



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of Orange Procedures, notification is hereby given to adjacent property owners, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the County of Orange **will adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Bowerman Power Renewable Natural Gas Plant Project at the Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill.**

PUBLIC REVIEW:

The proposed MND will be circulated for public review for 30 days, in compliance with Section 15073 of the CEQA Guidelines, from October 17, 2024, to November 15, 2024. The MND and any supporting attachments are available during normal business hours at: the offices of OC Waste & Recycling, 601 N. Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701; Irvine Heritage Park Library, 14261 Yale Avenue, Irvine, CA 92604; and also available at the following website: <https://oclandfills.com/landfills/frank-r-bowerman-landfill>.

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON

PROJECT: OC Waste & Recycling invites community members to attend a virtual informational meeting to learn more about the proposed Bowerman Power Renewable Natural Gas Plant Project.

DATE: October 22, 2024 **TIME:** 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: Visit
<https://oclandfills.com/events> for virtual meeting details.



PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT: The proposed project will be reviewed for approval by a decision-maker listed below:

DECISION MAKING BODY: Board of Supervisors
DATE: Proposed for January 28, 2025 **TIME:** 9:30 AM
LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: County Administration North, Board Hearing Room, First Floor, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, 92702. See location map below.



DATE FOR POSTING: October 17, 2024



**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OC WASTE & RECYCLING
601 N. ROSS STREET, 5th FLOOR
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701**

In accordance with Orange County Board of Supervisor's policies regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, the County of Orange has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the following project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, the County of Orange hereby finds that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report because either the proposed project:

- has or creates significant environmental impacts requiring mitigation; or
- will not create** a significant adverse effect, because the Mitigation Measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project.

PROJECT:

Title: Bowerman Power Renewable Natural Gas Plant Project

Location: FRB Landfill Administration Building, 11006 Bee Canyon Access Rd, Irvine, CA 92602

Description: A renewable natural gas (RNG) plant will be designed to produce RNG from landfill gas that is produced by the FRB Landfill and deliver it to SoCalGas. Currently, excess landfill gas (LFG) not processed at the existing Bowerman Power Plant requires incineration at the existing adjacent flare station. The new RNG Plant will process this excess LFG and deliver the resulting RNG to Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas). This effort will promote the beneficial reuse of existing and future LFG collected by FRB Landfill, support long-term sustainability goals in the region, and help reduce Orange County's reliance on fossil fuels. Additionally, the Project will contribute to California Public Utility Commission's Renewable Gas Program to procure RNG made by methane from organic waste from landfills and other sources, reduce the volume of LFG being flared, and help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the FRB Landfill. The RNG plant will have the capacity to process 6,000 standard cubic feet per minute of LFG is equivalent to avoiding the GHG emissions from 60,196 tons of landfilled waste each year. The Project site is not designated a hazardous waste property, nor is it a hazardous waste disposal site as defined under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Proponent or Applicant: Bowerman Power LFG, LLC

Division/Department Responsible for Proposed Project: OC Waste & Recycling

Address: 601 N. Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact Person - Project: Francine Bangert, Public Information Officer Telephone: 714-834-4059

Dated:

10/8/2024

Signed:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.