

SIMI VALLEY LANDFILL & RECYCLING CENTER

Modernization & Expansion Update



Dear Friends,

With much discussion for the past couple of months, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider Waste Management’s Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) Modernization and Expansion Project on July 19th.



The Board’s action on the Modernization and Expansion Project will be one of the most important decisions they will make this year. Without the SVLRC Modernization and Expansion, Ventura County will not have a place to dispose of our trash in the future and we will have to pay higher fees. As responsible citizens, we cannot let this happen.

As you know, our project offers a long-term solution that would expand the Simi Valley Landfill footprint and increase the daily limit for waste disposal while remaining within our currently permitted total tons per day for all materials. The proposed changes would help us meet the disposal and recycling needs for the area well into the future. Waste Management remains dedicated to offering residents the best possible services, while continuing to be a leader in environmental stewardship.

Join Us!
Board of Supervisors Hearing

Tuesday, July 19th
1:30 pm

County of Ventura
Government Center
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura CA 93009

Some of the community benefits of the project include:

- ✓ Adding 150 new permanent good paying local jobs, with benefits, for decades to come
- ✓ Creating additional indirect jobs such as 100 construction jobs over four years
- ✓ Improving recycling options and increases environmentally-friendly programs
- ✓ Building a convenient Environmental Collection Center for unwanted items, including, batteries, paint, oil, and electronic waste
- ✓ Reducing traffic on the Madera Corridor by moving local trucking operations to landfill
- ✓ Creating and protecting over 500 acres of open space and wildlife habitats
- ✓ Increasing production of enough green energy – by safely transforming methane gas from waste to electricity – to power 6,250 local homes
- ✓ Establishing one of the first green building LEED facilities at a landfill in the county by using recycled and sustainable building materials, energy-efficient lighting, green energy programs and recycled water



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If the Board approves the Modernization and Expansion Project as we have proposed it, the County will receive **more than \$160 million of additional surcharge, plus more than \$66 million in additional fees.**

Ventura County will continue to grow in the future. If we want it to grow well and to continue to be such an incredible place to live and work, we need your support. Approval of the SVLRC Modernization and Expansion Project is a smart decision that they have the opportunity to make next Tuesday. Please let the Supervisors know that you support the SVLRC Modernization and Expansion Project.

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If you cannot make it to the hearing, please let your Supervisor know that you support the SVLRC Modernization and Expansion project by calling his or her office at the numbers shown below, or by emailing them at the addresses shown.

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Supervisor Kathy Long	(805) 654-2276	kathy.long@ventura.org
Supervisor Linda Parks	(805) 343-2564	linda.parks@ventura.org
Supervisor John C. Zaragoza	(805) 654-2613	supervisor.zaragoza@ventura.org

Thank you for allowing us to provide you with recycling and refuse service for the past 40 years.

Sincerely,



[Mike Smith](#)
Director of Operations



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