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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: SCH No. 2019109075 - Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Solar Farm Project at the Foothill Sanitary Landfill Facility No. 39-AA-0004, San Joaquin County

Dear Mr. Sanfilippo:

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (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 the Lead 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 a site approval application for an unmanned 24-acre solar farm on a 798-acre property also containing an existing landfill (Foothill Sanitary Landfill) and a landfill gas to energy operation located at 6484 North Waverly Road, Linden California.

The project is comprised of:

- 1) The construction of 13,770 bifacial modules 5.2 megawatt (MW) in size.
- 2) The installation of three (3) utility poles, and an underground fiber optic cable for data transmission.

No employees are at the site for daily operations post-construction. The site is currently served by on-site well and septic systems, as well as natural drainage. However, no services are required for the solar farm operation. Access to the proposed project site will be from Waverly Road. The project site is not under the Williamson Act.

The property is zoned AG-160 (General Agriculture, 160-acre minimum) and the General Plan designation is A/G (General Agriculture).

General Comments

The proposed project is likely to require an amendment to the Report of Facility Information/Joint Technical Document to describe these land uses within the permitted Foothill Sanitary Landfill boundary.


Summary

Solid Waste Facility Permits are issued by the solid waste local enforcement agencies (LEA), in this case the San Joaquin Environmental Health Department. Please contact Robert McClellon at (209) 468-0332 or by e-mail at rmcclellon@sjcehd.com to discuss any questions on the proposed project.

CalRecycle staff has no further comments on the project as proposed at this time and requests copies of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Public Notices and any Notices of Determination. CalRecycle requests 10 days advanced notification of the date, time, and location of any public hearings regarding the project proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6405 or e-mail me at christine.karl@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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