



PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: August 3, 2021
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Supplemental EIR
PROJECT: Zone 4 Landfill Construction Projects (SCH No. 1999041035)
APPLICANT: OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21091 and 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines Section 15105 and 15087, notice is hereby given that the County of Orange (County), acting as Lead Agency, has issued for public review and comment a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Zone 4 Landfill Construction Projects (Project). The 45-day public comment period will commence on August 4, 2021 and conclude on September 17, 2021. The Draft SEIR is available for review on the County's website at the following link: <https://oilandfills.com/page/technical-documents-photos>. Copies of the Draft SEIR are also available for public review, by appointment, at the following locations: OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION

Prima Deshecha Landfill (Landfill) is owned by the County and operated by OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR). OCWR is a County department that is overseen by the Board of Supervisors. Prima Deshecha Landfill is 1,530 acres (ac) and is located in southeastern Orange County partially within San Juan Capistrano (570 ac), San Clemente (133 ac), and unincorporated Orange County (827 ac). The landfill is located at 32250 Avenida La Pata, and access is provided by the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5 [I-5]), Ortega Highway (State Route 74 [SR-74]), and Avenida La Pata. The Prima Deshecha Landfill site is divided into five zones, called Zones 1 through 5. Zone 1 is the current landfilling area, with an estimated closure date of approximately 2050. Zone 4 is the future landfill development area, with an estimated closure date of approximately 2102.

Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Project site was not listed on the list of hazardous material sites, as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project includes the following components: (1) changes to the phasing of operations between Zone 1 and Zone 4 of the landfill to allow for concurrent operations; (2) blasting, excavation, on-site relocation, pulverizing into soil, soil stockpiling and off-site soil removal of hard rock material in Zone 4, referred to as the San Onofre Breccia area; and (3) imported soil trips for liner installation that will occur for all future Zone 4 development phases. Discretionary approvals by the County required for the proposed Project include approval of



Amendment 4 to the 2001 Prima Deshecha GDP, certification of the Final Supplemental EIR, and approval of the Project.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Based on the results of the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the Project, the following topics were analyzed in the Draft SEIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, and Noise. The proposed Project would not result in any new or more significant impacts as compared to what was analyzed and disclosed in Final EIR No. 575 or Final Supplemental EIR No. 597. Final EIR No. 575 found that the construction and operation of the Landfill through completion of the 2001 General Development Plan (GDP) for the Landfill would result in an unavoidable significant adverse impact to topography, aesthetics, and biological resources. The Second Amendment to the 2001 GDP analyzed in Supplemental EIR No. 597 did not alter project emissions as covered by Final EIR No. 575. Notwithstanding that fact, a change in the State CEQA Guidelines subsequent to certification of Final EIR No. 575 resulted in an updated impact conclusion of “significant after mitigation” for air quality impacts associated with the 2001 GDP. Supplemental EIR No. 597 concluded the Second Amendment to the 2001 GDP would not result in any other new significant impacts beyond what was analyzed in Final EIR No. 575. All mitigation commitments contained within Final EIR No. 575, Final SEIR No. 597, and the 2001 GDP remain as Project commitments and would apply to the proposed Project. No new mitigation measures are required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please submit written comments on the environmental analysis in the Draft SEIR no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2021 to Francine Bangert, OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701 or via email to francine.bangert@ocwr.ocgov.com. Please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence.

Following the close of the public review period, responses to comments on the Draft SEIR will be prepared, and, together with the Draft SEIR, will constitute the Final SEIR. This notice of availability is required to be filed with the Orange County Clerk’s office for a period of not less than 30 days.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OR HEARINGS

No scheduled meetings associated with the circulation of the Draft SEIR have been scheduled at this time. Notice regarding meetings will be provided at a later date as part of the County’s normal noticing process.