



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE INCREASE IN MAXIMUM
DAILY OPERATIONS AT PRIMA DESHECHA LANDFILL PROJECT
SCH NO. 1999041035**



DATE: February 2, 2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT: Increase in Maximum Daily Operations at Prima Deshecha Landfill
APPLICANT: OC Waste & Recycling, 601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **February 2, 2026**, the County of Orange, OC Waste & Recycling, acting as California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, is issuing for public review and comment a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Subsequent EIR) that evaluates potential environmental effects associated with the Increase in Maximum Daily Operations at Prima Deshecha Landfill Project (Proposed Project).

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 encompasses 1,530 acres and is located in southeastern Orange County partially within San Juan Capistrano (570 acres), San Clemente (133 acres), and unincorporated Orange County (827 acres). The Landfill is located at 32250 Avenida La Pata, and access is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5), Ortega Highway (State Route 74), and Avenida La Pata. The Landfill site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and there are no current Recognized Environmental Conditions associated with the site.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Proposed Project would increase the permitted maximum daily tonnage receipt capacity of the Landfill from 4,000 tons per day (TPD) to 8,000 TPD. Waste would continue to be disposed of in existing areas of the Landfill that are designated for disposal. The Proposed Project would allow for up to 36 operational emergency days during which the 8,000 TPD limit could be exceeded by up to 2,000 TPD (i.e., a maximum of 10,000 TPD). Such operational emergency days could occur if another OCWR facility is temporarily closed, necessitating diversion of waste to the Landfill, or in the case of an emergency declared by the State or by the County Board of Supervisors. This increase in daily tonnage is anticipated to take place gradually, and would be reflected in proposed Amendment No. 5 to the 2001 Prima Deshecha Landfill General Development Plan. The Proposed Project would not change the nature or location of approved activities within the Landfill, including the limits of refuse, nor would it alter the footprint, property limits, or configuration of the Landfill. No new construction is proposed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The Subsequent EIR identified significant impacts related to Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions that cannot be avoided or mitigated below a level of significance. All other environmental categories were identified to have no impact, less than significant impact, or less than significant impact with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE SUBSEQUENT EIR

All agencies, organizations, and individuals are invited to comment on the information presented in the Subsequent EIR during the public review period. Copies of this Subsequent EIR have been transmitted to the California State Clearinghouse of the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and to each applicable Responsible and Trustee Agency.

Specifically, comments are requested on the adequacy of the environmental analysis. Respondents are also asked to provide or identify additional environmental information that is germane but that may not have been used in the analysis. Any parties interested in reviewing this Subsequent EIR and/or the documents incorporated by reference may do so by appointment at the following location:

OC Waste & Recycling
601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92701
714-834-4013

This Subsequent EIR and future environmental documents prepared in conjunction with the proposed Project will be available for public review on OC Waste & Recycling's website at: www.oclandfills.com/PrimaSubsequentEIR

The Subsequent EIR will also be available for review at the following libraries through the close of the review period:

San Juan Capistrano Library
31495 El Camino Real
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

San Clemente Library
242 Avenida Del Mar
San Clemente, CA 92672

In compliance with CEQA, comments from agencies and individuals on this Subsequent EIR will be accepted in writing during the 45-day public review period from **February 2, 2026, to March 19, 2026, at 5 p.m.** Comments on the Subsequent EIR may be submitted to:

Leila Barker, CEQA Manager
OC Waste & Recycling
601 North Ross Street, 5th Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Email: OCWR-CEQAResponse@ocwr.ocgov.com

Please include your name, address, and contact information in your correspondence. All comments on the Subsequent EIR become part of the public record.

Following the close of the public review period, the County will prepare responses to all comments and will compile these comments and responses into a Final Subsequent EIR, which will be available online for public access prior to final action. All responses to comments submitted on the Draft Subsequent EIR by agencies will be provided to those agencies at least 10 days prior to final action on the Proposed Project.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

A virtual public information meeting is scheduled for **February 17, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m.** Details and the meeting link will be posted at: www.oclandfills.com/PrimaSubsequentEIR

