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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING for the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT on the CENTRAL LANDFILL SOIL BORROW SITE PROJECT

DATE: January 23, 2015

TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM: Yolo County Planning, Public Works, and Environmental Services Department

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2014102015) for the above project is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from January 23, 2015 through March 9, 2015. Information about the proposed project is provided below.

The Yolo County Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services Department, Division of Integrated Waste Management, is proposing to develop a soil borrow site on a 323-acre property (collectively referred to as the "project") located approximately 3.4 miles from the southeastern portion of the City of Woodland and adjacent to, and west of, the existing Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL or landfill) at the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104. The project site consists of two parcels (APN 042-100-017 and APN 042-100-18) that are currently designated as Agriculture (AG) in the 2030 Countywide General Plan for Yolo County and are zoned as Public and Quasi-Public (PQP). The project includes an application for a minor General Plan Amendment, to change the land use designation of the project site to Public and Quasi-Public (PQ), to be consistent with the PQP zoning.

The YCCL needs a steady supply of soil to support a variety of operations, including daily and intermediate cover, final closure of individual landfill modules, and construction of new modules. These activities are generally required to ensure continued compliance with state requirements. In the past, this soil has been acquired from a variety of sources, including on-site and off-sites soil borrow areas (where native soil materials are excavated and trucked to where it is needed within the YCCL). This project is proposed to provide a new source of soil for the YCCL.

The proposed project would excavate and transport soils to the YCCL to support the ongoing landfill operations. The quantity of soil material needed at the YCCL depends on the operations being conducted at the landfill, but typically ranges from 50,000 to 100,000 cubic yards per year. During periods when landfill modules are being constructed or old ones are being closed, the soil needs increase, and may be up to 300,000 cubic yards per year (equal to approximately 8 to 10 acres each year) It is estimated that typical daily excavation and transportation rates would range from 150 to 500 cubic yards per day, but could be as much as 3,000 cubic yards per day. Soil excavation and transportation activities would occur primarily during the dry months. The project site would be excavated to a total depth of approximately 12 to 20 feet.

The overall final slopes would be approximately 3:1 (horizontal:vertical), but may include steeper and gentler areas locally to improve habitat opportunities. Temporary slopes would not be steeper than 2:1. Excavation and grading would occur such that the disturbed areas would be internally drained (i.e., all drainage of the disturbed areas would be toward the newly created lowered surface). The proposed southern boundary of the soil borrow site would have a setback of approximately 600 feet from the top of the bank of the Willow Slough Bypass drainage channel. Following completion of soil excavation activities, the soil borrow site would be reclaimed as a seasonal and perennial open water body and wildlife habitat.

The County and its consultant, BASELINE Environmental Consulting, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Final EIR (Response to Comments) will be prepared following public review and comment. The County will consider this information when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final EIR, the County may take action to adopt the proposed project.

The DEIR analyzes impacts in the areas of Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Noise. The potential for significant impacts to occur in each of those topical areas is evaluated in this document.

The DEIR is now available for public review on the County website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division/current-projects> and at the public counter of the County Planning Division at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95696. The document is available for purchase in hard copy or in electronic format (CD ROM). The document is also available for public review at the Woodland Public Library at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Please contact Eric Parfrey, Principal Planner, at (530) 666-8043 or Eric.Parfrey@yolocounty.org for more information or should you wish to purchase a copy.

You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 45-day public review period which begins January 23, 2015 and ends March 9, 2015 at 5:00pm. All comments on the DEIR Will be responded to in writing in the Final EIR. Comments must be directed to:

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A public hearing at the Yolo County Planning Commission will be held on February 12, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street, Woodland, to accept oral comments on the DEIR.

There will be no transcription of oral comments at these meetings. Comments received will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit their comments in writing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact the County Planning, Public Works, and Environmental Services Department at (530) 666-8811. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting.

For more specific questions about the project please contact Eric Parfrey, Principal Planner at (530) 666-8043 or Eric.Parfrey@yolocounty.org.