SIMI VALLEY LANDFILL & RECYCLING CENTER Modernization & Expansion Update

Dear Supporters,

WM's Simi Valley project team has been working very hard to generate a project that is best for Simi Valley and Ventura County as a whole. As part of that, we think you should know the project will ensure Ventura County's needs for adequate and environmentally safe disposal will be met for years to come.

In addition, the modernization project will:

- Maintain 230 good-paying jobs
- Inject more than \$48 million annually into the Ventura County economy.
- Puts Simi Valley and the County at the forefront of the green movement by increasing production of green energy to power as 6,250 homes and by establishing one of the first LEED-certified facilities at a landfill.
- Preserve open space for wildlife habitat conservation

Next week, there will be a community forum for residents to learn more about WM's future plans. After the presentations, you will be able to speak one on one with WM and environmental experts regarding the project.

The Ventura County Planning Commission will be the next day to review the proposed modernization and expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill & Recycling Center (SVLRC). If approved, the project will go before the Ventura County Board of Supervisor's in May.

We need you! Please join us at these upcoming events to show support for this important project.

City of Simi Valley Community Forum

Wednesday, March 23rd - 6:30 pm City of Simi Valley Council Chambers 2929 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley CA 93063

Ventura County Planning Commission Hearing

Thursday, March 24th – 1:00 pm City of Simi Valley Council Chambers 2929 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley CA 93063

We appreciate all the support we have received from community members as this date has neared. Now that it's finally happening, we need your support more than ever! If you are interested in learning more about the project or wish to schedule a tour of the facility, please contact Lisa Hemenway at (805) 581-1746 or by e-mail at <u>Lhemenway1@wm.com</u>.

Sincerely,

<u>Mike Smith</u> Director of Operations



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Check out our new modernization website! www.simimodernizationfacts.com

Learn the facts about the modernization project and benefits to the community.

Waste Management's Modernization and Expansion project for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center includes many benefits to the community, including expanding recycling capabilities and creating open space for wildlife habitat conservation.

The Simi Landfill and Recycling Center alone powers the equivalent of 2,500 homes each day with two landfill gas-toenergy generators using methane gas.

Waste Management maintains 230 good paying jobs in Ventura County and injects more than \$48 million annually into the County economy. The modernization and expansion of the landfill will create much needed additional jobs, including 100 construction jobs over four years and 150 new permanent good paying jobs, with benefits, for decades to come.

THINK GREEN.