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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, June 20, 2011

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION OF MEETING: Taft Veterans Hall
218 Taylor Street, Taft, CA 93268

PROJECT TYPE/NUMBER: Proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision, Permit #: 15-AA-0061

PROJECT NAME: PROPOSED SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT REVISION FOR THE TAFT SANITARY LANDFILL.

PROJECT LOCATION: 13351 Elk Hills Road.
Taft, California, 93268

FACILITY CONTACT: Donn Ferguson
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APPLICANT: Kern County Waste Management Department

COUNTY LEA CONTACT: Jeffrey S. Marshall, R.E.H.S.
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As a property owner, tenant or person who has requested notice, please be advised that the Kern County Environmental Health Division Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) will be holding an informational public hearing in compliance with AB1497 regarding a proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision (SWFP) for the Taft Sanitary Landfill. The LEA is certified by the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste sites within the County of Kern, including all active and closed landfills.

Description of Project and LEA's Preliminary Determination

The proposed permit revision is for the Taft Sanitary Landfill which operates under permits issued to the Kern County Waste Management Department (KCWMD). The landfill is located in southwestern Kern County at 13351 Elk Hills Road, Taft, California 93268. The facility boundary is located on a 161.68 parcel of county owned land in Section 25 of Township 31 South, Range 23 East, MDB&M.

This landfill is classified as a Class III public municipal solid waste landfill which can accept a permitted maximum tonnage of 419 tons per day and a daily traffic of 338 vehicles per day. Actual day to day operations of the site are conducted by a private contractor, under agreement with the KCWMD. The purpose of the proposed permit revision is to:

1. Increase the permitted facility acreage from 100 acres to 161.68 acres, to include the adjacent buffer areas;
2. Increase the waste footprint from 35 acres to 71 acres, with the installation of landfill liner within the permitted unlined area;
3. Increase the permitted elevation of the landfill from 775 feet mean sea level to 868 feet mean sea level;
4. Increase the permitted depth of excavation from 625 feet MSL to 520 feet MSL;
5. Increase the permitted capacity from 8,787,547 cubic yards to 11,000,000 cubic yards;
6. Extend the permitted lifespan from 2052 to 2078;
7. Increase the permitted daily tonnage from 419 tons per day to 800 tons per day;
8. Increase the permitted daily vehicle traffic from 338 vehicles per day to 350 vehicles per day;
9. Change the facility name from Taft Sanitary Landfill (TSLF) to the Taft Recycling and Sanitary Landfill (TR/SLF); and
10. Extend the lifespan of the landfill by approximately 26 years from 2052 to 2078.
11. Include an on-site transfer station operation.

The location of the facility is identified in the County Siting Element, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 50001(a). This permit is consistent with the standards adopted by CalRecycle, pursuant to PRC 44010. The design and operation of the facility is consistent with the State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal as determined by the enforcement agency, pursuant to PRC 44009. The Kern County Fire Department has determined that the facility is in conformance with applicable fire standards, pursuant to PRC, 44151. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH #2009031008) and certified by the Board of Supervisors on June 29, 2010. A Recirculated Draft Project Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was distributed on March 28, 2011 for public review.

Purpose of the Meeting

This Public Informational Hearing is for any interested parties to learn more about the proposed permit revision and to provide comments to the LEA regarding the proposed action. The decision to issue or not to issue the SWFP (revision, modified, new) must be made within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete as required by Statute. Prior to issuance of the revision to the SWFP, the LEA must request and receive concurrence from CalRecycle.

Where to get additional information

A copy of the proposed revision to the SWFP is available for public review by appointment in the LEA office located at Kern County Environmental Health Division, 2700 M Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Options for Submitting Comments and LEA Contact Information

If you have any questions after reviewing the above information or would like to schedule an appointment to review the draft revision to the SWFP, please contact Jeffrey S. Marshall at (661) 862-8775. You may also email the LEA regarding this matter at marshallj@co.kern.ca.us. If you would like to comment on this project you may do so at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your written comments via email or fax to Jeffrey S. Marshall within 12 days of the date of this notice. The fax number is (661) 862-8701 or email to the above email address.

Appeals Process Information

For information on the appeals process pursuant to PRC §44307 after the decision to issue or deny the permit revision(s) has occurred, you may contact Jeffrey S. Marshall at (661) 862-8775.

Special Needs

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