

Tulare County Department of Health Services  
Division of Environmental Health  
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)

Date of Notice: May 6, 2016

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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DATE OF MEETING: Monday, May 16, 2016

TIME OF MEETING: 4:30 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING: Tulare County RMA Conference Room 'L'  
5961 South Mooney Blvd.  
Visalia, CA 93277

PROJECT NAME: Wood Industries Company Composting Facility  
("Facility")

PROJECT TYPE/NUMBER: Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit  
Solid Waste Facility Permit # 54-AA- 0028

PROJECT LOCATION: 7715 Avenue 296, Visalia, California 93277

FACILITY CONTACT: Kevin Oliver, Facility Manager  
(559) 625-9426

APPLICANT: West Coast Sand & Gravel dba: WC Wood Industries  
("Wood Industries")

DATE LEA ACCEPTED APPLICATION: March 16, 2016

### PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

This Public Informational Meeting is provided for interested parties to learn more about the Facility and the proposed revision to the Solid Waste Facility Permit and to provide comments to the Local Enforcement Agency ("LEA") regarding the proposed action. The decision to issue the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) must be made by the Tulare County LEA within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete. Prior to the actual issuance of the SWFP, the Tulare County LEA must request and receive concurrence from the state oversight agency, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, known as CalRecycle.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Facility is a 35 acre Composting Facility located at 7715 Avenue 296, Visalia, California. The Facility is owned by Quinn Enterprises, LP and operated by West Coast Sand & Gravel dba Wood Industries Company. On October 28, 2015, the Minor Modification to the Special Use Permit for the Facility was approved by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

On March 16, 2016, Tulare County LEA accepted the Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit application package for review. Wood Industries seeks to add food materials to accepted feedstocks and expand the existing permitted operations to process co-collected green waste with food waste and process commercial food waste, as allowed by the Solid Waste Facility Permit, which are operational changes that are considered to be significant.

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

State law requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) either through the preparation, circulation and adoption/certification of an environmental document and mitigation reporting or monitoring program or by determining that the proposal is categorically or statutorily exempt. The Tulare County Resource Management Agency, acting as Lead Agency, has filed a Notice of Exemption in conjunction with the Facility.

The Local Enforcement Agency made a finding that the terms and conditions in the proposed Solid Waste Facilities Permit are consistent with and supported by the environmental document cited above, and consistent with the information contained in the Report of Facility Information for this facility that was submitted as part of the SWFP application package. Tulare County LEA finds that the proposed permit application to be acceptable and able to be approved.

A copy of the SWFP application package and the proposed SWFP are available by appointment in the Tulare County LEA office located at 5957 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California, 93277.

If you have any questions after reviewing the above information or would like to schedule an appointment to review the new SWFP application package, please contact Ted Martin at (559) 624-7400. If you would like to comment on this project you may send your written comments to Ted Martin at 5957 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California, 93277 within 14 days of the date of this Notice or provide them at the meeting.

For information on the appeals process pursuant to PRC 44307, the statute is listed below:

*PRC 44307. From the date of issuance of a permit that imposes conditions that are inappropriate, as contended by the applicant, or after the taking of any enforcement action pursuant to Part 5 (commencing with Section 45000) by the enforcement agency, the enforcement agency shall hold a hearing, if requested to do so, by the person subject to the action. The enforcement agency shall also hold a hearing upon a petition to the enforcement agency from any person requesting the enforcement agency to review an alleged failure of the agency to act as required by law or regulation. A hearing shall be held in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 44310.*

After the decision to issue or deny the new SWFP has occurred, you may contact Ted Martin at (559) 624-7400, to further inquire about the appeal process.