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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: SCH No. 2017022009 - Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Ukiah Landfill Closure Project, Facility No. 23-AA-0019, Mendocino County

Dear Mr. Thiele:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to provide comments on the proposed project. CalRecycle staff offer the following comments for this proposed project as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. If the proposed project description below varies substantially from the project as understood by CalRecycle as a responsible Agency, CalRecycle staff requests clarifications of any comments or interpretations of the project references be included in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is located at 3100 Vichy Springs Road Ukiah CA and is owned and operated by the City of Ukiah. The landfill operated from 1955 to September 2001. Closure of the Ukiah Landfill will be performed in accordance will applicable regulatory standards. The components and systems required for a landfill include final cover, and grading design to control storm water, prevent infiltration, and accommodate future settlement, landfill slope stability, construction quality assurance, drainage and erosion control systems, landfill gas (LFG) control and monitoring systems, ground water/surface water/leachate monitoring systems, and site security.

COMMENTS

A closure permit should be issued when the Final EIR is certified to enable the LEA to enforce the Final Closure Post Closure Maintenance Plan.

Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight

The Mendocino County Department of Environmental Health is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) and is responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including inspections. The contact person is Gary Leonard at 707-234-6649 or Leonardg@mendocounty.org.

CONCLUSION

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental document. CalRecycle may have further comments on the project as proposed copies of the Final Environmental Impact Report, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations (if one is required), Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Public Notices and any Notices of Determination.

If the environmental document is adopted during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing. If the document is adopted without a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notification of the date of the adoption and proposed project approval by the decision-making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6305 or e-mail me at Christine.Karl@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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