Volume Construction Demolition/Inert Debris Processing Facility	
Location	3675 Pacheco Pass Highway in the southern portion of unincorporated Santa Clara County; it is within the current permitted boundaries of RPP Landfill but will not be directly over waste.	
Capacity	Will be permitted to accept a maximum for processing of 175 tons per operating day; storage capacity on the 2.5 acre processing area is approximately 5,000 cubic yards.	

Participating Jurisdictions	Facility primarily serves the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, the community of San Martin, and other unincorporated areas of southern Santa Clara County
Anticipated Diversion Rate (%)	Facility will divert a minimum of 60% of each load of incoming material. Non-recyclable materials are transferred to a permitted disposal site.

The jurisdiction has adequately addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

The County of Santa Clara	Yes	No
Local Task Force comments (April 25, 2011)	X	
3-day public notice (June 30, 2011)	X	
Resolution adopting amendment (No. 2011-389)	X	
Amendment includes required information for facility type (August 9, 2011 – Adopted by County of Santa Clara)	X	

**Recommendation:**

Based on staff review of the County of Santa Clara’s amended NDFE Report, staff found that the requirements have been satisfied and agrees with approving the amended NDFE. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the County of Santa Clara’s amended NDFE.

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**Branch Chief Action:**

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the background information and findings set out herein, I hereby approve the County of Santa Clara’s amended NDFE.

Dated: 11/15/2011

Cara Morgan  
Cara Morgan, Branch Chief  
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