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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING for the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the YOLO COUNTY CENTRAL LANDFILL (YCCL) PERMIT REVISIONS

DATE: July 30, 2021
TO: Responsible Agencies and Individuals
FROM: Yolo County Department of Community Services

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2020080465) for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions is now available for review. The public is invited to comment on this document for a 45-day period extending from Friday, July 30, 2021, to Monday, September 13, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

A special virtual public meeting via Zoom Webinar will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 10:00 am. Connection information is provided directly below.

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Yolo County (County) is the Lead Agency for the preparation and review of the DEIR for the YCCL Permit Revisions (Project). The Project evaluated in the DEIR consists of several changes to YCCL's existing operations

and permits including but not limited to the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP), Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Permits, and Waste Discharge Requirements. One aspect of the Project, development of a non-specific future off-site borrow area, may also require a mining permit under the state Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and Yolo County's Agricultural Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance. The Project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the Project requires several discretionary actions by public bodies.

The YCCL is a municipal solid waste (MSW) facility located in unincorporated Yolo County about two miles northeast of Davis, and five miles southeast of Woodland, near the intersection of County Roads 28H and 104. The site covers 725 acres. The YCCL is owned by Yolo County and operated by the County's Department of Community Services, Division of Integrated Waste Management (DIWM); it has been in operation since 1975. The landfill is open seven days per week and accepts non-hazardous MSW, green waste and food waste, construction and demolition debris, liquid waste and recyclables.

The Project would be undertaken to allow the County greater flexibility in developing and implementing processes and operations that would reduce waste from the landfill, reduce environmental impacts of landfill operations, decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, increase the recovery of materials and energy from waste, operate more efficiently and economically, and extend the facility's lifespan. Proposed changes to the design and operation of the YCCL that constitute the Project, and which are analyzed in the DEIR, include the following:

1. Increased Daily Permitted Tonnage
2. Wood Pellet Facility
3. Large Scale Floating Solar Photovoltaic System
4. Solar Photovoltaic System on Closed Landfill Units
5. Waste Gasification Facility
6. Expanded Biogas Utilization Options
7. Peaking Power Plant
8. New Class 2 Surface Impoundment
9. Organic Waste Fertilizer Facility
10. Stormwater Treatment System and Discharge
11. Additional Groundwater Pumping (Possible Treatment and Discharge)
12. Transfer Station
13. Non-Specific Future Off-Site Borrow Area
14. Thermal Pressure Hydrolysis System
15. Biogas to Methanol Pilot Facility

The Project alternatives include:

Alternative 1: No Project Alternative

Alternative 2: Reduced Tonnage Alternative

Alternative 3: Reduced Footprint Alternative

Adoption of the Project will require the following actions by the County:

- Certification of the Final EIR for the Project;
- Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), Findings, and Statement of Overriding Considerations;

- Approval of the Site Plan; Other County permits such as Building and Grading Permits related to individual Project elements; possibly an agricultural surface mining and reclamation permit related to the non-specific future off-site borrow area.

Adoption of the Project will require the following actions by Other Government Agencies:

- CalRecycle must concur with the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)'s decision to approve the SWFP Revision. Yolo County Environmental Health Division is the LEA for Yolo County.
- The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District requires an Authority to Construct/ Permit to Operate (ATC/PTO) for equipment that emits air pollution related to the operation of the Project. Project elements may require revisions to current air quality permits for YCCL.
- The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requires Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for operations that discharge waste to land. The proposed Class 2 Surface impoundment would require WDRs. A new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) State Construction General Permit would be required for construction activities not covered under the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for operations associated with the existing Industrial General Permit.

The County and its consultant, RCH Group, Inc. have prepared a 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 adoption of the Project. Following certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Project, Project elements may rely on the EIR for CEQA compliance and/or tiering.

The DEIR analyzes impacts in the areas of Aesthetics/Visual, Land Use, Planning and Agriculture, Air Quality (including Odors), Biological Resources, Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Public Health and Safety, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Wildfire, Noise, Transportation, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems, Cumulative Impacts, and Other CEQA-Required Analysis. Significant impacts are identified to Land Use, Planning, and Agriculture.

The YCCL Permit Revisions DEIR and all documents incorporated by reference and other key references are now available to the public at the following website: <https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/community-services/planning-division/current-projects>

Electronic copies of the document may be requested free of charge. Printed copies of the document may be requested for a fee to cover the cost of copying. Printed copies of the document are also available for public review at the public counter at the address provided below. Printed or electronic copies of the document are also provided at the Woodland Public Library at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695, and Mary L. Stephens - Davis Branch Library at 315 E. 14th Street, Davis, CA 95616. Please contact Stephanie Cormier (using the contact information provided below) for more information.

You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 45-day public review period which begins Friday, July 30, 2021 and ends Monday, September 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm. All comments on the DEIR must be received by the Yolo County Department of Community Services by 4:00 pm on September 13, 2021, to be considered. Due to Covid19 restrictions, the public counter at 292 West Beamer Street is open 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. noon (except by appointment) so hand delivery after 12:00 p.m. each day will require an appointment. Comments may be sent by postal service, electronic mail, hand delivery, or provided verbally at the special virtual public

meeting via Zoom Webinar on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 10:00 am. Pursuant to Section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the County's discretion. Comments must be directed to:

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A special virtual public meeting via Zoom Webinar will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00 am to accept oral comments on the DEIR. There will be no transcription of oral comments at this meeting, although the webinar will be recorded. Oral 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 Yolo County Department of Community Services at (530) 666-8078. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting.

The Project site is not listed on State databases compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of the Project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the hearing is closed.

For more specific questions about the project, please contact Stephanie Cormier using the contact information provided above.