REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To:	Cara Morgan Branch Chief
From:	Jill Firch Integrated Waste Management Specialist
Request Date:	June 17, 2012
Decision Subject:	Amended Countywide Siting Element For Solano County
Action By:	July 17, 2012

Summary of Request:
Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41700-41721.5 require counties to prepare a Countywide Site Element (CSE) that describes areas that may be used for developing new disposal facilities. PRC Section 50001 requires that after a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) has been approved by the Board, no person shall establish or expand a solid waste facility, as defined in PRC Section 40194, in the County unless the solid waste facility is identified in the CSE or amendment thereto, which has been approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721 or 41721.5, respectively. In addition, PRC Section 40912(e) requires a CSE amended after January 1, 2003, to include a description of the actions taken by the county to solicit public participation by the affected communities, including, but not limited to, minority and low-income populations.

Solano County has amended its CSE to: 1) project disposal needs for wastes generated within the borders of Solano County for the next 15 year period of 2010-2025; 2) update technical information on the existing facilities, which are Recology Hay Road and Potrero Hills Landfill; 3) incorporate the approved expansion of Potrero Hills Landfill; and, 4) add the existing Tonnesen Pet Cemetery as a new solid waste disposal facility.

Recommendation:
Based on staff's review of the amended CSE, staff found that all of the requirements have been satisfied and the amended CSE substantially complies with PRC Sections 41700, et seq., PRC Section 40912(e), and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Section 18780 and 14 CCR Section 19781. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the amended Countywide Siting Element for the County of Solano.

Branch Chief Action:
On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the amended Countywide Siting Element for Solano County.

Dated: July 17, 2012

Cara Morgan

Cara Morgan, Branch Chief
Local Assistance and Market Development Branch

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The County has adequately addressed all requirements for amending the County's CSE by submitting the information noted below:

Solano County Amended Countywide Siting Element Adequacy	**YES**	**NO**	**N/A**
Local Task Force comments received	x		
CEQA documentation provided	x		
Meets 15-year disposal capacity requirement	x		
Meets General Plan consistency requirement	x		
30-day notice in newspaper of general circulation of local hearings to adopt	x		
County and majority/majority of cities adopted amendment	x		
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and cities	x		
Provided description of actions taken to solicit public participation by the affected communities	x		