

OCWR CEQA PROJECTS STATUS

Updated on 2/3/25 by Leila Barker, CEQA and Habitat Program Manager

1. **FRB Renewable Natural Gas (RNG Project)** - The proposed RNG plant will be located at OCWR's Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill located at 11002 Bee Canyon Access Road. The Project involves the construction of an RNG processing plant and a new SoCal Gas pipeline connecting the processing plant to an existing SoCal Gas pipeline at the corner of Portola Parkway and Jeffrey Road. Bowerman Power is working with OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) to develop the proposed RNG Plant at the FRB Landfill. The RNG Plant will be designed to process a portion of the excess LFG that has not been processed at the existing and on-site Bowerman Power Plant and would otherwise require incineration at the existing adjacent flare station and then deliver the processed RNG to SoCal Gas. Tetra Tech has been contracted to prepare the California Environmental Quality Act CEQA document on behalf of OCWR and an Initial Study (IS) /Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is currently in preparation. An application for an Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate for the proposed RNG Plant will be filed with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The issuance of the air permit is contingent upon a CEQA determination. The following provide the status of the CEQA document:
 - Kick-off Meeting held on 06/08/23
 - Project Description completed on 05/22/24
 - Draft IS/MND submitted to OCWR on 09/06/24 with review completed 09/20/24
 - Public Meeting held on 10/22/2024
 - Public Review for IS/MND during 10/17/24-11/15/24
 - 2 Significant Comment Letters received which will necessitate re-circulation of IS/MND
 - New Proposed Board approval scheduled for September 2025