

Leslie Wells Deputy Director

## Published January 19, 2022 **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED** South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) Commingled Recyclables, White Goods and Mattresses Cover Structures Project (21NGD-00000-00007)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**: The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) proposes to install a cover structure for the 7,500 square-foot (sf) commingled recyclables storage area as well as cover structures over the mattresses overflow and white goods storage areas (700 sf and 750 sf, respectively) at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS).

**PROJECT LOCATION**: The project site is located at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS), commonly known as 4430 Calle Real Street, Santa Barbara, California, APN 059-140-023, in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Planning area, Second Supervisorial District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 21NGD-00000-00007. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Senior Engineering Environmental Planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on February 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** RRWMD proposes to construct a cover structure for the 7,500 square-foot (0.17 acre) commingled recyclables storage area, as well as two smaller cover structures over the white goods and mattresses storage areas. The cover structure for the commingled recyclables storage area would be a tensioned fabric structure comprised of energy-efficient industrial strength fabric, and a rigid frame made of galvanized steel approximately 125-feet wide by 60-feet deep, with heights of about 30 feet on the north and south sides, and about 50 feet at the gable. The fabric on the west side of the structure would be anchored into an existing 6-foot high concrete retaining wall. The fabric cover would be of a neutral/natural color or a color that would match the surroundings. The cover structure foundations would consist of deep foundations, commonly helical piles, installed up to 25 feet in depth, with concrete pile caps ranging from 2-foot by 2-foot and 4-foot by 4-foot square. Construction of the foundations and structure for the Fall of 2022. Construction would be limited to weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The mattress overflow cover structure would be pre-manufactured steel with dimensions of 25 feet by 28 feet (700 square feet) and a height of 15 feet consisting of a gabled roof and sides with one side open for access. The additional white goods cover structure would be pre-manufactured steel with the dimensions



of 25 feet by 30 feet (750 square feet) and a height of 15 feet in the same style as the mattress cover structure with two sides open. The covers would be prefabricated and installed at the SCRTS in existing developed areas adjacent to where the materials are currently stored. The covers would be anchored in place with concrete footings. The footings for the covers would not extend below the existing 18-inch concrete pad/base. Installation of each cover for the white goods and mattresses would take about 30 days. No change to the permitted capacity or operation of the SCRTS would occur in association with the proposed cover structures.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** RRWMD has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (21NGD-0000-00007) pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. RRWMD's issuance of a ND affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The ND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **aesthetics/visual resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and noise**. If the project description changes, RRWMD will conduct a reevaluation to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**: If a copy of the draft ND is not attached, the draft ND may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference in the ND may be reviewed at RRWMD offices located at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, Ca 93101 and on the RRWMD website <a href="http://countyofsb.org/pwd/environment.sbc">http://countyofsb.org/pwd/environment.sbc</a>. The Draft document is also available for review at the Santa Barbara County Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide comments to the Engineering Environmental Planner, Joddi Leipner at at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, Ca 93101, <u>jleipner@countyofsb.org</u>, 805-882-3614 or FAX 805-882-3633, prior to the close of public comment on February 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

G:\RR&WM\ENGINEER\SCRTS\119900 TS Engineering\400 TEC\408 CEQA\CSSR Cover Structure\Public Notice Documents\SCRTS Cover Structure Notice of Availibility 20211216.docx