PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To:

San Bernardino County

Clerk of the Board

385 North Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415

From:

Phelan Piñon Hills

Community Services District (CSD)

4176 Warbler Road Phelan, CA 92371 and

Office of Planning and Research

State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Severnor's Office of Planning & Research

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Subject:

Filing of Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with

Section 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code.

CIRCLE GREEN "GREEN TECH" PROJECT

Project Title

Not Yet Assigned

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Project Location

The project is located at 17900 Sheep Creek Road, between Parkdale Road and Bartlett Road in an unincorporated part of San Bernardino County. The project site is located within Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 7 West of the USGS 7.5 Minute Shadow Mountains topographical quadrangle. The GPS coordinates of the proposed project are 34.576751°, -117.580666°.

Project Description

The proposed project is located at the former Meadowbrook Dairy within an unincorporated portion of San Bernardino County, within the PPHCSD's service area. Circle Green leases the project site from PPHCSD. The proposed Green Tech Park facility would be a fully permitted Compost Manufacturing Facility that will comply with all State, and local requirements and be designed and operated to responsibly and safely manage the proposed feedstocks. The compost facility will utilize at least one, if not all of the three existing concrete pads that traverse the site from the southern border to the northern border of the site, and may develop additional concreted areas on site in support of the Green Tech Park operations. The Green Tech Park will utilize an existing office building that includes an attached equipment warehouse, existing shower / restroom facilities as well an employee lunch room. The project site also contains an equipment warehouse, which may be utilized for the purpose of bagging a portion of the finished product. The Green Tech Park does not propose any new structures, and is anticipated to be in operation about 3-6 months after the start of construction in mid-2019.

The daily throughput capacity of the proposed Green Tech Park facility would be a maximum of 1,800 tons per day and the majority of the materials received would be green materials, local cow manures, and food waste. Initially, the Green Tech Park will receive mostly vegetative material; however, Circle Green plans to ultimately accept post-consumer waste and digester digestate, though the proposed Green Tech Park facility will not accept biosolids (i.e. human waste/raw sewage). The materials on site will be composted via a windrow composting method or, alternatively by aerated static pile composting depending on the feasibility of implementing either method as part of the Green Tech Park. Once in operation, it is anticipated the Green Tech Park will receive a maximum of 95 truckloads of food, manure, green waste and amendments per day, 7 days per week, some operations, such as deliveries may occur 24 hours a day. Finished products would then be transported offsite in mainly in bulk quantities, or bagged on site.

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Proposed Review Process

This is to advise that the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the proposed project. After public review of the Initial Study is completed, the District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. Any parties that comment on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be notified of the meeting date where adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be considered. The technical and environmental issues related to this project may be discussed at this meeting. Copies of the Initial Study are available for review at the District's office located at 4176 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment from April 22, 2019 to May 21, 2019. Any comments you have must be submitted in writing no later than May 21, 2019.

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