

## **Appendix A**

### **NOP, Initial Study, NOP Comments Received**



**Riverside County**  
**Waste Management Department**

*Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer*

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

**Date:** August 09, 2007

**To:** State Clearinghouse  
Responsible Agencies  
Interested Citizen Groups  
Surrounding Property Owners

**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

The County of Riverside will be the Lead Agency for the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for a proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) revision for the El Sobrante Landfill. An Initial Study has been completed to define environmental issues to be addressed in the SEIR. Potential environmental impacts will be addressed for the issues of: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Noise, Public Health and Safety, and Transportation/Circulation.

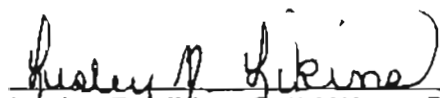
The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study is attached.

This notice is a request for environmental information that you or your organization believe should be addressed in the SEIR. Please limit the scope and content of the environmental information to that which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities. Responses should be sent to:

Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Moreno Valley, California 92553  
Attention: Mr. Ryan Ross, Planner  
(951) 486-3200/Fax: (951) 486-3250

In accordance with time limits established by the California Environmental Quality Act, your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 30 days after the receipt of this notice. All comments must be post-marked by **September 10, 2007**.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Hans Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer**

  
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Lesley B. Likins, Solid Waste Planning Manager

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM: INITIAL STUDY

**Project Name:** El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision  
**Lead Agency Name:** Riverside County Waste Management Department (RCWMD)  
**Address:** 14310 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553  
**Contact Person:** Ryan Ross, Planner  
**Telephone Number:** (951) 486-3351  
**Date:** August 8, 2007

### I. PROJECT INFORMATION

#### A. Project Background:

On September 1, 1998, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (BOS): 1) approved a lateral and vertical expansion of the El Sobrante Landfill, a Class III, non-hazardous, municipal solid waste disposal facility (refer to Figure 1- REGIONAL MAP) in operation since 1986; 2) certified the corresponding EIR, comprised of a Draft EIR, dated April 1994, a Final EIR, dated April 1996, and an Update to the Final EIR, dated July 1998; and, 3) entered into the Second El Sobrante Landfill Agreement (Second Agreement) with USA Waste of California, Inc., a subsidiary of WMI and owner and operator of the landfill. Pursuant to the Second Agreement, which specifies landfill operating conditions and requirements, the El Sobrante Landfill was expanded, increasing the project site from 178 acres to 1,322 acres, increasing the overall waste disposal capacity from approximately nine million tons to approximately 109 million tons or 196.11 million cubic yards, and increasing the daily disposal capacity from 4,000 to 10,000 tons per day (tpd), with 4,000 tpd reserved for in-County waste and 6,000 tpd for out-of-County. A First Amendment to the Second Agreement was approved by the BOS on July 1, 2003, which allowed WMI to install electrical generating equipment to convert landfill gas and to grind green waste onsite. The Second Agreement was amended a second time on March 13, 2007 when the BOS approved the Second Amendment to the Second Agreement and authorized the Chairman to execute the Amendment on behalf of the Board.

#### B. Project Description:

The project is a proposal to revise the SWFP for the El Sobrante Landfill pursuant to the Second Amendment, which allows for WMI to seek approvals and/or permits as may be necessary to authorize the following revisions to landfill operations:

- **Extend the hours at the gate for waste delivery.** Currently, the facility is permitted to accept waste for disposal 20 hours a day (4:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight). The project proposes to increase this by four (4) hours, thus allowing for acceptance of material for a continuous 24-hour period. The permitted days of operations will remain Sunday through Saturday, 7 days a week, except for County landfill holidays.
- **Change the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit to a weekly limit.** Currently, the facility is permitted to accept 10,000 tons per day (tpd) of waste 7 days a week. Instead of using daily tonnage limits (10,000 tpd), the project proposes to incorporate a weekly maximum tonnage limit of 70,000 tons per week.
- **Update the overall site disposal capacity to reflect 196.11 million cubic yards, as specified in the Second Agreement and in certified EIR.** Currently, the SWFP reflects 184.93 million cubic yards, which needs to be revised to correspond with the

certified EIR and the Second Agreement. (Note: Pursuant to the Second Amendment, the amount of disposal capacity reserved for the County will change from “47,320,000 tons” to “52,320,000 tons or 40% of total landfill volume, whichever is greater.” Capacity gains are due to compaction efficiencies, landfill settlement and, to an extent, reduced application of daily cover. El Sobrante is not required to apply daily cover, but is permitted to apply soil cover or Alternative Daily Cover at the end of an operating day, which, in the case of El Sobrante, is defined as 3:00 AM Monday to 8:00 PM Saturday.)

**B. Total Project Area:** 1,322 acres (refer to Figure 2- SITE PLAN)

**C. Assessor’s Parcel No(s):** 283-090-014;283-090-015; 283-080-012; 283-080-013; 286-080-007;283-120-004; 283-120-016; 283-130-001;283-020-014

**D. Street References:** The project is located at 10910 Dawson Canyon Rd, Corona, CA- east of Interstate 15, Temescal Canyon Road, south of Cajalco Road, and north of Dawson Canyon in Western Riverside County (refer to Figure 3-VICINITY MAP).

**E. Section, Township & Range Description or reference/attach a Legal Description:**

Portions of Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 4S, Range 6W

Portions of Section 19; Township 4S; Range 5W

**F. Brief description of the existing environmental setting of the project site and its surroundings:**

- **Existing Setting**

The El Sobrante landfill is located in western Riverside County within the foothills east of the Temescal Valley between Olsen and Dawson Canyons. The existing site is located within the Gavilan Hills area, approximately two (2) miles south of the City of Corona. The topography of the site varies from gently to steeply sloping hills, knolls, and ridges, to flat mesas. The primary vegetation of the site is sage scrub, though the site is also characterized by annual and disturbed grasslands. Small patches of riparian woodland are found along creeks that bisect the site.

- **Surrounding Setting**

The surrounding area consists of open space, mining, manufacturing, and residential land uses. Lake Matthews, a 2,800 acre fresh water reservoir, lies approximately two miles northeast of the site while the City of Corona is located roughly two miles northwest of the site. The following land uses occur within a two mile radius of the landfill: a composting facility to the west, light industrial/manufacturing to the south west, pockets of residential land-uses scattered throughout Dawson Canyon to the southeast, and open space-conservation habitat blankets the eastern and northern boundaries of the landfill.

## II. APPLICABLE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING REGULATIONS

**A. General Plan Area Plan(s):** Partially within the Lake Matthews/Woodcrest and Temescal Canyon Area Plans

**B. Land Use Designation(s):** The vast majority of the Project Site is designated as Public Facility (PF), with roughly 11.3 acres located in the northwest corner of APN 280-080-007 designated as Open Space-Conservation Habitat (OS-CH).

**C. Adjacent and Surrounding Land Use Designation(s):** the land use designations of the surrounding development are as follows:

**North:**

Open Space-Conservation Habitat (OS-CH)

**South:**

Open Space Rural (OS-RUR)

Open Space Mineral Resources (OS-MIN)

Open Space Conservation (OS-C)

Rural Mountainous (RM)

Medium Density Residential (MDR)

Light Industrial (LI)

**East:**

Open Space-Conservation Habitat (OS-CH)

Rural Mountainous (RM)

**West:**

Open Space-Conservation Habitat (OS-CH)

Open Space Rural (OS-RUR)

Open Space Mineral Resources (OS-MIN)

**D. Existing Zoning:** The majority of the site is zoned Residential Agricultural-10 acre minimum (R-A-10), along with small portions zoned Rural Residential (R-R) and Light Agriculture- one acre minimum (A-1-1).

**E. Adjacent and Surrounding Zoning:** Light Agriculture (A-1) and Rural Agriculture (R-A) to the north; Mineral Resources (M-R), SP Zone (SP327), and Natural Assets (N-A) to the south; Residential Agriculture (R-A) and SP Zone (SP198) to the east; Mineral Resources (M-R), Light Agriculture (A-1), Natural Assets (N-A), and Watercourse, Watershed, & Conservation Area (W-1) to the west.

### III. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below (X) would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" or "Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	
<input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing	

#### IV. DETERMINATION

On the basis of this evaluation:

A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS NOT PREPARED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration will be prepared.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, unless the mitigation measures described in the Environmental Assessment are incorporated into the project. A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Report is required

A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment nothing further is required because wall potentially significant effects (a) have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that though all potentially significant effects have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable legal standards, some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist. An Addendum to a previously-certified EIR or Negative Declaration has been prepared and will be considered by the approving body or bodies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I find that at least one of the conditions described in the California Code of Regulations, Section 15162 exist, but I further find that only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation; therefore a <b>Supplement to the Environmental Impact Report</b> is required that need only contain the information necessary to the make previous EIR adequate for the project as revised.

Environmental Assessment Prepared By: Ryan Ross, Urban/Regional Planner III

Signature of Preparer:  Date: August 08, 2007

## V. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000-21178.1), this Initial Study has been prepared to analyze the proposed project to determine any potential significant impacts upon the environment that would result from construction and implementation of the project. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, this Initial Study is a preliminary analysis prepared by the Lead Agency, the Riverside County Waste Management Department, in consultation with other jurisdictional agencies, to determine whether a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report is required for the proposed project. The purpose of this Initial Study is to inform the decision-makers, affected agencies, and the public of potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project.

Sources utilized for each section include the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion (SCH No.90020076). When referencing the "EIR", all of the following documents are included: Draft EIR (1994), Final EIR (1996), and update to the FEIR (1998). In addition, the Riverside County Integrated Project 2002 General Plan Amendment, adopted on October 7, 2003 by Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2003-487, and Environmental Impact Report No. 441 (State Clearinghouse No. 2002051143) certified on that same date, are incorporated herein by reference.

For each question in the EA Checklist, there are four (4) possible responses:

- (1) **Potentially Unavoidable Significant Impact**, which means that a potentially significant impact may not be avoided through the implementation of mitigation measures, and an EIR may be required;
- (2) **Less Than Significant Impact After Mitigation**, which means that an impact, while potentially significant, can be reduced to below a level of significance with the implementation of mitigation measures, as established by the County of Riverside or other regulatory agency through General Plan, ordinances, or adopted regulations or policies;
- (3) **Less than Significant Impact**, which means that a potential impact is below a level of significance, without the implementation of mitigation measures; and,
- (4) **No Impact**, which means that the project will not result in any impact to the environment.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>1. Land Use and Planning</b>				
Would the project				
a) Conflict with the General Plan or zoning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with applicable environmental plans or policies adopted by agencies with jurisdiction over the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be incompatible with existing land use in the vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be affected by a city sphere of influence or is it located adjacent to a city or county boundary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Affect agricultural resources or operations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. Adopted October 2003. 2. Environmental Impact Report for EI Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 3. Riverside County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance No. 348 4. City of Corona General Plan (2004)				
<b>Discussion</b> <p><b>a)</b> The Project Site is consistent with the Riverside County General Plan, designating the site as a "Public Facility." The project's impact upon Land Use and Zoning was evaluated in the previous EIR, and the project actions simply implement the existing general plan and zoning, and no changes to land-use or zoning are needed; therefore, no additional environmental analysis of this topic is required. All mitigation measures relating to Land Use and Zoning as proscribed in the previous EIR will remain in effect.</p> <p><b>b)</b> The proposed project to revise the SWFP for the EI Sobrante Landfill does not conflict with the applicable environmental plans or policies of either the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the EI Sobrante Landfill or the Riverside Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), as follows:</p> <p><u>Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the EI Sobrante Landfill</u>            The EI Sobrante HCP was prepared for, but not limited to, provide the basis for USFWS and CDFG to authorize incidental take of Covered Species in the Plan Area, provide the vegetation restoration component of the Landfill Closure Plan, the multi-species restoration plan, and the implementation plan for habitat mitigation. Since the proposed project does not involve any physical expansion of the facility and is not expected to impact any habitats, species, or issues addressed in the HCP, the proposed project will not conflict with the existing HCP.</p>				

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<b><u>Riverside Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)</u></b>				
The El Sobrante Landfill is consistent with the goals and policies of the CIWMP. The goals of the Siting Element of the CIWMP address the need for providing long-term disposal capacity and economically and environmentally safe operation of the landfill system. The proposed revisions to the SWFP ensure that the landfill site will continue to provide long-term disposal capacity to meet the needs of both western Riverside County and outside jurisdictions. The proposed SWFP revisions: Extending the hours the gate is permitted to remain open to accept material by four (4) hours, and changing the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit to a weekly limit, will not change the character of the project as designated in the CIWMP.				
<p><b>c)</b> The previous EIR adequately addressed issues relating to compatibility with surrounding land uses, including adjacent land uses, four (4) Specific Plans west of Interstate 15 and two (2) Specific Plans located south/southeast of the landfill. The recently adopted (December 2006) Toscana Specific Plan No. 327, located south of the project site, is buffered from the project site by 244 acres of open space. Since the previous EIR evaluated land use compatibility and the recently approved SP 327 is buffered from the site by vast acres of open space, any issues resulting from the proposed Project on land use compatibility are considered to be less than significant.</p>				
<p><b>d)</b> The western boundary of the Project Site is located within the Sphere of Influence (SOI) for the City of Corona. The City of Corona has identified the portion of the project site within its SOI as “<i>General Industrial</i>.” Landfill operations are consistent with the City of Corona’s “<i>General Industrial</i>” designation. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.</p>				
<p><b>e)</b> Since the proposed Project will not physically expand the landfill and the prior environmental documentation for the Project determined that there was no impact to agricultural resources/operations as a result of the Project, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the Project’s impacts to agricultural resources/operations and no additional analysis of this issue is warranted.</p>				
<p><b>f)</b> The Project Site is an existing landfill with no established community on the site. The proposed Project will not result in any additional expansion or land disturbance; therefore, the Project will not disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community. No additional analysis is required.</p>				
<b>2. Population and Housing</b>				
Would the project				
a) Cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly, that is, induce growth in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace existing housing, especially affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Sources</b> 1. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. Adopted October 2003. 2. Project Materials				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a)</b> The Project is not growth inducing; therefore, it will not contribute to cumulative population growth.  <b>b)</b> The Project will not induce growth, either directly or indirectly, and thus, it will not create a need to extend major infrastructure.  <b>c)</b> The Project will not displace any homes or people inasmuch as the site is an existing landfill and thus has no housing on it.				
<b>3. Seismicity/Slopes</b> Would the project result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:				
a) Seismicity: fault rupture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Seismicity: groundshaking and liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Seiche, tsunami, or volcanic hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Slope failure, landslides, mudflows, or rockfall?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Water or wind erosion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Ground subsidence and/or surface displacement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Expansive soils?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Unique geologic or physical features?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. "Earthquake Fault Study Zones", Figure S-2 3. Lake Matthews/Woodcrest Area Plan, "Seismic Hazards", Figure 12				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a-h)</b> Because the Proposed Project will not result in additional expansion of the Project Site, issues relating to Seismicity/Slopes for the Proposed Project as listed above in questions A thru H, have been more than adequately examined in the previous EIR. The previous EIR for the Project concluded that the Project was not located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or an existing County Fault Hazard Zone. Moreover, according to Figure S-2 of the 2002 RCIP General Plan, the Project is not located in an existing County Fault Hazard Zone, nor is it located in a Recommended Fault Hazard Zone.				

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<p>Additionally, the previous EIR concluded that there are no Site conditions indicating the potential of ground rupture due to faulting, subsidence, or liquefaction during earthquake ground shaking, landslides or lurching of exposed slope faces. The existence of shallow, consolidated bedrock exposed on canyon side slopes eliminates the propensity for landslides. The previous EIR also determined that events such as Tsunami and Seiche are precluded by topographic settings, and precursors to potential geological hazards such as volcanic activity, collapsible or expansive soil conditions, or excessive settlement, have not been identified on-site.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are no substantial changes to the Project being proposed, substantial changes to the circumstances under which the Project will be undertaken or new information regarding the Project's potential impacts related to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or an existing County Fault Hazard Zone that would require major revisions to the prior environmental analysis. Therefore, no additional discussion of this issue is necessary or warranted.</p>				
<b>4. Water</b>				
Would the project result in				
a) Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Discharge into surface waters or other alteration of surface water quality (e.g., temperature, dissolved oxygen, or turbidity)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Changes in the course or direction of water movements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Change in the quantity of groundwater, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Altered direction or rate of flow of groundwater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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h) Impacts to groundwater quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Substantial reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials  <b>Discussion</b> <b>a-i)</b> Since the Proposed Project will not result in any additional activities that might impact absorption rates, drainage patterns, surface waters, groundwater, or expose people to water related hazards, no impacts are anticipated. Furthermore, there are no changes in the proposed Project, no changes in applicable circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken, and no new information requiring major revisions to the EIR on this issue. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts.				
<b>5. Transportation/Circulation</b> Would the project				
a) Result in increased vehicle trips or traffic congestion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in hazards to safety from design features or incompatible uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in insufficient parking capacity on-site or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflicts with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Interference with rail, waterborne, or air traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials <b>Discussion</b> <b>a)</b> Although the proposed Project <i>will not</i> result in an increase in vehicle trips, it will result in a re-distribution of existing traffic patterns due to extending the hours the gate is permitted to				

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<p>remain open to accept material. A traffic analysis will be prepared and summarized in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Since the proposed Project will not involve any physical modifications to the Site or adjacent facilities/roads, and will not increase the amount of vehicles above what is currently permitted, the Project will not result in hazards to safety from design features or incompatible uses. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the Project impact on this issue and no additional discussion of this issue is necessary or warranted.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The proposed Project will not result in any changes to emergency access or impact access to nearby uses. Emergency access will remain the same as analyzed in the previous EIR. In addition, the Project will not increase vehicle trips above its current permitted capacity, and the Project does not propose any physical expansion or re-design of access roads or facilities. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addressed the impacts. No additional analysis is needed.</p> <p><b>d)</b> The proposed Project will not result in insufficient parking capacity, either on-site or off. The previous EIR for the Project adequately evaluated this issue and no further analysis is necessary.</p> <p><b>e)</b> Although the proposed project may change the hourly distribution of vehicular traffic to take advantage of the 24-hour operation, no additional vehicle trips are permitted and waste haulers shall continue to use approved hauling routes as analyzed in the previous EIR. Therefore, since the previous EIR for the Project adequately evaluated this issue, no further analysis is necessary.</p> <p><b>f-g)</b> The proposed Project will not result in any changes that would conflict with adopted policies supporting alternative transportation or interference with rail, waterborne, or air traffic. Furthermore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts. No additional analysis is needed.</p>				
<b>6. Air Quality</b>				
Would the project				
a) Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Expose sensitive receptors to air pollutants?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Alter air movement, moisture, or temperature, or cause any change in climate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Create objectionable odors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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e) Be consistent with the 2003 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials 3. SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook Table 6-2; 2 4. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. Adopted October 2003.				
<b>Discussion</b> <p><b>a)</b> The proposed Project could potentially have an impact on air quality. Therefore, this issue will be analyzed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.</p> <p><b>b)</b> In light of new development adjacent/near the project site, the forthcoming Supplemental EIR will identify the location of sensitive land uses and/or receptors near the facility and if necessary, provide mitigation measures to mitigate potential air quality impacts to neighboring sensitive receptors.</p> <p><b>c)</b> Although the proposed Project will not alter air movement, moisture, temperature, or cause any change in climate, the forthcoming Supplemental EIR shall address issues relating to Greenhouse Gas emissions at the Project level.</p> <p><b>d)</b> The previous EIR concluded that odorous emissions from the project site would not constitute a significant impact due to mitigation measures and existing Best Management Practices at the project site. Since the proposed Project <i>will not</i> increase the maximum allowable tonnage per week (currently 70,000 tpw @10,000 tpd), and the previous EIR determined odors were not a significant issue, the proposed project will not have a significant impact on odor emissions. No further environmental analysis is necessary.</p> <p><b>e)</b> The project is consistent with the Riverside County General Plan. The proposed land uses in the General Plan have been included in the modeling of the adopted State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which is the applicable air quality plan. Therefore, the proposed Project is consistent with and would not obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan.</p>				
<b>7. Biological Resources</b> Would the project result in impacts to:				
a) Endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitats (including but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals, and birds)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Wetlands and/or other sensitive habitats (e.g., marsh, riparian, or vernal pool)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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c) Wildlife dispersal or migration corridors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan for the El Sobrante Landfill. Prepared by USA Waste of California, Inc. July 2001  <b>Discussion</b> <p><b>a-c)</b> Since the proposed Project does not involve any expansion or disturbance of lands not previously addressed in the previous EIR, nor does it increase landfill activity above what is already permitted, the mitigation measures identified in the previous EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill expansion, to include the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, and the purchase of off-site riparian/wetland habitat, more than adequately address the biological impacts listed above in questions A thru C.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are no substantial changes to the Project being proposed, substantial changes to the circumstances under which the Project will be undertaken, or new information regarding the Project's potential impacts to biological resources requiring major revisions to the EIR; and therefore the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the Project's impact to biological resources. Therefore, no additional analysis of this issue is warranted.</p>				
<b>8. Mineral Resources</b>				
Would the project				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource in an area classified or designated by the State that would be of value to the region or the residents of the State?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Be an incompatible land use located adjacent to a State classified or designated area or existing surface mine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Would the project expose people or Property to hazards from proposed, existing, or abandoned quarries or mines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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<b>Sources</b> 1. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. Adopted October 2003. 2. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076.				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a-b)</b> According to the <i>Riverside County General Plan</i> , Figure OS-5 (Mineral Resources), the project site is located in Mineral Resource Zone 3 (MRZ-3). This designation signifies that mineral deposits are likely to exist and the significance of the deposit is undetermined. However, no known mineral deposits are located on the site, and the site is not identified on local plans or state plans as a mineral recovery area. Therefore, the Project will not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource in an area classified or designated by the State that would be of value to the region or the residents of the State. The Project will not result in any impacts.  <b>c)</b> Although an existing surface mining operation exists directly south of the landfill, the proposed Project is not considered to be incompatible with the surface mining operation because the area of the project adjacent to these operations is not, nor will be developed. Therefore, implementation of the proposed Project would not result in an incompatibility with this use.  <b>d)</b> The Project will not expose people or property to hazards from proposed, existing or abandoned quarries or mines. There are no proposed, existing or abandoned quarries or mines on the Project site, and thus the Project will not expose people or property to hazards from proposed, existing or abandoned quarries or mines.				
<b>9. Public Health and Safety</b> Would the project involve				
a) A risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to: oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The creation of any health nuisances or potential health hazards, such as litter & vector problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Source</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Hazardous Waste Load Check Program. (Available at RCWMD, 14310 Frederick St, Moreno Valley. CA)				

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<b>Discussion</b> <p><b>a)</b> Although the project may increase the daily tonnage above existing levels, not to exceed 70,000 tons per week, the existing operation has an established series of procedures and protocols designed to identify potentially hazardous materials, remove them from incoming waste loads, and safely store them until they can be removed from the site by a licensed hazardous waste transporter. Since the previous EIR addressed this issue, and since there are existing protocols and procedures to manage hazardous substances, no additional environmental analysis is needed.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Since the project will not exceed the currently permitted and previously analyzed 70,000 tons per week, no litter or vector problems are anticipated above what was formerly addressed in previous EIR; however, the project may require additional heavy equipment to facilitate the potential increase in daily tonnage. This may pose a safety issue for personnel involved with landfill operations. In addition, increased nighttime operations may pose an increased risk to public health and safety. Therefore, these issues will be analyzed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.</p> <p><b>c-d)</b> Since the previous EIR addressed the public health and safety issues listed above in questions C thru D, and because the proposed Project will not result in any interfere with an emergency response plan or increase fire hazards in areas with flammable brush, no additional environmental analysis is needed.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are no changes in the proposed Project, no changes in applicable circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken, and no new information requiring major revisions to the EIR on this issue. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts.</p>				
<b>10. Noise</b> Would the project result in				
a) Increased noise levels?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Source</b> 1. Project Materials <b>Discussion</b> The project has the potential to redistribute traffic patterns near the facility as disposal trucks take advantage of the 24-hour operation. This re-distribution may cause significant impacts to noise levels for neighboring residents. In addition, extending the hours for waste acceptance also has the potential to elevate noise levels as additional landfill equipment is needed to process the waste. Therefore, a Noise Study will be prepared to address these issues. These issues will be discussed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.				

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<b>11. Public Services</b> Would the project have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered government services in any of the following areas:				
a) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Health services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials  <b>Discussion</b> Since the previous EIR addressed the public service issues listed above in questions A thru E, and because the proposed Project will not result in any additional need for fire and police protection, schools, maintenance of public roads, or health services, no additional environmental analysis is needed.  Furthermore, there are no changes in the proposed Project, no changes in applicable circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken, and no new information requiring major revisions to the EIR on this issue. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts.				
<b>12. Utilities and Service Systems</b> Would the project result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:				
a) Power or natural gas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Communications systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Local or regional water treatment or distribution facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Sewer or septic tanks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Storm water drainage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Solid waste disposal system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Local or regional water supply systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a-g)</b> Since the previous EIR addressed the public service issues listed above in questions A thru G, and because the proposed Project will not result in any additional need for power and natural gas, communication systems, water treatment, sewer or septic service, solid waste disposal, or additional water supply, no additional environmental analysis is needed.  Furthermore, there are no changes in the proposed Project, no changes in applicable circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken, and no new information requiring major revisions to the EIR on this issue. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts.				
<b>13. Aesthetics</b> Would the project:				
a) Affect a scenic vista or scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a demonstrable negative aesthetic effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Create night lighting or glare?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. Project Materials				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a-b)</b> The previous EIR for the Project adequately addressed the aesthetic impacts to the overall character of the El Sobrante area and for Cajalco Road, a County eligible Scenic Highway located approximately two (2) miles north of the project site. Furthermore, there are no changes in the proposed Project, no changes in applicable circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken, and no new information requiring major revisions to the EIR on this issue. Therefore, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately addresses the impacts.  <b>c)</b> Although the proposed Project would extend the hours the gate is open to receive waste, the facility currently operates (without accepting waste) during this time. No additional lighting is required as a result of the proposed Project. However, as a result of the proposed project, a minimum of 2,000 tons of import and 400 tons of County waste would be accepted during the hours of 9:00 PM and 5:00AM. This change may increase the intensity of glare coming both from the landfill site and from waste hauling vehicles. The forthcoming SEIR shall evaluate potential impacts stemming from night lighting or glare, and if necessary, provide mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts.				

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<b>14. Cultural/Paleontological Resources</b>				
Would the project?				
a) Disturb paleontological resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Disturb archaeological resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Affect historical resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Have the potential to cause a physical change, which would affect unique cultural values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sources</b> 1. Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante Landfill Expansion. SCH No.90020076. 2. RCIP General Plan, Final Integrated Version. "Historic Resources" – Figure OS-7 3. Project Materials				
<b>Discussion</b> The previous EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion concluded that the Project would not cause any significant impacts to historical resources, and no sites of historical significance are shown on RCIP Figure OS-7 on or near the Project site. However, the El Sobrante area has high potential for Archeological and Paleontological resources, which necessitated Archeological and Paleontological assessments for the previous EIR. The mitigation measures stemming from these assessments were incorporated into the previous EIR. Since there are no substantial changes to the Project being proposed, substantial changes to the circumstances under which the Project will be undertaken or new information regarding the Project's potential impacts to archeological, historical, or paleontological resources, the prior environmental documentation for the Project adequately address the proposed Project's impact to archeological, historical, and paleontological resources. Therefore, no additional analyses of these issues are warranted.				
<b>15. Recreation</b>				
Would the project:				
a) Increase the demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Affect existing recreational opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Source</b> 1. Project Materials				
<b>Discussion</b> <b>a-b)</b> As an existing landfill, the proposed Project does not generate a need for park services or recreational activities.				

## VI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

	Yes	No
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Discussion</b> This issue will be addressed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which will be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.		
b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Discussion</b> This issue will be addressed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which will be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.		
c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Discussion</b> This issue will be addressed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which will be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.		
d) Does the project have an environmental effect, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Discussion</b> This issue will be addressed in the Supplemental EIR, where any minor additions or changes which will be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the Project in the changed situation, will be made.		

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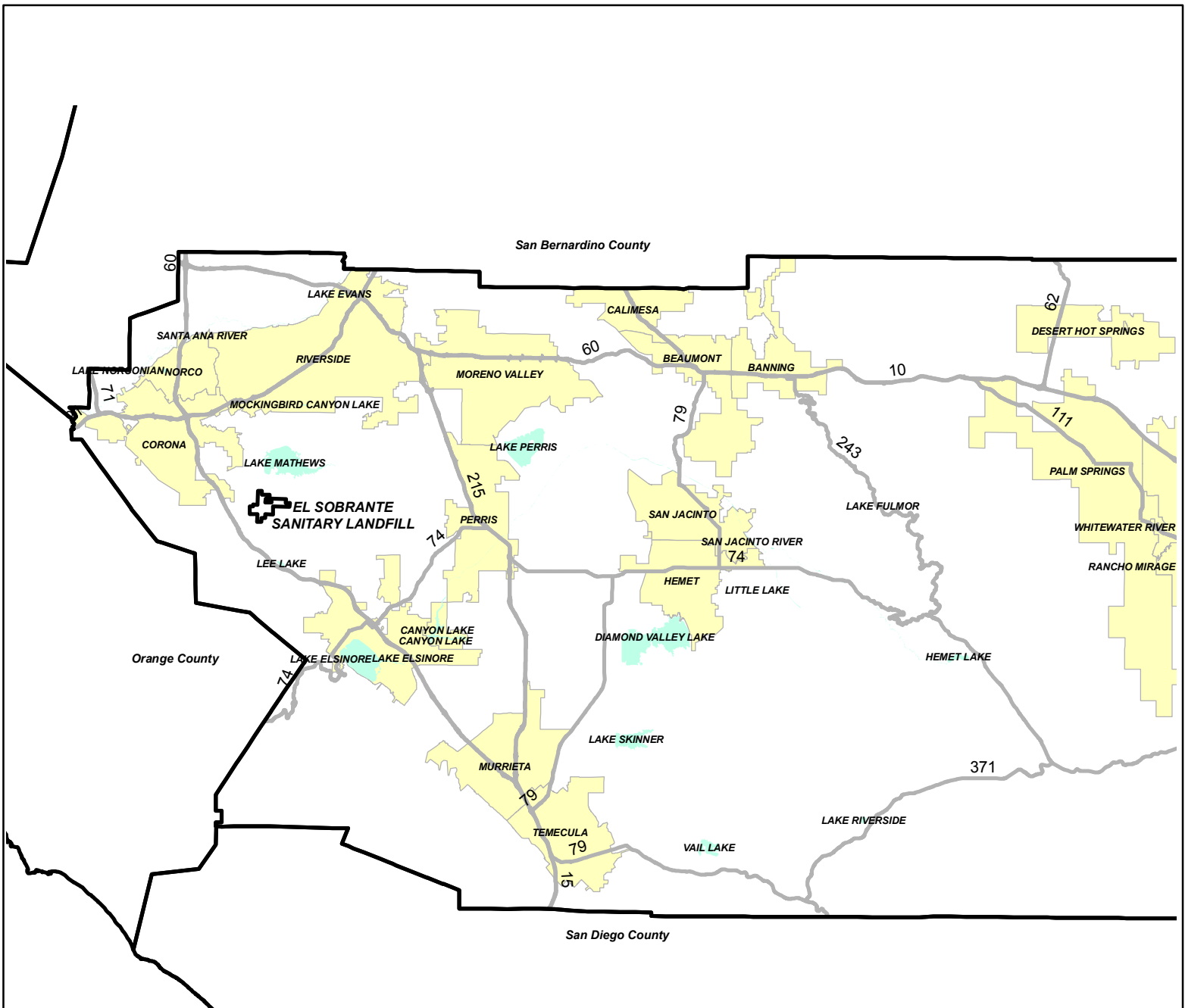
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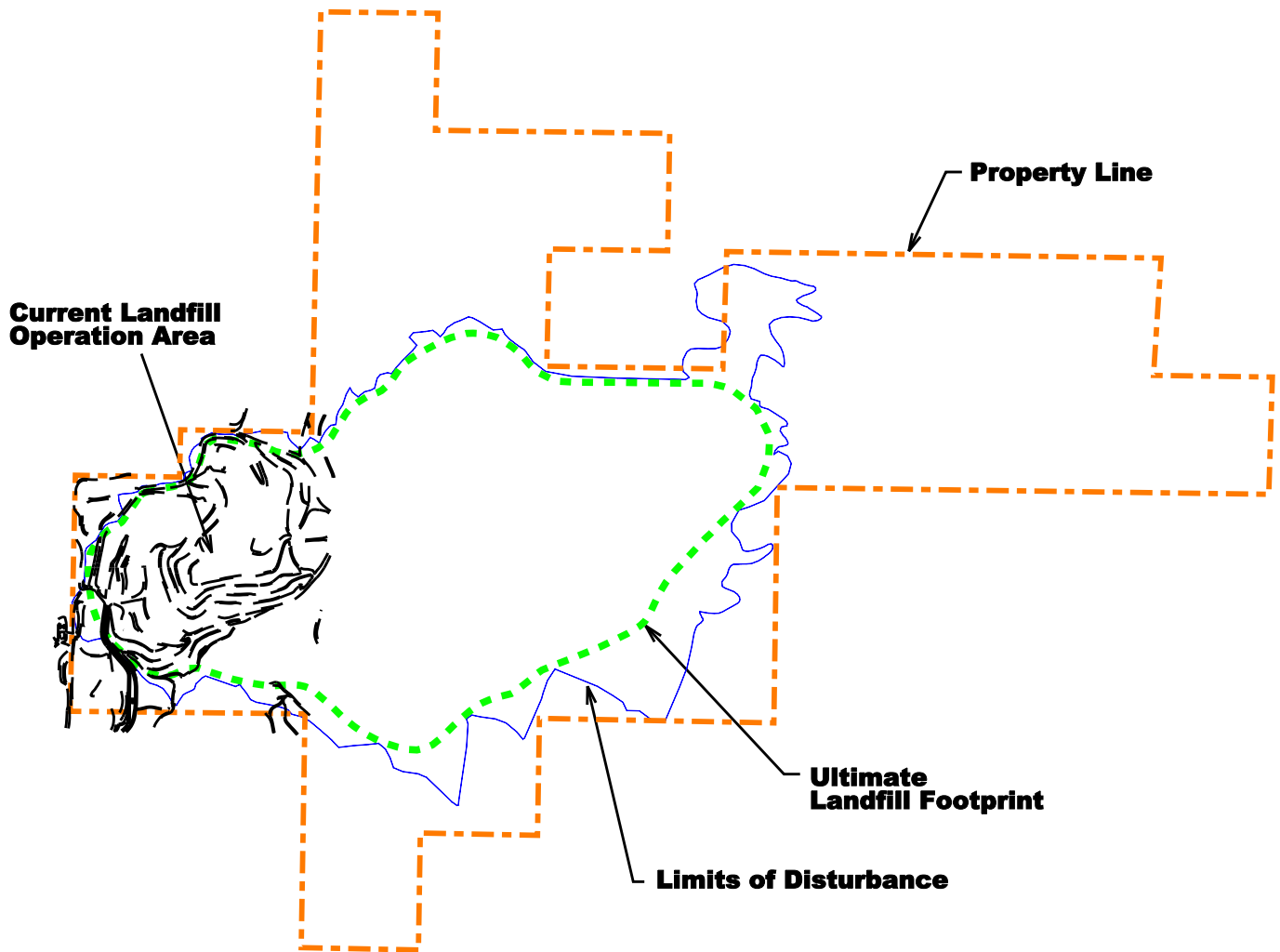
## El Sobrante Sanitary Landfill Regional Location Map



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**Figure 1**





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El Sobrante Sanitary Landfill

## Site Plan

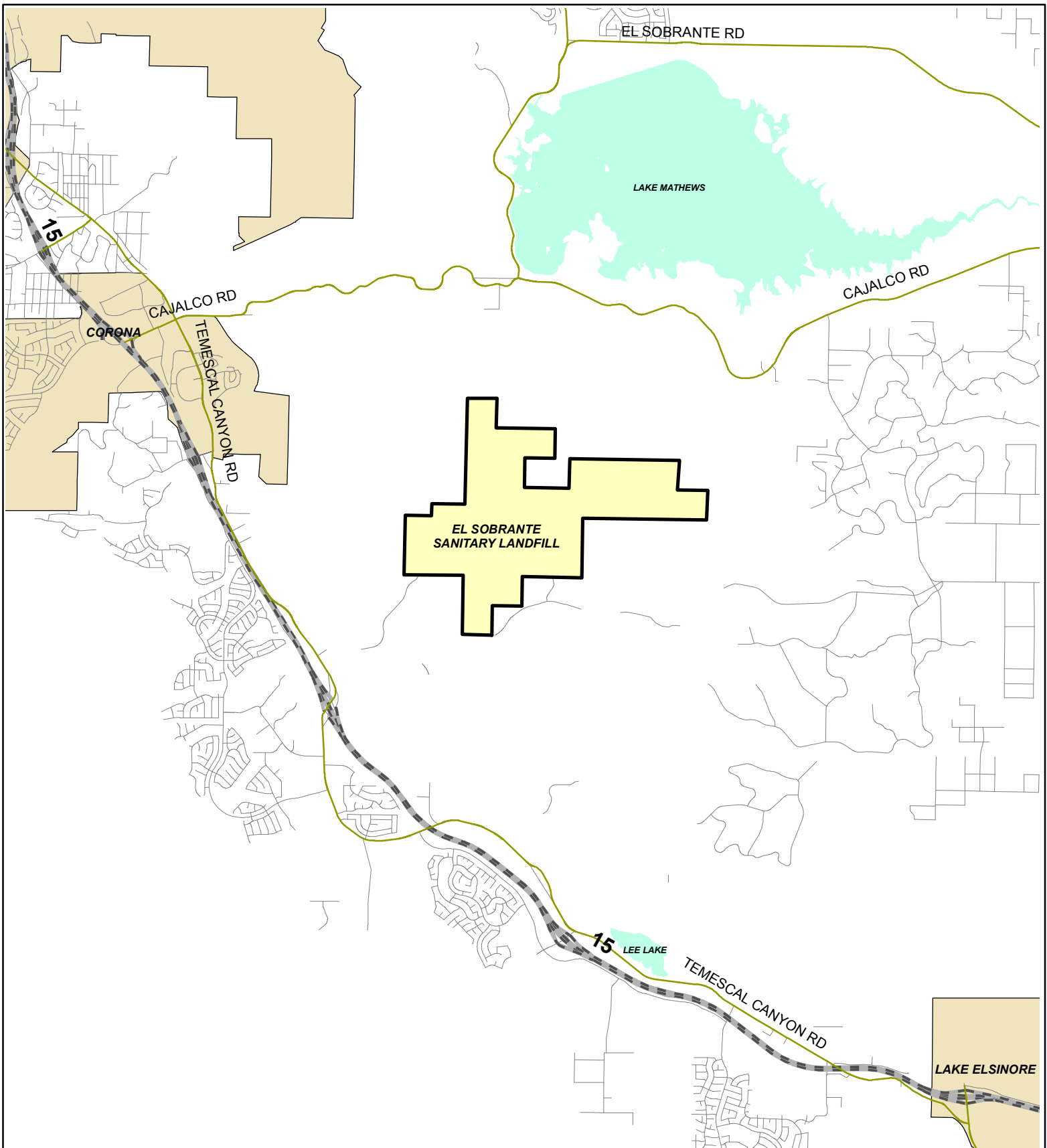
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## El Sobrante Sanitary Landfill Project Vicinity Map



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**Figure 3**



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Dear Mr. Ross:

### **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the El Sobrante Landfill SWFP**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft environmental impact report (EIR). Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality analysis and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

#### **Air Quality Analysis**

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. Alternatively, the lead agency may wish to consider using the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved URBEMIS 2007 Model. This model is available on the SCAQMD Website at: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html).

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has developed a methodology for calculating PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from construction and operational activities and processes. In connection with developing PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculation methodologies, the SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD requests that the lead agency quantify PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and compare the results to the recommended PM<sub>2.5</sub> significance thresholds. Guidance for

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In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts the SCAQMD recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized significance analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

It is recommended that lead agencies for projects generating or attracting vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis") can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile\\_toxic/mobile\\_toxic.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html). An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the decommissioning or use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

### **Mitigation Measures**

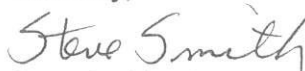
In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate significant adverse air quality impacts. To assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, please refer to Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook for sample air quality mitigation measures. Additional mitigation measures can be found on the SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at the following internet address: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html). Additionally, SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook contain numerous measures for controlling construction-related emissions that should be considered for use as CEQA mitigation if not otherwise required. Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>. In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses can be found in the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed.

### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD is willing to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project-related emissions are accurately identified, categorized, and evaluated. Please call Charles Blankson, Ph.D., Air Quality Specialist, CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Steve Smith, Ph.D.

Program Supervisor, CEQA Section

Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

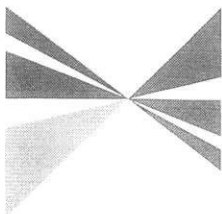
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**Tribal Government Representative:** Andrew Masief St., Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians

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August 24, 2007

Mr. Ryan Ross, Planner  
Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

**RE: SCAG Clearinghouse No. I 20070502 El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision**

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for submitting the **El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision** for review and comment. As areawide clearinghouse for regionally significant projects, SCAG reviews the consistency of local plans, projects and programs with regional plans. This activity is based on SCAG's responsibilities as a regional planning organization pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations. Guidance provided by these reviews is intended to assist local agencies and project sponsors to take actions that contribute to the attainment of regional goals and policies.

We have reviewed the **El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision**, and have determined that the proposed Project is not regionally significant per SCAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Criteria and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15206). Therefore, the proposed Project does not warrant comments at this time. Should there be a change in the scope of the proposed Project, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment at that time.

A description of the proposed Project was published in SCAG's **August 1-15, 2007 Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report** for public review and comment.

The project title and SCAG Clearinghouse number should be used in all correspondence with SCAG concerning this Project. Correspondence should be sent to the attention of the Clearinghouse Coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 236-1856. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**SHERYLL DEL ROSARIO**  
Associate Planner  
Intergovernmental Review

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/27/07

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 23, 2007

Mr. Ryan Ross, Planner  
Riverside County  
Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Dear Mr. Ross:

Re: Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental  
Environmental Impact Report for the  
El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility  
Permit Revision

This letter is written in response to the Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision. The proposed project consists of extension of gate hours for waste delivery, change in the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit to a weekly limit and update of the overall site disposal capacity. The project site is located at 10910 Dawson Canyon Road in unincorporated Riverside County.

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has no comments at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study. Please forward any subsequent environmental documents regarding the project to my attention at this office. Any further questions concerning this letter may be referred to Jason Swenson at 951.955.8082 or me at 951.955.1233.

Very truly yours,

  
TERESA TUNG  
Senior Civil Engineer

c: TLMA  
Attn: David Mares

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
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Temescal Heights, LLC  
Brian Moore, Planning Manager  
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August 22, 2007

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Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Moreno Valley, California 92553  
Attention: Mr. Ryan Ross, Planner  
(951) 486-3200/Fax: (951) 486-3250

RE: Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Ross:

We have received the notice of preparation for the above noted project. We have concern regarding the cumulative impacts associated with this revised project, not addressed in any previous Environmental Impact Reports. Cumulative impacts may become "cumulatively considerable" when projects, not considered at the time of the previous EIRs, are included. These projects include planned or proposed developments at the Synnagro composting facility adjacent to El Sobrante Landfill, such as an enclosed composting facility and/or construction of a methane powered electricity generating facility, and development of the Temescal Heights LLC property with residential, commercial, light industrial, or a combination of those land uses. We intend to file, in the next several months, an application to change the Riverside County Foundation Component from Open Space to Community Development, with specific development applications following in 2008. We believe the cumulative impacts are considerable because this and other projects were not addressed in any previous EIR, therefore should be included with the categories shown in the NOP.

Additionally, Greenhouse Gas emissions were not addressed in the Air Quality Section of previous Environmental Impact Reports, and should therefore be addressed in this Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,



Brian Moore,  
Planning Manager  
Temescal Heights, LLC

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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COUNT OF RIVERSIDE  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

August 14, 2007

Mr. Ryan Ross

**Riverside County Waste Management Department**

14310 Frederick Street  
Riverside, CA 92553

Re: SCH# 2007081054: CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP) draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project, Riverside County, California

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR per CEQA guidelines § 15064.5(b)(c). In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE),' and if so, to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess the project-related impacts on historical resources, the Commission recommends the following action:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate California Historic Resources Information Center (CHRIS). Contact information for the 'Information Center' nearest you is available from the State Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento (916/653-7278). The record search will determine:
  - If a part or the entire (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded in or adjacent to the APE.
  - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
  - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for:
  - \* A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search of the project area and information on tribal contacts in the project vicinity who may have information on cultural resources in or near the APE. Please provide us site identification as follows: USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle citation with name, township, range and section. This will assist us with the SLF.
  - Also, we recommend that you contact the Native American contacts on the attached list to get their input on the effect of potential project (e.g. APE) impact.
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5 (f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.

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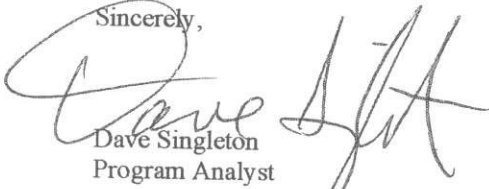
√ Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains or unmarked cemeteries in their mitigations plans.

- CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(d) requires the lead agency to work with the Native Americans identified by this Commission if the Initial Study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. CEQA Guidelines provide for agreements with Native American groups, identified by the NAHE, to ensure the appropriate and dignified treatment of Native American human remains and any associated grave goods.
- Health and Safety Code §7050.5, Public Resources Code §5097.98 and CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(d) mandate procedures to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

√ Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in CEQA Guidelines §15370 when significant cultural resources are discovered during the course of project planning or execution.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-6251 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Singleton", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

## **Native American Contacts**

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August 14, 2007

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH#2007081054; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP) ; draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project; Riverside County, California.

## **Native American Contacts**

Riverside County

August 14, 2007

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE • COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

August 27, 2007

Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Fredrick Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553  
Attention: Mr. Ryan Ross, Planner

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
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**RE: El Sobrante Landfill (33-AA-0217) – Response to the Notice of Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)**

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Riverside County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a SEIR to authorize the following revisions to landfill operations:

- Extend the hours at the gate for waste delivery.
- Change the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit to a weekly limit
- Update the overall site disposal capacity to reflect 196.11 million cubic yards, as specified in the Second Agreement and in certified EIR.

The following comments are regarding environmental issues which relate the LEA's statutory responsibilities:

- **Transportation/Circulation and Noise:** The LEA recommends that written approval of the traffic analysis from both Riverside County Transportation and Caltrans be included in the SEIR.
- **Public Health and Safety:**
  - Include a table indicating the equipment that will be required as the daily tonnage at the facility increases; specify at what tonnage thresholds additional equipment shall be required. Provide a table indicating when additional personnel shall be required in relation to the increased tonnage and additional equipment.
- **Air Quality:** The LEA recommends that written approval of the air quality study by the South Coast Air Quality Management District be included in the SEIR.

If you have any questions regarding these comments please call me at (951) 955-8982.

Sincerely,

Alice Beasley, R.E.H.S.  
Environmental Health Specialist IV



Riverside County Transportation Commission

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August 15, 2007

Mr. Ryan Ross  
Riverside County  
Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Subject: NOP for Supplemental EIR –  
El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has reviewed the above-referenced document and has the following comment:

The RCTC Mid-County Parkway (MCP) Project is proposed as a new east-west transportation corridor in western Riverside County between Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route 79 (SR-79). One of the MCP alignments under consideration passes about 0.5 miles north of the El Sobrante Landfill. The Draft EIR for the MCP will be circulated for public review in 2008.

We look forward to reviewing the El Sobrante Landfill Supplemental EIR when it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Keel at (951) 787-7961 or me at (951) 787-7141.

Sincerely,

Hideo Sugita, Deputy Executive Director  
Riverside County Transportation Commission

cc: Mark Massman (Bechtel)  
Gustavo Quintero (Bechtel)  
File

SCANNED #57479  
By: JK  
Date: 8/16/07



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

In cooperation with the  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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Fire Chief

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September 23, 2007

Riverside County Waste Management Dept.  
Mr. Ryan Ross  
14310 Frederick St.  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Re: **The El Sobrante Landfill SEIR**

With respect to the referenced project (EIR), the Riverside County Fire Department has the following comments:

The proposed project(s) will add to the cumulative adverse affect on the Fire Department's ability to maintain the current level of service. These impacts include fire and medical emergencies as well as public service calls, all due to the increased presence of people and structures.

Based on the adopted Riverside County Fire Protection Master Plan, one new fire station and/or appropriate fire company is recommended for every **2000** new dwelling units, or **3.5** million square feet of commercial/industrial occupancy. Up to **(1)** new fire station/company **MAY** be needed to meet anticipated service demands.

Mitigation measures should be considered in order to help reduce these impacts to a level below significant. Examples of mitigation measures might include:

- Developer participation in land acquisition and fire facility construction;
- Equipment upgrade and/or purchase;
- Participation in a fire mitigation fee program which would allow one-time capitol improvements such as land and equipment purchases, and construction development.
- Participation in the cost of adding additional personnel.
- Costs necessary to maintain the increased level of service may be at least partially offset by taxes acquired by the new construction; however additional funding sources may have to be identified to cover any shortfalls.

The 3 nearest Fire stations that would respond to any incident are:

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RCO Station #15, El Cerrito 20320 Temescal Canyon Rd. Corona, CA

RCO Station #64, Sycamore Creek, 25310 Campbell Ranch Rd. Corona, CA

RCO Station #82, Lake Hills, 17452 Lake Point Dr. Riverside, CA

All the above mentioned RCO Fire stations are staffed full-time, 24 hours/7 days a week, with a minimum 3 person crew operating "Type-1" structural fire fighting apparatus.

The first unit should arrive within 3-5 minutes after dispatch, the second within 5-8 minutes and the third between 8-10 minutes. These times are approximate.

Current minimum staffing levels of 3 persons per responding unit presently meet existing demands. As with any additional construction within a response area, a "cumulative" increase in requests for service will add to the Fire Department's ability to provide adequate service.

Fire flow requirements within commercial projects are based on square footage and type of construction of the structures. The minimum fire flow for **any** commercial structure is 1500 gallons per minute, at a residual operating pressure of 20-psi, and can rise to **8000** gallons per minute, (per Table A-III of the California Fire Code). Any water system shall be designed in accordance with the appropriate section of Riverside County Ordinance 460 and/or 787.2, subject to the review and approval by the Riverside County Fire Department.

In addition, provide Fire Department vehicle access roads; unobstructed width of not less than twenty-four (24) feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches. (CFC 902.2.2.1)

Provide the gradient for fire apparatus access; roads shall not exceed fifteen (15) percent. (CFC 902.2.2.6)

Primary and Secondary access points were not provided on the submittal to determine if they will meet Fire's needs. Fire will need to review any proposed access/road circulation plan.

This project shall participate in any program required regarding impact fees to fund increased emergency service needs.

  
Jason Neuman, Assistant Fire Marshal

Planning and Engineering Section

Riverside County Fire Department

(951) 955-4777

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
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October 9, 2007

Mr. Ryan Ross  
Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Riverside, CA 92553

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Temescal Canyon Rd.

SCH #2007081054 El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) Revision Project  
File #B8154

Dear Mr. Ross:

We received the Notice of Preparation for the project proposal to revise the SWFP for the El Sobrante Landfill, located at 10910 Dawson Canyon Road, Corona, CA- east of Interstate 15 (I-15), Temescal Canyon Road, south of Cajalco Road, and north of Dawson Canyon in Western Riverside County, in the County of Riverside.

The proposed project will not have a direct impact to the State Highway System (SHS). However, the increase in hours of operation will have an indirect or cumulative impact on the SHS. No mitigation measures are required at this time.

Should this proposal be later modified please forward copies of revised plans as necessary so that we may reevaluate all proposed changes for potential impact to I-15. Also, if additional information is required regarding the Department's position please do not hesitate to contact Milele Robertson at (909) 383-6367 or me at (909) 383-6040.

Sincerely,

NATHANIEL H. PICKETT

Office Chief

Regional Planning, Riverside IGR/CEQA Review





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GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



CYNTHIA BRYANT  
DIRECTOR

Notice of Preparation

August 9, 2007

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project  
SCH# 2007081054

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

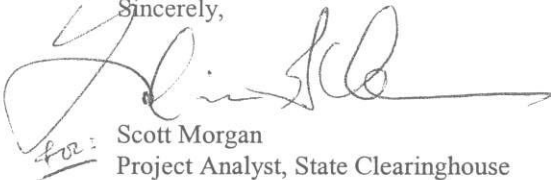
Please direct your comments to:

Ryan Ross  
Riverside County Waste Management Department  
14310 Frederick Street  
Riverside, CA 92553

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.


Sincerely,

  
for: Scott Morgan  
Project Analyst, State Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Lead Agency

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WASTE MANAGEMENT  
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SCANNED # 57481

By: 

Date: 8/16/07

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2007081054  
**Project Title** El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project  
**Lead Agency** Riverside County Waste Management Department

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**Type** NOP Notice of Preparation  
**Description** The project is a proposal to revise the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit to: 1) Extend the hours at the gate for waste delivery by four (4) hours, thus allowing for acceptance of material for a continuous 24-hour period; (2) Change the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit of 10,000 tons per day (tpd) to a weekly limit of 70,000 tons per week; and (3) Update the overall site disposal capacity to reflect 196.11 million cubic yards, as specified in the Second Agreement and in the certified EIR.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

**Name** Ryan Ross  
**Agency** Riverside County Waste Management Department  
**Phone** 951-486-3351 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 14310 Frederick Street  
**City** Riverside **State** CA **Zip** 92553

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**Project Location**

**County** Riverside  
**City** Corona  
**Region**  
**Cross Streets** Temescal Canyon Road and Dawson Canyon Road  
**Parcel No.** 283-090-014, -015; 283-080-007, -012, -013 etc.  
**Township** 4S **Range** 6W **Section** many **Base** SBB&M

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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** I-15  
**Airports**  
**Railways**  
**Waterways**  
**Schools**  
**Land Use** Landuse: Public Facility (PF)  
Zoning: Residential Agricultural-10 acre minimum (R-A-10), Rural Residential (R-R) and Light Agriculture-one acre minimum (A-1-1)  
General Plan: Existing Landfill

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**Project Issues** Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Noise; Traffic/Circulation; Other Issues

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Conservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Game, Region 6; Native American Heritage Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 8; Air Resources Board, Major Industrial Projects; Integrated Waste Management Board; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 8

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STATE CLEARING HOUSE

**Subject: SCH No. 2007081054:** Notice of Preparation for a Draft  
Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for El Sobrante  
Landfill - Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP)  
No. 33-AA-0217, in Corona, County of Riverside

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for allowing the California Integrated Waste Management Board's (CIWMB or Board) staff to review and provide comments for this proposed project and for your agency's consideration of these comments as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

The Board's staff has reviewed the environmental document cited above and offers the following project description, analysis and our recommendations for the proposed project based on Board staff's understanding of the project. If the Board's project description varies substantially from the project as understood by the Lead Agency, the Board staff requests that the Lead Agency clarify any significant differences in the project description in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report.

## Project Description

The Riverside County Waste Management Department, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Notice of Preparation for the El Sobrante Landfill. The proposed project is to:

SCANNED #58158  
By: MFA  
Date: 9/13/07

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10:10 AM  
10:10 AM

**Operating Day**

An operating day is defined as the period between 3 am on Monday through 8 pm Saturday. Will there be any change in the operating day as indicated in the current Solid Waste Facilities Permit? If there is a change please describe it in detail and discuss any new or increased impacts.

**Peak Tonnage**

The peak tonnage for disposal is changing from 10,000 tons per day to 70,000 tons per week. What, if any material is being brought into the landfill for beneficial use or constructive uses such as green waste, Construction and Demolition material; and at what peak weekly tonnage?

**Environmental Justice**

Environmental Justice is not part of statute or regulations involving CEQA or the operation and evaluation of environmental documents relating to proposed projects that fall under the purview of the Board. Board members have taken a proactive stance towards environmental justice and expect that it be included and considered in projects coming before them for concurrence. The Board has included Environmental Justice as a major component in their Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan can be found on the Board website at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/BoardInfo/StrategicPlan/2001/>.

*In review of this environmental document, Board staff has not found any discussion of environmental justice. In the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, include a section or discussion on Environmental Justice as it pertains to this proposed project.*

**Cumulative Impacts**

*It is important that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report address the cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed project as well as those incremental impacts resulting from the proposed projects' implementation.*

**CONCLUSION**

Board staff requests copies of any subsequent or revised environmental documents in addition to the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Reports. Any subsequent or revised environmental documents should be circulated through the State Clearinghouse as required in 14 CCR §15205(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Board requests being noticed of the date, time and location of any public hearings regarding the project proposal at least ten days in advance.

Board staff has no further comments on the project as proposed at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project in the early planning stages.