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SCH # 2021020054

Project Title: Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site Compost and Biomass Conversion Facility - Landfilling Operations

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency Contact: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Mailing Address: 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Phone: 559-624-7121

City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Visalia

Cross Streets: 8614 Avenue 328 (at the northeast corner of Avenue 328 and Road 80) Zip Code: 93291

Assessor's Parcel No: 077-020-018, -021, 024-, -026, and -030 Total Acres: 634

Latitude/Longitude: 36 ° 23 ' 10.64 " N / 119 ° 22 ' 13 " W Section: 4, 5 Township: 18 S Range: 24 E Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: _____ Waterways: St. John's River

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec | (Prior SCH No.) <u>2021020054</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Dev. | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Sub.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Landfilling & Composting – 1,000 tons/day increase</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid/Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Energy</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tribal Cultural Res.</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Greenhouse Gases</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Existing landfill / Exclusive Agriculture (AE-40) / Agriculture

Project Description: See Attached

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X." If the document has already been sent to the agency, denote that with an "s."

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol <u>480 Visalia Office</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>City of Visalia</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Office of Emergency Services</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Association of Governments</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Resource Conservation District</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Farm Bureau</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW)</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Fire Warden</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Sheriff's Office</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County HHSA – Environmental Health</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: June 14, 2023 Ending Date: July 13, 2023

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Tulare County c/o Solid Waste</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>5955 S. Mooney Blvd.</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Visalia, CA 93277</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(559) 624-7195</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6/14/23
 Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6/14/23
 Reed Schenke, Director/Environmental Assessment Officer

The Focused Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Subsequent EIR, SEIR, or EIR) is tiering of the adopted/certified for the Visalia Disposal (Landfill) Site – Compost and Biomass Conversion Facility (“Original EIR”) project. The SEIR will address two proposed updates to the County’s current landfill permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to avoid the County’s risk of violating its current permit by exceeding its daily tonnage limit. In summary, the County is proposing to: retain its maximum daily tonnage of refuse of 2,000 tons per day (TPD); and 2) increase the maximum daily vehicle limit from 900 to 1,200 vehicles (an increase of 300 vehicles per day).

As noted in the Original EIR, “The RMA intends to develop and operate a covered aerated static pile (CASP) compost facility to comply with the upcoming SB 1383 regulations. The compost facility will be located on the County’s Visalia Landfill property that encompasses approximately 634 acres, of which the compost facility will occupy 36 acres, located in a soil borrow recessed approximately 20 feet below grade. The compost facility will be designed to accept up to 200,000 tons per year (TPY) in increments of 50,000 TPY technology modules and can store up to 200,000 cubic yards on-site of organic material that would have otherwise been landfilled. The compost facility would include installing processing and composting equipment, a 50,000 square foot processing building, compacted compost pads, and a lined pond.”¹ To accommodate the transport of organic material for the compost and biogas component at the Landfill, it is anticipated that a maximum of 300 vehicles (haul trucks) would be required. Increases in haul trucks would be incremental over an approximately 13-year period when the compost and biogas component reaches maximum operations.

To reiterate and summarize, the proposed SEIR is intended to maintain the current maximum permitted volume of solid waste (2,000 tons per day(tpd)) and increase total daily vehicles by 300 vehicles (to haul in organic material) for the compost/biogas component of the Landfill.

It is noted that the Original adopted/certified EIR (Original EIR), including applicable technical studies (e.g., air quality and greenhouse gases) and the mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP), are incorporated by reference in their entirety for this SEIR. The site is currently zoned as AE-40.

¹ County of Tulare. Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2021020054) Visalia Disposal Site and Compost Facility. Pages 2-2 and 2-3. Adopted and Certified by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2022, via Resolution No. 2022-0840. The Draft Focused EIR is available on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/environmental-impact-reports/visalia-landfill-compost-and-biomass-conversion-facility/> or on the Office of Planning and Research CEQAnet website at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2021020054/4>.