



Addendum to Final EIR No. 588 for the Regional Landfill Options for Orange County – Olinda Alpha Landfill (OAL) Implementation

Update to the Landfill Closure Date

Q: What is the purpose of this public information meeting?

A: To inform the public about the Draft Addendum for the proposed update of the Olinda Alpha Landfill (OAL) closure date from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2036, to discuss the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, and to provide a forum to discuss the project. It also offers an opportunity to connect with OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) team members with any questions.

Q: Is the landfill expanding?

A: No, the landfill property is not expanding. The Draft Addendum will allow for an update of the OAL closure date only. The final development plan approved under Final EIR 588 will remain unchanged.

Q: Will the update of the OAL closure date result in additional traffic?

A: No, daily traffic to and from OAL will remain unchanged. From 2008 – 2019, OAL averaged approximately 677 waste-hauling vehicles visiting the landfill per day. Future daily traffic generation will likely be very similar to existing conditions.

Q: Will the landfill be higher than it is now?

A: Yes, the final development plan for OAL through buildout was analyzed in Final EIR 588 Regional Landfill Options for Orange County – Olinda Alpha Landfill Implementation that was approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2007. Final EIR 588 allows for OAL to reach a final elevation of 1,415 feet at mean sea level (AMSL) at full buildout. Currently, OAL is at approximately 1,325 feet AMSL.

Q: Since OAL will be operating for an additional 15 years, will there be any significant environmental impacts that weren't previously analyzed in Final EIR 588?

A: No, the update of the OAL closure date will not result in any new significant environmental impacts not previously analyzed in Final EIR 588. This is because the final development plan for OAL that was analyzed in Final EIR 588 has not changed. OAL is taking longer to fill up than previously anticipated.

Q: Why is OAL taking longer to fill up than anticipated?

A: OAL is taking longer to fill up than anticipated for several reasons which include: (1) the acceptance of less refuse tonnage than anticipated; (2) the effects of landfill settlement, allowing for more airspace inside the landfill; (3) more efficient waste placement and disposal practices at OAL allowing for more airspace inside the landfill; (4) greater compaction at the landfill; (5) increased solid waste diversion and recycling in Orange County; (6) state-mandated recycling goals that require diversion of organic wastes and other materials from landfills; and (7) the use of geosynthetic tarps for alternative daily cover of refuse instead of soil, which also provides for increased landfill airspace.

Q: What opportunities will the public have to provide comments on this project? Where can I review the Draft Addendum?

A: The public will have the opportunity to comment during the public information meeting on November 12, 2020. Also, beginning on November 10, 2020, OCWR will release the Draft Addendum for a 30-day public review period. The Draft Addendum will be posted on OCWR's website at www.oclandfills.com, where the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the documentation. The public information meeting notice will also be placed on the OCWR website. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Gaxiola, OCWR Communications Specialist, at Kevin.Gaxiola@ocwr.ocgov.com or (714) 834-4151.