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

Date of Notice: March 8, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING: City of Tulare Council Chambers
411 East Kern Avenue
Tulare, California

PROJECT NAME: Tulare Anaerobic Co-Digestion Facility ("Facility")

PROJECT TYPE/NUMBER: New Solid Waste Facility Permit
Solid Waste Facility Permit # 54-AA- 0050

PROJECT LOCATION: 2450 Paige Avenue, Tulare, California

FACILITY CONTACT: Kent Hawkins, Manager/CEO
(949) 842-4827

APPLICANT: Colony Energy Partners-Tulare, LLC ("Colony")

DATE LEA ACCEPTED APPLICATION: January 25, 2013

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

This Public Informational Meeting is provided for interested parties to learn more about the Facility and the proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit and to provide comments to the Local Enforcement Agency ("LEA") regarding the proposed action. The decision to issue the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) is 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 13 acre Transfer/Processing Facility located at 2450 Paige Avenue, Tulare, California. The Facility is leased to Colony Energy and located on property owned by the City of



Tulare, and is immediately adjacent to the City of Tulare Waste Water Treatment Plant. On August 6, 2012, the Conditional Use Permit for the Facility was approved by the City of Tulare.

On January 25, 2013, Tulare County LEA accepted the Solid Waste Facility Permit application package for review. Colony Energy Partners-Tulare, LLC has proposed an anaerobic co-digester facility that will utilize a variety of organic feedstock including: food waste, compostable materials, dairy manure, food processing waste, liquid wastes, and fats, oils, and greases (FOG). It will produce biogas that may be used for utility pipeline injection, and/or converted on-site to electrical and heat-energy into bio-gas fueled engine-generators to provide onsite energy requirements.

The Facility will accept up to 500 tons per day of anaerobic digestion feedstock, which will vary in terms of solids content, with much of the material being of low solids content. If represented as having the same density as water, the 500 ton per day maximum would be equal to 120,000 gallons. Sources of anaerobic digestion feedstock include local dairies, agricultural processing facilities, dairy processing residuals, locally collected food scraps and trap grease. From restaurants.

A fraction of the solids will be converted to biomethane and carbon dioxide during the anaerobic digestion process, and the remainder will be recovered using a filter screw press and transferred to permitted compost facilities. The liquid fraction will be pumped to the City of Tulare waste water treatment plant. Therefore, from a solid waste perspective, the recycling rate is almost 100% with the exception of an extremely small amount of grit.

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 City of Tulare Development Services Department, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared the following environmental document for the Facility.

- Mitigated Negative Declaration – State Clearinghouse Number 2012051071 – which was circulated locally and through the state agencies. A Notice of Determination was filed on August 22, 2012.

The limits of the proposed permit for the Facility are as follows:

- Operating Hours: 24 hours per day
- Permitted Tons Per Operating Day: 500 tons per day
- Permitted Traffic Volume: 74 vehicles per day
- Conditions to the permit include: An odor management plan meeting the conditions of the Odor Impact Minimization Plan required by state regulations.

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 new permit to be acceptable for approval.

A copy of the SWFP application package and the proposed SWFP are available by appointment in the Tulare County LEA office located at 5961 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 Keith Jahnke at (559) 624-7400. If you would like to comment on this project you may send your written comments to Keith Jahnke within 7 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 Keith Jahnke at (559) 624-7400, to further inquire about the appeal process.