



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The County of Ventura Resource Management Agency (RMA) Planning Division, as the designated Lead Agency, has reviewed the following project:

1. **Entitlement:** Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No. PL13-0178
2. **Applicant:** Arturo Gonzalez, PEI Environmental Inc.
3. **Location:** 534 Baldwin Road, Ojai
4. **Assessor's Parcel No.:** 032-0-070-070
5. **Parcel Size:** 112.23-acre
6. **General Plan Designation:** Open Space
7. **Zoning Designation:** Open Space, 40-acre minimum parcel size
8. **Responsible and/or Trustee Agencies:** None
9. **Project Description:** The applicant requests that a modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) be granted to authorize the continued operation of a "Commercial Organics Processing Operation, Large-Scale (over 1,000 cubic yards on-site)". The hours of operation would be 7 days per week, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, or ½ hour before dusk, or whichever is later. No more than two full time employees would be on site at any given time. The proposed project does not include any grading or new construction and would utilize prefabricated portable structures that require no foundation or utility connections. The facility would be limited to processing a maximum of 150 cubic yards per day of greenwaste. Haul truck traffic would be limited to 40 truckloads per day. The proposed modified facility would include the following components:
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In accordance with Section 15070 of the California Code of Regulations, the RMA Planning Division determined that this proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, however mitigation measures are available that would reduce the impacts to less than significant levels. As such, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and the applicant has agreed to implement the mitigation measures.

### **List of Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts Identified:**

Section 4B-2, Biological Resources-Ecological Communities-Sensitive Plant Communities: The Initial Study finds that the proposed use of the site as a greenwaste facility allows for the spread of invasive species through the handling of wood and plant materials. In December 2015, the County Agricultural Commissioner trapped an individual of the polyphagous shot hole borer (*Euwallacea* sp) genus. This species of beetle is a vector of a fungal pathogen known to severely affect avocado, box elder, Coast Live Oak, Sycamore, Maple and other trees. In order to limit the spread of invasive species and to minimize the associated impacts, mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 will be imposed on the project.

Section 4F, Biological Resources: The Initial Study finds that the project site is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site. The site does not support natural vegetation and in turn, there is limited to no potential to support protected biological resources on site. The site lies within the Sierra Madre – Castaic Connection, and adjacent to the Ventura River, both of which are classified as wildlife movement corridors. The project will be required to adhere to the requirements of the applicable NCZO sections pertaining to Wildlife fencing, lighting and design criteria. Nesting birds would be avoided through the applicant's compliance with the County's standard nesting bird condition. The project also has the potential to introduce non-native pests through greenwaste material. As a result, mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 will be imposed to reduce the potential impact to a less than significant level.

Section 5B-2, Agricultural Resources-Land Use Incompatibility: The Initial Study finds that the General Plan Policy AG-2.1 states that discretionary development adjacent to Agricultural-designated lands shall not conflict with agricultural use of those lands. Additionally, the Ojai Valley Area Plan states that the County shall require discretionary, non-agricultural land uses adjacent to agricultural operations to establish appropriate buffers. While no buffer zone is necessary for the project, a greenwaste facility has the potential to distribute invasive species. The project site is within a known infestation area of the Invasive Shot Hole Borer. This is considered a potentially significant impact on agriculture. mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 is required to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

The public review period is from August 24, 2022 to September 23, 2022. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review on-line at [www.ventura.org/rma/planning](http://www.ventura.org/rma/planning) (select "CEQA Environmental Review") or at the County of Ventura, RMA, Planning Division, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The public is encouraged to submit written comments to Justin Bertoline, no later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 23, 2022** to the address listed above. Alternatively, you may e-mail your comments to the case planner at [Justin.Bertoline@ventura.org](mailto:Justin.Bertoline@ventura.org).



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8/23/22  
**Date**



## **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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**B. STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS:**

State law requires the Resource Management Agency, Planning Division, as the lead agency for the proposed project, to prepare an Initial Study (environmental analysis) to determine if the proposed project could significantly affect the environment. Based on the findings contained in the attached Initial Study, it has been determined that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment; however, mitigation measures are available that would reduce the impacts to less than significant levels. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and the applicant has agreed to implement the mitigation measures.

**C. LISTING OF POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED:** Biological Resources – Ecological and Sensitive Plant Communities, Agricultural Resources – Land Use Incompatibility

**D. PUBLIC REVIEW:**

**Legal Notice Method:** Direct mailing to property owners within 300 feet of the property on which the proposed project is located, and a legal notice in the *Ventura County Star*.

**Document Posting Period:** August 24, 2022 through September 23, 2022

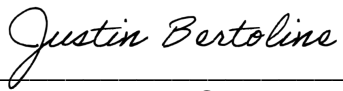
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**D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**

Prior to approving the project, the decision-making body of the Lead Agency must consider this Mitigated Negative Declaration and all comments received on the Mitigated Negative Declaration. That body may approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration if it finds that all the significant effects have been identified and that the proposed mitigation measures will reduce those effects to less than significant levels.

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## Ventura County Planning Division Initial Study

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## Initial Study for Ojai Valley Organics

### Section A – Project Description

1. **Project Case Number:** PL13-0178
2. **Name of Applicant:** Arturo Gonzalez, PEI Environmental Inc.
3. **Project Location and Assessor's Parcel Number:** The proposed project would be operated on an 11.70-acre portion of a 112.23-acre property located at 534 Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023. The Tax Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the subject property is 032-0-070-070 as shown on the attached map
4. **General Plan Land Use Designation and Zoning Designation of the Project Site:**
  - a. **General Plan Land Use Designation:** Open Space
  - b. **Ojai Valley Area Plan Land Use Designation:** Open Space, 40 ac Minimum lot size.
  - c. **Zoning Designation:** OS-40 ac
5. **Description of the Environmental Setting:** The proposed project would be operated within an 11.70-acre area of land in the northwest corner of a 112.23-acre property owned by the County of Ventura. Residential land uses exist to the north, east and south of the subject site. Some commercial uses also exist to the north of the site. The Ventura River lies along the western boundary of the site. The subject property is bounded on the east by Old Baldwin Road, and on the south by State Highway 150. The project site was previously developed with an organics (greenwaste) processing facility. Operations at the previous facility ceased and the site was restored to pre-construction conditions. It is currently requested that a modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) be granted to authorize the continued operation of an organics processing facility on the site. This facility would be essentially the same in size and operation as the previous facility.

The area surrounding the project site consists of the following (Attachment 1):

Location in Relation to the Project Site	Zoning	Land Uses/Development
North	OS-40 ac	Undeveloped, Ventura River bottom Residential, single-family dwellings

Location in Relation to the Project Site	Zoning	Land Uses/Development
	RE-1 ac (Rural Exclusive, 1 acre minimum lot size) CPD (Commercial Planned Development)	Commercial development (paint and garden stores)
East	RE-13,000 sq ft (Rural Exclusive, 13,000 square feet minimum lot size)	Residential, single-family dwellings
South	OS-20 ac (Open Space, 20 acre minimum lot size) RE-13,000 sq ft	Undeveloped, Ventura River bottom Residential, single-family dwellings
West	OS-20 ac OS-40 ac	Undeveloped, Ventura River bottom Undeveloped, Ventura River bottom
Same Parcel	OS-40 ac	HELP of Ojai community center Ventura Hay Company grazing

6. **Project Description (Attachment 2):** The applicant requests that a modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP) be granted to authorize the continued operation of a “Commercial Organics Processing Operation, Large-Scale (over 1,000 cubic yards on-site)”. The hours of operation would be 7 days per week, from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, or ½ hour before dusk, or whichever is later. No more than two full time employees would be on site at any given time. The proposed project does not include any grading or new construction and would utilize prefabricated portable structures that require no foundation or utility connections. The facility would be limited to processing a maximum of 150 cubic yards per day of greenwaste. Haul truck traffic would be limited to 40 truckloads per day. The proposed modified facility would include the following components:

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**7. List of Responsible and Trustee Agencies:** None

- 8. Methodology for Evaluating Cumulative Impacts:** County staff utilized a combination of the “list approach” methodology and “plan approach” methodology in evaluating the combination of the project’s impacts with related impacts from other projects to determine whether such impacts are cumulatively considerable. In utilizing the list approach, staff prepared the following list of pending and recently approved Ventura County Planning-Division projects that are located within a three-mile radius of the proposed project and that may have similar effects as those of the proposed project:

Permit No.	Description	Distance from Project	Status
PL21-0118	Lot Line Adjustment between two lots, APN 018-0-150-265 (Parcel 1) and 018-0-150-035 (Parcel 2), where an equal amount of land is being transferred between the two parcels involved and the existing lot size of 41425 square feet each.	Approx. .5 miles	Pending
PL18-0137	Approved Tentative Parcel Map subdividing an approximately 3.29-acre lot into 3 separate lots.	Approx. .5 miles	Approved
PL16-0090	Requested Parcel Map Waiver/Lot Line Adjustment between three parcels located on Serenidad Place, Oak View.	Approx. 1.3 miles	Pending
PL21-0002	Approved bed and breakfast inn located at 334 East Villanova Road, Ojai.	Approx..1.4 miles	Approved
PL19-0050	Requested Parcel Map Waiver/Lot Line Adjustment between two lots located at 197 Villanova Road, Ojai.	Approx. 1.2 miles	Pending
PL17-0134	Approved Minor Modification to Conditional Use Permit 4966 for an additional 30-year period to continue the operation of the Montessori School of Ojai.	Approx. .4 miles	Approved
PL21-0113	Requested Minor Modification of Conditional Use Permit LU04-0049 as	Approx. 2.4 miles	Pending

Permit No.	Description	Distance from Project	Status
	modified by PL15-0160 for the continued operation of a self-storage facility located at 63 Portal Street, Ojai		
PL20-0136	Approved Permit Adjustment to CUP 3492 for the construction of four storage sheds for a youth campground located at 155 East Sulphur Mountain	Approx. 3 miles	Approved
PL19-0086	Approved Parcel Map Waiver/ Lot Line Adjustment between two lots located at 904 Creek Road, Ojai	Approx. 2.7 miles	Approved
PL21-0018	Requested Minor Modification to CUP 3527 for the continued operation of an existing retreat located at 160 Besant Road, Ojai.	Approx. 1.3 miles	Pending

For applicable environmental issues in Section B (below), Planning staff evaluated the combined effects of the proposed project and the projects identified in Table 1 (above).

The plan approach relies on the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Ventura County 2040 General Plan, which was certified in September of 2020. As described throughout this Initial Study, the proposed project would be consistent with the County's General Plan. Thus, the proposed development has already been reviewed for potential cumulative impacts at a programmatic level. The General Plan Update EIR is hereby incorporated by reference and can be reviewed using this link: <https://vcrma.org/docs/images/pdf/planning/plans/VCGPU-FEIR.pdf>

## Section B – Initial Study Checklist and Discussion of Responses<sup>1</sup>

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>RESOURCES:</b>								

<sup>1</sup> The threshold criteria in this Initial Study are derived from the *Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines* (April 26, 2011). For additional information on the threshold criteria (e.g., definitions of issues and technical terms, and the methodology for analyzing each impact), please see the [Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines](#).

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>1. Air Quality (VCAPCD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Exceed any of the thresholds set forth in the air quality assessment guidelines as adopted and periodically updated by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD), or be inconsistent with the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)?		X				X		
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 1 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

1a. Regional air quality impacts include estimating ozone precursor emissions in the ambient air generated from a specific project, as Ventura County remains in a non-attainment status for the State 1-hour and 8-hour ambient air quality standards for ozone and the Federal 8-hour ambient air quality standard for ozone. Reactive organic compounds (ROC) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) are called ozone precursors because they create ground-level ozone when reacted with sunlight; ground-level ozone is commonly known as smog. The major sources of NO<sub>x</sub> in Ventura County are motor vehicles and other combustion processes. The major sources of ROC in Ventura County are cleaning and coating operations, petroleum production, and solvent evaporation. Long-term exposure of ground-level ozone can cause shortness of breath, nasal congestion, coughing, eye irritation, sore throat, headache, chest discomfort, breathing pain, throat dryness, wheezing, fatigue, and nausea.

Based on information provided by the applicant, regional air quality impacts would be less than significant and below the 5 pounds per day (lbs./day) significance threshold for reactive organic compounds (ROC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) for the Ojai Planning Area. This determination was based on information provided by the applicant for the changes in project operations from the previously authorized use under CUP 4408-3. The annual volume of compost and green waste accepted and processed would be less than occurred at the previously authorized facility at the site. In addition, the applicant is not proposing any grading, building construction, energy emissions associated with restrooms or kitchens in buildings (port-a-potty only), or in-vessel composters. However,

the use of off-road equipment to chip, process and compost greenwaste would increase.

The CalEEMod Version 2020.4.0 air emissions model was used by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) to calculate the emissions from all equipment listed (PEI Equipment List). Estimated new ozone precursor emissions due to the proposed project were calculated to be 0.48 lbs./day of ROC and 2.63 lbs./day of NOx. Both of these figures are less than the 5 lbs/day Threshold of Significance.

Note: The project emissions are listed in the Construction Mitigation section of the VCAPCD report. These emissions are the project's incremental operational emissions as off-road equipment are found in the Construction section of the model and mitigation in the model are the applicant's proposed equipment to be used [Tier 4 Final and Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) filters]

1b. Local air quality impacts for the review of discretionary projects may involve a qualitative analysis for project-generated emissions of dust, odors, carbon monoxide (CO), and toxics, if applicable, that can affect the health and safety of any nearby sensitive receptors. Sensitive receptors are considered the young, the elderly, and those susceptible to respiratory diseases such as asthma and bronchitis. Sensitive receptors can be found in schools, playgrounds, hospitals, and elderly care facilities. Residential areas can also be considered sensitive receptors, as some residents may reside in their homes for long periods of time. Based on information provided by the applicant, the subject project will generate less than significant local air quality impacts.

Some localized areas, such as traffic-congested intersections, can have elevated levels of CO concentrations (CO hotspots). CO hotspots are defined as locations where ambient CO concentrations exceed the State Ambient Air Quality Standards (20 parts per million [ppm] for 1-hour standard, 9 ppm for 8-hour standard). The Federal Ambient Air Quality Standard for CO is 35 ppm for 1-hour standard and 9 ppm for the 8-hour standard. In Ventura County, ambient air monitoring for CO stopped in 2004, with the approval of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Region 9, because CO background concentrations in El Rio, Simi Valley, and Ojai were much lower than the State Ambient Air Quality Standard (highest recorded CO background concentration in Ventura County was in Simi Valley at 6.2 ppm for 1-hour, 1.6 ppm for 8-hour (AQAG, *Table 6-2*). Therefore, no CO hotspots are expected to occur in the Ojai Planning Area where the proposed project is located, and additional CO modeling analysis is not warranted. In addition, with over 80percent of the CO in urban areas emitted by motor vehicles, and with stricter, cleaner emission standards to the mobile fleet, CO ambient concentrations should remain at or lower than the most recent CO monitoring data available for Ventura County.

The proposed project must be operated consistent with the AQMP if estimated

emissions exceed 2 lbs./day or greater for ROC or NO<sub>x</sub>, as described in Section 4.2 of the Air Quality Assessment Guidelines (AQAG). The proposed project's operational emissions exceed 2 lbs./day for the NO<sub>x</sub> ozone precursor pollutant and, therefore, an AQMP consistency analysis is required.

The proposed project includes the creation of two new jobs in the unincorporated area. This could increase the local population by two people. The most recent unincorporated population count is 99,815 (County of Ventura RMA Jurisdiction Reports Q4Y20). Adding two new residents, assuming they would relocate to the unincorporated area, would increase the population to 99,817. This is still below the projected 2025 population growth increase of 104,182, pursuant to the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is used forecast population changes in the most recent AQMP 2016. Therefore, the project would not conflict or obstruct with implementation of the most recent AQMP adopted and would have a less than significant impact.

Based on information in the *Project Description* and the *Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP)* submitted by the applicant, odor generated by the proposed facility is expected to be reduced from the previous conditions and, thus, be less than significant. This conclusion is based on the following factors:

The volume of green material to be composted would be less than was authorized and processed at this site pursuant to CUP 4408-3.

No food waste is proposed to be composted. This material generates more odor than vegetative greenwaste.

A 12-inch-thick layer of finished compost would be placed on top of curing compost beds. This would greatly reduce the odor emanating from the compost piles.

The compost area would be located in paved concrete bays and the facility would be surrounded by agricultural or open space parcels. However, since the closest residence is 800 feet southeast of the project site, installation of a sign on the entrance with the complaint number to Environmental Health Division (EHG) is required in case odor potential increases or winds carry odors to the southeast or other residences nearby. Odor prevention design features are included in the proposed project as described in the *OIMP*. These design features address windrow maintenance, odor screening by on-site employees, and suggest additional odor control actions to be taken by the facility operator should there be an odor problem.

Note: Odors from composting operations are exempt from public nuisance regulations pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code (H&SC §41700). The VCAPCD does not have regulatory authority over composting odors. Consequently, odor complaints

will have to be addressed by the EHD acting as the local enforcement agency. APCD does enforce dust regulations and compliance with the terms of the APCD-issued Permit to Operate.

Based on information in the project application, fugitive dust may be generated from the proposed operations, but this impact is considered less than significant. The area for vehicles to park and drive through will be set with gravel, reducing fugitive dust created by vehicles. The composting and storage area is paved with asphalt and there is also no construction or grading proposed, a major source of fugitive dust. The equipment storage yard is also paved with concrete. The OIMP states that the grinding equipment will be equipped with overhead water misters that will further reduce fugitive dust being generated. Speed limit signs shall be posted on-site to prohibit speeds that exceed 15 miles per hour. In addition, the project must comply with applicable provisions of APCD Rule 55, Fugitive Dust, as a standard condition of approval.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

No mitigation measures are required. Residual impacts would be less than significant.

Issue (Responsible Department) *	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>2A. Water Resources – Groundwater Quantity (Watershed Protection District; WPD)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department) *	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Directly or indirectly decrease, either individually or cumulatively, the net quantity of groundwater in a groundwater basin that is overdrafted or create an overdrafted groundwater basin?	X					X		
2) In groundwater basins that are not overdrafted, or are not in hydrologic continuity with an overdrafted basin, result in net groundwater extraction that will individually or cumulatively cause overdrafted basin(s)?	X					X		
3) In areas where the groundwater basin and/or hydrologic unit condition is not well known or documented and there is evidence of overdraft based upon declining water levels in a well or wells, propose any net increase in groundwater extraction from that groundwater basin and/or hydrologic unit?	X					X		
4) Regardless of items 1-3 above, result in 1.0 acre-feet, or less, of net annual increase in groundwater extraction?	X					X		
5) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X					X		

### Impact Discussion:

2A-1. The project overlies a non-overdrafted groundwater basin.

2A-2. The site overlies the Ventura River Valley - Upper Ventura River Subbasin (Department of Water Resources [DWR] Basin No. 4-003.01), a medium-priority subbasin. Water to the project site is currently provided by the Ventura River County Water District (VRCWD) which uses a combination of water from CMWD and groundwater from VRCWD wells. There is no proposed water use increase; therefore, the project will not result in net groundwater extraction that will individually or cumulatively cause overdrafted basin(s).

2A-3. The project overlies a well-documented groundwater basin.

2A-4. Water to the project site is currently provided by the VRCWD which uses a combination of water from CMWD and groundwater from VRCWD wells. There is no proposed water use increase, therefore the project will not result in net groundwater extraction that will individually or cumulatively cause over drafted basin(s).

2A-5. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>2B. Water Resources - Groundwater Quality (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Individually or cumulatively degrade the quality of groundwater and cause groundwater to exceed groundwater quality objectives set by the Basin Plan?		X				X		
2) Cause the quality of groundwater to fail to meet the groundwater quality objectives set by the Basin Plan?		X				X		
3) Propose the use of groundwater in any capacity and be located within two miles of the boundary of a former or current test site for rocket engines?	X					X		
4) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2B of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:



2B-1 and 2B-2. The proposed composting operations would occur in an area already paved with asphalt concrete (AC) as indicated on the proposed Site Plan (Attachment 2) from Waters Cardenas Land Surveying, LLP, dated September 2021. Low-level green waste (chip and ship), green waste unloading areas, a material screening and sorting area, and horizontal grinder and grinding area are located northeast of the compost area. Mulch sales bin enclosures would be located on existing concrete pavement to the east of the compost area. These operations would circulate and move materials continuously, as opposed to static composting operations that are monitored by the operator and inspected by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division. A proposed storm water drainage containment system will collect storm water from the upper-level compost area. The compost areas will be covered during rain events to control and capture storm run-off for irrigation and dust control.

Consistent with the previous CUP (Condition 78), the requested modified CUP will require collection of water samples from an upgradient monitoring well (MW1) (SWN 04N23W16E01S) and a downgradient monitoring well (MW5) (SWN 04N23W16E02S) during wet weather conditions. This would allow for the identification and characterization of any potential leachates produced by the site operations. These wells (and parcel) are owned by Ventura County and monitored by Integrated Waste Management Division (IWMD). Solid Waste Assessment Testing (SWAT) was conducted between August 1998 and July 1999 as required by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 97-107. The Order required groundwater monitoring, which was implemented by IWMD for meeting the baseline compliance with the monitoring requirements. The SWAT was deemed acceptable and complete by RWQCB in a letter to IWMD dated October 19, 1999. A memo to Water Resources Division from the County of Ventura, Public Works Agency, Water and Sanitation Department, dated July 18, 2005, established well monitoring and reporting protocol and directed triennial sampling in the month of April from MW1 and MW5, to characterize any impacts to groundwater from the operations of the green waste composting/recycling facility, as pertains to Condition 78 of CUP 4408-2. Water Resources has received groundwater quality laboratory results dated April 13, 2006, April 15, 2009, April 10, 2012, May 18, 2015 (sampled April 24, 2015) and April 27, 2018, for MW1 and MW5 from County of Ventura, Public Works Agency. This monitoring is adequate to ensure that impacts related to leachate formation remain less than significant.

The previous permit (Condition 77) requires that no more than two pieces of equipment be on the project site on a full-time basis. Although the current proposal involves the use of more pieces of equipment, they are proposed to be stored on existing paved areas. Thus, pollution from potential leaking equipment would be minimized and less than significant. The limitation on equipment will not be included in the requested CUP.

The previous permit (Condition 76) prohibits the onsite storage of petroleum products, waste oil or other hazardous wastes. This condition will be included in the requested permit. The applicant has stated (March 15, 2021, letter) that no fuel or hazardous materials will be stored onsite.

A portable restroom that will be serviced regularly will be used for sanitary sewage service.

Based on the above discussion, residual impacts on groundwater quality would be less than significant. No mitigation is required.

2B-3. The project is not located within two miles of the boundary of a former or current test site for rocket engines.

2B-4. The proposed project will be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2B of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines provided the applicant completes the attached conditions.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>2C. Water Resources - Surface Water Quantity (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Increase surface water consumptive use (demand), either individually or cumulatively, in a fully appropriated stream reach as designated by SWRCB or where unappropriated surface water is unavailable?		X				X		
2) Increase surface water consumptive use (demand) including but not limited to diversion or dewatering downstream reaches, either individually or cumulatively, resulting in an adverse impact to one or more of the beneficial uses listed in the Basin Plan?		X				X		
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2C of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

2C-1 and 2C-2. Water to the project site is currently provided by the VRCWD which uses a combination of water from CMWD and groundwater from VRCWD wells. Except for a small percentage (typically less than 1percent) of groundwater, water provided by CMWD is surface water obtained from Lake Casitas. Since the proposed project does not involve an increase in water demand above the existing conditions, it would not result in an increase in consumption of surface water. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

2C-3. The proposed project will be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2C of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines and is considered less than significant to surface water quantity.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts are less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>2D. Water Resources - Surface Water Quality (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Individually or cumulatively degrade the quality of surface water causing it to exceed water quality objectives as contained in Chapter 3 of the three Basin Plans?		X				X		
2) Directly or indirectly cause storm water quality to exceed water quality objectives or standards in the applicable MS4 Permit or any other NPDES Permits?		X				X		
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 2D of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

2D-1. Ventura River and Happy Valley Drain run through the proposed CUP boundary area. Ventura River and its tributaries have been identified as impaired due to trash, algae, nitrogen, low oxygen, bacteria indicators and other pollutants on the most recent (2018) Clean Water Act §303(d) list of impaired waterbodies. Conditions of approval related to compliance with the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit will ensure that the proposed green waste recycling operations do not contribute to impairments of the Ventura River watershed. The proposed project will not individually or cumulatively degrade the quality of surface water causing it to exceed water quality objectives as contained in Chapter 3 of the Los Angeles Basin Plan as applicable for this area. Surface water quality is deemed less than significant because the proposed project is not expected to result in a violation of any surface water quality standards as defined in the Los Angeles Basin Plan.

2D-2. The proposed project is located at 534 Baldwin Rd, Ojai, CA 93023 in Ventura County unincorporated urban area (APN 032-0-070-070). The proposed green waste recycling operations will only accept feedstocks of agricultural materials and green materials, and store less than 4,000 cubic yards of material on site at any one time. Submitted project documentation indicates that proposed facility is subject to the

General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations Order (WDR), and it meets the feedstock and capacity criteria of a Tier I composting operation. In addition, it was indicated that proposed facility will be subject to NPDES General Permit Order No. CAS000001, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Stormwater Runoff Associated with Industrial Activities. Review of submitted project site plans suggest that the facility may be eligible for Non-Applicability (NONA) if it meets one of the criteria listed in the “Special Conditions” section XX.C of the Industrial General Permit (IGP) available at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/unoff\\_igp\\_amend.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/industrial/unoff_igp_amend.pdf)

As such, neither the individual project nor the cumulative threshold for significance would be exceeded and the project is expected to have a less than significant impact related to water quality objectives or standards in the applicable MS4 Permit or any other NPDES Permits.

2D-3. The proposed project is consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for ISAG Item 2d.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>3A. Mineral Resources – Aggregate (Planning)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Be located on or immediately adjacent to land zoned Mineral Resource Protection (MRP) overlay zone, or adjacent to a principal access road for a site that is the subject of an existing aggregate Conditional Use Permit (CUP), and have the potential to hamper or preclude extraction of or access to the aggregate resources?	X				X			
2) Have a cumulative impact on aggregate resources if, when considered with other pending and recently approved projects in the area, the project hampers or precludes extraction or access to identified resources?					X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 3A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

3A-1 and -2. The project site is not located within a MRP Overlay Zone or located adjacent to land classified as MRZ-2. In addition, the project site is not located adjacent to a principal access road to an existing mining facility. Therefore, the proposed project would have no project-specific or cumulative impact on the extraction of or access to mineral resources.

3A-3. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 3A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>3B. Mineral Resources – Petroleum (Planning)</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Be located on or immediately adjacent to any known petroleum resource area, or adjacent to a principal access road for a site that is the subject of an existing petroleum CUP, and have the potential to hamper or preclude access to petroleum resources?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 3B of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

3B-1. The proposed project is not located within or immediately adjacent to any known petroleum resource area, or adjacent to a principal access road for a site that is the subject of an existing petroleum CUP. Therefore, the proposed project does not have the potential to hamper or preclude access to petroleum resources and would not impact these resources and would not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact related to petroleum resources.

3B-2. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable 2040 General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 3B of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4. Biological Resources</b>								
<b>4A. Species</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project, directly or</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Impact one or more plant species by reducing the species' population, reducing the species' habitat, fragmenting its habitat, or restricting its reproductive capacity?		X				X		
2) Impact one or more animal species by reducing the species' population, reducing the species' habitat, fragmenting its habitat, or restricting its reproductive capacity?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

4A-1. The project site is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site. The existing site is dominated by non-native plant species in both tree canopy and groundcover. The open flat areas are generally denuded of vegetation or dominated by non-native annual species. Therefore, the site does not support natural vegetation and there is limited to no potential to support protected biological resources on site.

4A-2. The existing non-native and/or ornamental trees and shrubs may provide a limited potential for nesting birds. The Planning Division would impose the standard Avoidance of Nesting Birds condition to protect any nesting birds that could be impacted during the development phase of the project. Therefore, impacts to animal species are considered to be less than significant.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4B. Ecological Communities - Sensitive Plant Communities</b>								
Will the proposed project:								



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Temporarily or permanently remove sensitive plant communities through construction, grading, clearing, or other activities?		X				X		
2) Result in indirect impacts from project operation at levels that will degrade the health of a sensitive plant community?			X				X	

### Impact Discussion:

4B-1. The parcel is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site. Therefore, the parcel does not support natural vegetation and there is limited to no potential to support protected biological resources on site.

4B-2. The proposed use of the site as a greenwaste facility allows for the spread of invasive species through the handling of wood and plant materials. In December 2015, the County Agricultural Commissioner trapped an individual of the polyphagous shot hole borer (*Euwallacea* sp) genus. This species of beetle is a vector of a fungal pathogen known to severely affect avocado, box elder, Coast Live Oak, Sycamore, Maple and other trees. In order to limit the spread of invasive species and to minimize the associated impacts, mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 described in section 5B (below) will be imposed on the project:

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

After implementation of Mitigation Measure AG/BIO-MM1 (below), residual impacts on sensitive plant communities would be less than significant.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4C. Ecological Communities - Waters and Wetlands</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Cause any of the following activities within waters or wetlands: removal of vegetation; grading; obstruction or diversion of water flow; change in velocity, siltation, volume of flow, or runoff rate; placement of fill; placement of structures; construction of a road crossing; placement of culverts or other underground piping; or any disturbance of the substratum?		X				X		
2) Result in disruptions to wetland or riparian plant communities that will isolate or substantially interrupt contiguous habitats, block seed dispersal routes, or increase vulnerability of wetland species to exotic weed invasion or local extirpation?		X				X		
3) Interfere with ongoing maintenance of hydrological conditions in a water or wetland?		X				X		
4) Provide an adequate buffer for protecting the functions and values of existing waters or wetlands?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

4C-1 through -4. The project site lies immediately adjacent to the Ventura River, which is considered a perennial red-line stream and a significant wetland habitat. According to the Ventura River Watershed Management Plan, the area of the Ventura River adjacent to the project site includes Palustrine (Vernal Wetlands, Marshes, Ponds, Dune Swales, Seeps & Falls) and Palustrine (Riverine-Associated) wetlands and riparian habitats.

The proposed project does not include construction, grading or permanent development. The siting of all equipment and temporary portable structures will occur onsite. As stated in Section 2D (above) the project will be subject to conditions of approval related to compliance with the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Composting Operations and NPDES Permit to ensure that the proposed green waste recycling operations do not contribute to impairments of the Ventura River watershed.

As described in Section 31b (below) the existing and proposed drainage conditions will be similar and runoff will be returned to natural sheet flow conditions. No other waters or wetlands occur on or near the subject property; therefore, no direct, indirect, or cumulatively considerable impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed project.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4D. Ecological Communities - ESHA (Applies to Coastal Zone Only)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Temporarily or permanently remove ESHA or disturb ESHA buffers through construction, grading, clearing, or other activities and uses (ESHA buffers are within 100 feet of the boundary of ESHA as defined in Section 8172-1 of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance)?	X				X			
2) Result in indirect impacts from project operation at levels that will degrade the health of an ESHA?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

4D-1. and 4D-2. The project is not located within the coastal zone. Therefore, no impacts on ESHA would result from project implementation.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impacts identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4E. Habitat Connectivity</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Remove habitat within a wildlife movement corridor?		X				X		
2) Isolate habitat?		X				X		
3) Construct or create barriers that impede fish and/or wildlife movement, migration or long term connectivity or interfere with wildlife access to foraging habitat, breeding habitat, water sources, or other areas necessary for their reproduction?		X				X		
4) Intimidate fish or wildlife via the introduction of noise, light, development or increased human presence?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

The proposed subdivision is located within the Sierra Madre – Castaic Connection, a regional wildlife corridor linking habitats in the Sierra Madre and Castaic Mountain ranges as identified in the Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Map adopted by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2019 (Resolution No. 19-15). The proposed project is located adjacent to the Ventura River, which is considered a movement corridor connecting open space areas of the Los Padres National Forest to coastal areas.

4E-1 through 4E-4. The project site is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site. The existing site is dominated by non-native plant species in both tree canopy and groundcover. The open flat areas are primarily denuded of vegetation or dominated by non-native annual species. There is no proposed grading or construction associated with the project that would result in the removal or isolation of habitat. No new fencing is included in the proposed project and any future fencing would have to be designed according to Sections 8109-4.8.3.6(c)(2) and 8109-4.8.3.7(a) (Wildlife Fencing) of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO). The project includes a request for the installation of two security lights to be placed in the area of the heavy equipment. The lights will be

shielded and downward facing so as not to distract or intimidate wildlife in accordance with NCZO §8109-4.8.2 (Outdoor Lighting). Adherence to these regulations will ensure that impacts will be less than significant.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>4F. Will the proposed project be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 4 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?</b>			X				X	

### **Impact Discussion:**

4F. The project site is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site. The site does not support natural vegetation and in turn, there is limited to no potential to support protected biological resources on site. The site lies within the Sierra Madre – Castaic Connection, and adjacent to the Ventura River, both of which are classified as wildlife movement corridors. The project will be required to adhere to the requirements of the applicable NCZO sections pertaining to Wildlife fencing, lighting and design criteria. Nesting birds would be avoided through the applicant's compliance with the County's standard nesting bird condition. The project also has the potential to introduce non-native pests through greenwaste material. As a result, mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 will be imposed to reduce the potential impact to a less than significant level.

These factors support the determination that the project was reviewed and found to be consistent with the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Programs and Policies for Item 4 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

With the implementation of Mitigation Measure AG/BIO MM1, residual impacts will be less than significant.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>5A. Agricultural Resources – Soils (Planning)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Result in the direct and/or indirect loss of soils designated Prime, Statewide Importance, Unique or Local Importance, beyond the threshold amounts set forth in Section 5a.C of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Involve a General Plan amendment that will result in the loss of agricultural soils?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 5A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

5A-1. The subject parcel includes soils designated as “Developed” and “Local Importance” in the Ventura County Important Farmland Inventory. The disturbance areas associated with the proposed project would not result in the direct and/or indirect loss of 20 acres or more of soils designated as Local Importance. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less-than-significant project-specific impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, related to agricultural soil resources.

5A-2. The proposed project does not include a General Plan amendment that will result in the loss of designated agricultural soils. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less-than-significant project-specific impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, related to agricultural soil resources.

5A-3. The proposed project is consistent with the applicable *Ventura County General Plan* Goals and Policies for Item 5a of the *Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines*.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>5B. Agricultural Resources - Land Use Incompatibility (AG.)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) If not defined as Agriculture or Agricultural Operations in the zoning ordinances, be closer than the threshold distances set forth in Section 5b.C of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 5b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?			X				X	

### Impact Discussion:

5B-1. The proposed project, as a greenwaste recycling facility, is not defined as Agricultural Operations in the zoning ordinances. Therefore, the threshold distance of 300 feet set forth in 5b.C applies. The only classified farmland within the threshold distances is on the subject property. Thus, this criterion in the ISAGs does not apply.

5B-2. General Plan Policy AG-2.1 states that discretionary development adjacent to Agricultural-designated lands shall not conflict with agricultural use of those lands. Additionally, the Ojai Valley Area Plan states that the County shall require discretionary, non-agricultural land uses adjacent to agricultural operations to establish appropriate buffers. While no buffer zone is necessary for the project, a greenwaste facility has the potential to distribute invasive species. The project site is within a known infestation area of the Invasive Shot Hole Borer. This is considered a potentially significant impact on agriculture. mitigation measure AG/BIO-MM1 is required to reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

#### Mitigation Measure AG/BIO-MM1

**Purpose:** In order to avoid the spread of rated pests through operation of the organics processing operation, the permittee shall allow pest detection to be performed onsite, train employees in the identification of rated pests, and abate any rated pests detected at the project site. For purposes of this mitigation measure, “rated pests” shall include any

plant, animal species, or plant disease rated A, B, Q, W, or C by the California Department of Agriculture (in the case of C rated pests, only those deemed a nuisance by the Agricultural Commissioner).

**Requirement:** The Permittee shall prepare and implement a County-approved Pest Management Plan (PMP). The PMP shall describe the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented on the project site to prevent the transportation, introduction, and spread of detected rated pests through the operation of the organics processing operation. The PMP shall outline the protocol for the reporting of pest detection to County agencies.

Additionally, the PMP shall describe the required ongoing program for facility staff to be trained in the detection of rated pests. Employee training in the recognition of rated pests and evidence of their presence shall commence no later than 90 days after the date of hiring and shall be refreshed annually thereafter.

**Documentation:**

The Permittee shall submit to the Planning Division (VCRMA-PD) and Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures (VCDAWM) for review and approval a Pest Management Plan (PMP) prepared by a Qualified Biologist. Any requested changes to BMPs that result from changes in business practices or improvements in BMP procedures shall be submitted to the Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures for approval prior to amending the PMP.

**Timing:** The Permittee shall obtain approval of the required PMP prior to the issuance of the Zoning Clearance for Use Inauguration.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** The Permittee shall submit to the VCDAWM an Annual Monitoring Report, prepared by a Qualified Biologist that summarizes and documents the implementation of the PMP and compliance with the required BMPs. Any pests observed or evidence of pests should be noted in the Report, parties notified, and steps taken to address these detections.

The VCDAWM shall maintain a record of pest detection activities and findings within the project boundary. The Permittee shall maintain records of any PMP(s) required by this mitigation measure and documentation of staff training in the recognition of rated pests.

With implementation of the above measure, impacts would be less than significant.



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>6. Scenic Resources (Planning)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Be located within an area that has a scenic resource that is visible from a public viewing location, and physically alter the scenic resource either individually or cumulatively when combined with recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable future projects?		X				X		
b) Be located within an area that has a scenic resource that is visible from a public viewing location, and substantially obstruct, degrade, or obscure the scenic vista, either individually or cumulatively when combined with recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable future projects?		X				X		
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 6 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

6a.-b. The proposed project is located immediately northeast of the Highway 150 crossing of the Ventura River, where public views from Highway 150 and hiking trails in the Ventura River bottom constitute scenic resources. The original environmental document identified impacts to scenic resources as potentially significant and required vegetative screening as documented in a required landscape plan to mitigate these impacts. The previously required vegetative screening is now mature and shields the project site from public viewing locations along Highway 150 and the Ventura River. Provided that the vegetative screening is maintained (i.e., not removed and replaced if plants die), impacts to scenic resources associated with the project would not be significant. Therefore, the proposed project will have a less-than-significant project-specific impact on scenic resources and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact related to scenic resources.

6c. The proposed project is consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 6 of the *Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines*.

## Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>7. Paleontological Resources</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) For the area of the property that is disturbed by or during the construction of the proposed project, result in a direct or indirect impact to areas of paleontological significance?	X				X			
b) Contribute to the progressive loss of exposed rock in Ventura County that can be studied and prospected for fossil remains?	X				X			
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 7 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

## Impact Discussion:

7a. The proposed project does not include any grading or activities and would not result in a direct or indirect impact to areas of paleontological significance. Therefore, the proposed project will not create a project-specific impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, to paleontological resources.

7b. The proposed project will not contribute to the progressive loss of exposed rock in Ventura County that can be studied and prospected for fossil remains. The proposed project's disturbance would be limited to alluvial material. Therefore, the proposed project will not create a project-specific impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, to paleontological resources.

7c. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable 2040 General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 7.

## Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>8A. Cultural Resources - Archaeological</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics that account for the inclusion of the resource in a local register of historical resources pursuant to Section 5020.1(k) requirements of Section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code?	X				X			
2) Demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of an archaeological resource that convey its archaeological significance and that justify its eligibility for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources as determined by a lead agency for the purposes of CEQA?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 8A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

## Impact Discussion:

8A-1 and -2. The proposed project does not include any ground-disturbing activities and would not demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner any physical characteristics of the project site that account for the inclusion of the resource in a local register of historical resources. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on archaeological resources and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact related to archaeological resources.

8A-3. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable 2040 General Plan policies for Item 8A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

## Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>8B. Cultural Resources – Historic (Planning)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of an historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its inclusion in, or eligibility for, inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources?	X				X			
2) Demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics that account for its inclusion in a local register of historical resources pursuant to Section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code or its identification in a historical resources survey meeting the requirements of Section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code?	X				X			
3) Demolish or materially alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of a historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its eligibility for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources as determined by a lead agency for purposes of CEQA?	X				X			
4) Demolish, relocate, or alter an historical resource such that the significance of the historical resource will be impaired [Public Resources Code, Sec. 5020(q)]?	X				X			

## Impact Discussion:

8B-1 through -4. The project site is an undeveloped lot that previously contained temporary structures associated with the former organics processing facility. The proposed project does not include ground disturbing activities or the construction of permanent structures. Therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on historical resources and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact to historical resources.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>9. Coastal Beaches and Sand Dunes</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Cause a direct or indirect adverse physical change to a coastal beach or sand dune, which is inconsistent with any of the coastal beaches and coastal sand dunes policies of the California Coastal Act, corresponding Coastal Act regulations, Ventura County Coastal Area Plan, or the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs?	X				X			
b) When considered together with one or more recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, result in a direct or indirect, adverse physical change to a coastal beach or sand dune?					X			
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 9 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

9a, 9b and 9c. The project site is located approximately 8.5 miles from the coast and, at that distance, does not have the potential to adversely impact a coastal beach or sand dune. Thus, the project would not create a direct or indirect adverse physical change to

a coastal beach or sand dunes. County policies related to development in the coastal zone do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>10. Fault Rupture Hazard (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Be at risk with respect to fault rupture in its location within a State of California designated Alquist-Priolo Special Fault Study Zone?	X							
b) Be at risk with respect to fault rupture in its location within a County of Ventura designated Fault Hazard Area?	X							
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 10 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

There is no known cumulative fault rupture hazard that would occur as a result of other projects.

10a. and -b. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. There are no known active or potentially active faults extending through the proposed project based on State of California Earthquake Fault Zones in accordance with the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, and Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix –Figure 2.2.3b. Furthermore, no habitable structures are proposed at this time to be within 50 feet of a mapped trace of an active fault. There is no impact from potential fault rupture hazard.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>11. Ground Shaking Hazard (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Be built in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Ventura County Building Code?		X						
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 11 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?								

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from ground shaking will affect each project individually. No cumulative ground shaking hazard would occur as a result of other projects.

11a and 11.b. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. The property will be subject to moderate to strong ground shaking from seismic events on local and regional fault systems. No new structures are proposed as part of this project and the effects of ground shaking are considered less than significant.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>12. Liquefaction Hazards (PWA)</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Expose people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving liquefaction because it is located within a Seismic Hazards Zone?		X						
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 12 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from liquefaction will affect each project individually. No cumulative liquefaction hazard would occur as a result of other projects.

12a and 12b. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. The property is located within a potential liquefaction zone based on the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix – Figure 2.4b. This map is a compilation of the State of California Seismic Hazards Maps for the County of Ventura and was used as the basis for delineating the potential liquefaction hazards within the county. There are no structures proposed as part of this application and any future proposed structure will require a geotechnical report to be submitted as part of the building permit, must address and mitigate any potential hazards resulting from liquefaction as part of the building permit process. In this regard the potential hazards resulting from liquefaction are considered to be less than significant.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>13. Seiche and Tsunami Hazards (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Be located within about 10 to 20 feet of vertical elevation from an enclosed body of water such as a lake or reservoir?	X							
b) Be located in a mapped area of tsunami hazard as shown on the County General Plan maps?	X							
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 13 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from seiche and tsunami will affect each project individually. No cumulative seiche and tsunami hazard would occur as a result of other projects.

13a. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. The site is not located adjacent to a closed or restricted body of water based on aerial imagery review (photos dated November 3, 2016, aerial imagery is under the copyrights of Pictometry, Source: Pictometry©, November 3, 2016) and is not subject to seiche hazard. There is no hazard from potential seiche and no impact to the proposed project.

13b. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. The project is not mapped within a tsunami inundation zone based on the Ventura County General Plan, Hazards Appendix, Figure 2.6, dated October 22, 2013. There is no impact from potential hazards from tsunami.

13c. Any discussion of potential impacts of seismic and geologic hazards to the proposed project is provided for informational purposes only and is neither required by CEQA nor subject to its requirements. The site is not located near a closed or restricted body of water based on aerial imagery review and would not be subject to seiche hazard. The project is not mapped within a tsunami inundation zone based on the

Ventura County General Plan, Hazards Appendix Figure 2.6 dated October 22, 2013. There is no impact from potential hazards from Seiche and Tsunamis to the project.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>14. Landslide/Mudflow Hazard (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Result in a landslide/mudflow hazard, as determined by the Public Works Agency Certified Engineering Geologist, based on the location of the site or project within, or outside of mapped landslides, potential earthquake induced landslide zones, and geomorphology of hillside terrain?	X							
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 14 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from landslides/mudslides will affect each project individually. No cumulative landslide/mudslide hazard would occur as a result of other projects.

14a and 14b. The site is not located in a mapped landslide, not located within a hillside area, and is not located in a potential seismically induced landslide zone, based on analysis conducted by the California Geological Survey as part of California Seismic Hazards Mapping Act, 1991, Public Resources Code Sections 2690-2699.6. The project does not include any excavations into a hillside. There are no impacts to the project resulting from landslide hazard.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>15. Expansive Soils Hazards (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Expose people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving soil expansion because it is located within a soils expansive hazard zone or where soils with an expansion index greater than 20 are present?	X							
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 15 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from expansive soils will affect each project individually; and no cumulative expansive soils hazard will occur as a result of other approved, proposed, or probable projects.

15a. and 15b. Future development at the site will be subject to the requirements of the County of Ventura Building Code adopted from the California Building Code, in effect at the time of construction that requires mitigation of potential adverse effects of expansive soils. There is no impact from potential hazards from expansive soils.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>16. Subsidence Hazard (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
a) Expose people or structures to potential adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving subsidence because it is located within a subsidence hazard zone?	X							
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 16 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

The hazards from subsidence will affect each project individually; and no cumulative subsidence hazard will occur as a result of other approved, proposed, or probable projects.

16a and 16b. The subject property is not within the probable subsidence hazard zone as delineated on the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix, Figure 2.8 (October 22, 2013). In addition, the project is not for oil, gas or groundwater withdrawal; therefore, the project is considered to have no impact on the hazard of subsidence

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>17a. Hydraulic Hazards – Non-FEMA (PWA)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Result in a potential erosion/siltation hazard and flooding hazard pursuant to any of the following documents (individually, collectively, or in combination with one another): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007 Ventura County Building Code Ordinance No.4369</li> <li>• Ventura County Land Development Manual</li> <li>• Ventura County Subdivision Ordinance</li> <li>• Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance</li> <li>• Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance</li> <li>• Ventura County Standard Land Development Specifications</li> <li>• Ventura County Road Standards</li> <li>• Ventura County Watershed Protection District Hydrology Manual</li> <li>• County of Ventura Stormwater Quality Ordinance, Ordinance No. 4142</li> <li>• Ventura County Hillside Erosion Control Ordinance, Ordinance No. 3539 and Ordinance No. 3683</li> <li>• Ventura County Municipal Storm Water NPDES Permit</li> <li>• State General Construction Permit</li> <li>• State General Industrial Permit</li> <li>• National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)?</li> </ul>	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 17A of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

17A-1. There is not an increase in impervious area proposed by the project. No increase in flooding hazard or potential for erosion or siltation will occur as a result of the proposed project.

17A-2. There is not an increase in impervious area proposed by the project. No increase in flooding hazard or potential for erosion or siltation will occur as a result of the proposed project. No new impervious area will be added as part of the project. Therefore, the project is consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 17a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>17b. Hydraulic Hazards – FEMA (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Be located outside of the boundaries of a Special Flood Hazard Area and entirely within a FEMA-determined 'X-Unshaded' flood zone (beyond the 0.2percent annual chance floodplain: beyond the 500-year		X				X		
2) Be located outside of the boundaries of a Special Flood Hazard Area and entirely within a FEMA-determined 'X-Shaded' flood zone (within the 0.2 percent annual chance floodplain: within the 500-year floodplain)?		X				X		
3) Be located, in part or in whole, within the boundaries of a Special Flood Hazard Area (1 percent annual chance floodplain: 100-year), but located entirely outside of the boundaries of the Regulatory Floodway?		X				X		
4) Be located, in part or in whole, within the boundaries of the Regulatory Floodway, as determined using the 'Effective' and latest available DFIRMs provided by FEMA?		X				X		
5) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 17B of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

## Impact Discussion:

17B-1 through -4. The southwesterly portion of the subject property has been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Regulatory Floodway of the Ventura River. The central portion of the property is mapped as an “X Unshaded Zone” (outside of the 500-year floodplain), and the easterly portion of the site is mapped as an “AE Zone” 1 percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain. This is evidenced on FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map No. 06111C0566F, effective date January 29, 2021. This is also illustrated on the Applicant’s submission entitled “CUP Exhibit Ojai Valley Organics Recycling Center” (Sheet 1 of 1), prepared by Jensen Design & Survey, Inc. and dated September 9, 2013 (Attachment 2). In accordance with County ordinance, a Floodplain Development Permit and a Notice of Flood Hazard recorded on property title from the Ventura County Public Works Agency prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for Use Inauguration are required. Through the implementation of these two regulatory requirements, operations at the Ojai Valley Organics Recycling Facility will not result in project-related impacts related to flooding or contribute to cumulative impacts related to flooding.

17B-5. Through the implementation of a Floodplain Development Permit and a recorded Notice of Flood Hazard on the property title, the proposed project will be in compliance with the Ventura County Floodplain Management Ordinance and Ventura County General Plan policies 2.10.2-2 and 2.10.2.-3.

## Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>18. Fire Hazards (VCFPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Be located within High Fire Hazard Areas/Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Hazardous Watershed Fire Areas?		X				X		
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 18 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

18a. This project is located in a high fire hazard area and involves the handling of flammable greenwaste materials. However, the accumulations of this material would be set back more than 100 feet from any structures or substantial vegetation. In addition, the proposed project will be required to operate in conformance with standard VC Fire Protection District hazard abatement regulations. Given the project design and the applicable regulations, impacts related to fire hazards would be less than significant.

18b. This project meets the goals and policies of the general plan.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>19. Aviation Hazards (Airports)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Comply with the County's Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan and pre-established federal criteria set forth in Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 (Obstruction Standards)?	X				X			
b) Will the proposed project result in residential development, a church, a school, or high commercial business located within a sphere of influence of a County airport?	X				X			
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 19 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

19a, 19b and 19c. The proposed project site is not located within an Airport Safety Zone or Airport Sphere of Influence. County policies related to aviation hazards do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)



No impacts identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>20a. Hazardous Materials/Waste – Materials (EHD/Fire)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Utilize hazardous materials in compliance with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 20a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 20a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

20A-1. Proposed project will not store hazardous materials which require permitting or inspection from Ventura County Environmental Health Division/Certified Unified Program Agency but may involve the incidental use of hazardous materials typically associated with pre-operational construction activities/site improvements and fuel inside heavy equipment/machinery at the site.

Improper storage, handling, and disposal of these materials may contribute to adverse impacts to the environment. Compliance with applicable State and local regulations will reduce the potential environmental impact. No project specific or cumulative impact related to hazardous materials is expected.

20A-2. The proposed project will be consistent with the General Plan for Item 20a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, provided the business maintains compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to hazardous materials handling, storage, and disposal.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impacts identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>20b. Hazardous Materials/Waste – Waste (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Comply with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 20b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 20b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

20b-1. The proposed project is a green material composting and chip and grind operation and will not generate hazardous wastes which require a Ventura County Environmental Health Division/Certified Unified Program Agency permit, though incidental hazard waste situations may arise. Any contaminants removed from delivered feedstock that are deemed hazardous must be disposed of properly. Any fuel spills from heavy equipment/machinery must be properly cleaned up and disposed of properly. No project specific or cumulative impact related to hazardous waste is expected.

20b-2. Through compliance with state and local laws, the proposed project will be consistent with the General Plan for Item 20b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines as it relates to hazardous waste storage, handling, and disposal.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impacts identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>21. Noise and Vibration</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
a) Either individually or when combined with other recently approved, pending, and probable future projects, produce noise in excess of the standards for noise in the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs (Section 2.16) or the applicable Area Plan?		X				X		
b) Either individually or when combined with other recently approved, pending, and probable future projects, include construction activities involving blasting, pile-driving, vibratory compaction, demolition, and drilling or excavation which exceed the threshold criteria provided in the Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (Section 12.2)?		X				X		
c) Result in a transit use located within any of the critical distances of the vibration-sensitive uses listed in Table 1 (Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, Section 21)?	X				X			
d) Generate new heavy vehicle (e.g., semi-truck or bus) trips on uneven roadways located within proximity to sensitive uses that have the potential to either individually or when combined with other recently approved, pending, and probable future projects, exceed the threshold criteria of the Transit Use Thresholds for rubber-tire heavy vehicle uses (Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, Section 21-D, Table 1, Item No. 3)?		X				X		

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
e) Involve blasting, pile-driving, vibratory compaction, demolition, drilling, excavation, or other similar types of vibration-generating activities which have the potential to either individually or when combined with other recently approved, pending, and probable future projects, exceed the threshold criteria provided in the Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment [Hanson, Carl E., David A. Towers, and Lance D. Meister. (May 2006) Section 12.2]?		X				X		
f) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 21 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

21a. The proposed project is a noise-generating use as it will utilize machinery such as chipping and grinding equipment. However, this noise constitutes a continuation of the existing environmental setting as the volume of greenwaste material processed is not proposed to increase from that processed at the previous processing facility operated on the project site.

21b. The proposed project does not include construction activities involving blasting, pile-driving, vibratory compaction, demolition, or drilling and excavation. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in a significant impact on short-term noise or vibration.

21c. The proposed project would not increase the amount of traffic to or from the project site. The proposed project would not involve a transit use. No impact related to transit has been identified.

21d and –e. The proposed project will not include the generation of heavy vehicle traffic on uneven roadways in proximity to sensitive uses. Old Baldwin Road is paved to the entrance point to the project site. Therefore, rubber-wheel vehicle traffic will utilize paved roadways to the project site and not create noise or vibratory impacts as vehicles pass any potentially sensitive uses located along Old Baldwin Road. The proposed project will not include any construction activities including blasting, pile-driving, vibratory

compaction, demolition, drilling and excavation. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a significant impact on noise or vibration.

21f. The project would be consistent with the applicable 2040 General Plan policies for Item 21 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

Based on the above discussion, noise and vibration impacts due to the proposed project would be less than significant.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts due to the proposed project would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>22. Daytime Glare</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Create a new source of disability glare or discomfort glare for motorists travelling along any road of the County Regional Road Network?		X				X		
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 22 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### **Impact Discussion:**

22a. The proposed project does not include any structures that have windows that would potentially result in discomfort glare for motorists travelling along State Highway 150 along the southern boundary of the project site. Thus, impacts due to glare would be less than significant.

22b. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 22 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts due to the proposed project would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>23. Public Health (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Result in impacts to public health from environmental factors as set forth in Section 23 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 23 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

23a. The proposed project is for a composting and chip and grind operation and may have public health impacts commonly associated with these types of activities, such as incidental hazardous materials, odors, dust and bioaerosols, and pests or vectors. Vector/pest control issues include breeding and/or harborage of insects (flies, mosquitoes, etc.) and rodents. The applicant must implement adequate vector control measures, dust and bioaerosol control measures, and an Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) to address and eliminate potential public health impacts related to these issues. If the proposed project creates unforeseen vector, odor, etc. issues not addressed in any current plans, additional control measures may need to be evaluated and implemented. Compliance with applicable regulations and best management practices will reduce potential project-specific and cumulative impacts to a level considered less than significant.

The proposed project has the potential to impact public health due to the onsite toilet facilities. The proposed portable toilets may potentially create a public health concern if not routinely maintained. The project will be subject to standard conditions of approval that apply to the long-term use of portable toilets. Portable toilets will be required to be routinely serviced by a chemical toilet pumper truck with an active permit to operate issued by Ventura County Environmental Health Division. All septage wastes will be required to be disposed of at a facility licensed to accept and treat such waste. Potable

water shall also be required to be provided for hand washing purposes. With the implementation of standard conditions, impacts would be less than significant.

23b. The proposed project will be consistent with the General Plan for Item 23 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines because the operator will be required to adequately control odors, dust and bioaerosols, and potential sources for vector harborage and/or breeding, and portable toilets shall be operated and serviced in a safe and sanitary manner.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>24. Greenhouse Gases (VCAPCD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Result in environmental impacts from greenhouse gas emissions, either project specifically or cumulatively, as set forth in CEQA Guidelines §§ 15064(h)(3), 15064.4, 15130(b)(1)(B) and -(d), and 15183.5?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

24a. Greenhouse gases (GHG) are gases that trap heat in the atmosphere, including, but not limited to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). Water vapor, although it is a gas that traps heat, is excluded from the list of GHGs because it is short-lived in the atmosphere and its atmospheric concentrations are largely determined by natural processes, such as oceanic evaporation. GHGs are emitted both naturally and anthropogenically (human-caused). Of these GHGs, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> are emitted in the largest amounts from anthropogenic activities, such as the combustion of fossil fuel resources and organic processing and storage operations, respectively.

Neither APCD nor the County has adopted a threshold of significance applicable to Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from projects subject to the County's discretionary land use permitting authority. The County has, however, routinely applied a 10,000 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent per year (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/Yr) threshold of significance to

industrial projects, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.4(a)(2). APCD has concurred with the County's approach. APCD supports the application of this numeric threshold as stated in the GHG Threshold Report APCD published in 2011 at the request of the APCD Board, which concludes "Unless directed otherwise, District staff will continue to evaluate and develop suitable interim GHG threshold options for Ventura County with preference for GHG threshold consistency with the South Coast AQMD and the SCAG region". The South Coast AQMD at the same time proposed an interim screening threshold of 3,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/Yr for commercial/residential projects. Industrial projects or facilities are defined as stationary emission sources that have or are required to have an APCD Permit to Operate.

Based on information provided by the applicant, greenhouse gas impacts will be less than significant. This determination was based on information provided by the applicant for the changes in project operations from the previously entitled use under CUP 4408-3. The amount of compost and green waste annual intake would be reduced. However, the amount of off-road equipment used in the process of chipping, processing and composting would increase. The CalEEMod Version 2020.4.0 air emissions model was used using a defined parking lot land use to calculate the emissions from all equipment listed (PEI Equipment List). Note, the emissions will be located in the Construction Mitigation emissions portion of the report; these emissions are actually the project's incremental operational emissions as off-road equipment is found in the Construction section of the model and mitigation in the model are the applicant's proposed equipment to be used (Tier 4 Final and DPM filters). In addition, the applicant is not proposing any grading, building construction, energy emissions associated with restrooms or kitchens in buildings (port-a-potty only), or in-vessel composters. The model estimated 9.24 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/Yr, which is below the more conservative 3,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/Yr recommended threshold for commercial projects. A copy of the GHG emissions report is attached.

Therefore, the project specific and cumulative impacts to greenhouse gases are less than significant.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>25. Community Character (Planning)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
a) Either individually or cumulatively when combined with recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, introduce physical development that is incompatible with existing land uses, architectural form or style, site design/layout, or density/parcel sizes within the community in which the project site is located?		X				X		
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 25 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

25a. The proposed project constitutes the renewed operation of the greenwaste processing facility that was previously operated on the project site as first permitted in 1993. No substantial physical development is proposed. The proposed shade and storage structures would replace existing similar facilities. In summary, no substantial changes in, or effects on, community character would result from project implementation. Thus, a greenwaste recycling facility has been

25b. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 25 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>26. Housing (Planning)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
a) Eliminate three or more dwelling units that are affordable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• moderate-income households that are located within the Coastal Zone; and/or,</li> <li>• lower-income households?</li> </ul>	X				X			
b) Involve construction which has an impact on the demand for additional housing due to potential housing demand created by construction workers?	X				X			
c) Result in 30 or more new full-time-equivalent lower-income employees?	X				X			
d) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 26 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

26a. The proposed project will not eliminate any existing dwelling units. Therefore, the project would not result in an impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, related to the elimination of existing housing stock.

26b. The proposed project does not involve any permanent construction activities. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any project-specific impacts, or make a contribution to cumulative impacts, related to the demand for construction worker housing.

26c. The proposed project will not result in 30 or more new full-time-equivalent lower-income employees, as the project would not require that number of employees. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in an impact and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact, related to the demand for housing for employees associated with commercial or industrial development.

26d. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 26 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27a(1). Transportation &amp; Circulation - Roads and Highways – Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) (PWA)</b>								
<b>Would the proposed project:</b>								
a) Meet a screening criterion or be below the applicable VMT significance threshold in the County's <i>Transportation &amp; Circulation—Vehicle Miles Traveled</i> document?		x				x		

### Impact Discussion:

27a(1)-a. The proposed project would not generate additional traffic on the Regional Road Network and local public roads. According to information provided by the applicant, the operation of the proposed facility would involve the approximately 4 one-way passenger trips per day for employees and a maximum of 80 one-way truck trips per day (i.e. 40 truckloads) to deliver materials to the site. This would be a continuation of the existing environmental setting for the project site as the site was previously occupied by a similar facility. In any case, the vehicle trips associated with this facility would be below the 110 Average Daily Trip screening threshold for VMT impacts.

In addition, the operation of the proposed facility would serve to reduce overall vehicle miles travelled by providing a local processing site. This is because the nearest alternative processing site for wood waste generated in the Ojai Valley is located more than 15 miles away adjacent to the City of Ventura at 2977 Sexton Canyon Road (RA Atwood Firewood).

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27a(1). Transportation &amp; Circulation - Roads and Highways - Safety and Design of Public Roads (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Have an Adverse, Significant Project-Specific or Cumulative Impact to the Safety and Design of Roads or Intersections within the Regional Road Network (RRN) or Local Road Network (LRN)?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

27a(1)-a. Operation of the proposed facility would not generate additional (new) traffic on the Regional Road Network and local public roads.

Operation of the proposed facility does not have the potential to alter the existing level of safety of county-maintained roads near the project.

Therefore, adverse traffic impacts relating to safety and design would be less than significant.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27a(2). Transportation &amp; Circulation - Roads &amp; Highways – Safety &amp; Design of Private Access (VCFPD)</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
a) If a private road or private access is proposed, will the design of the private road meet the adopted Private Road Guidelines and access standards of the VCFPD as listed in the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
b) Will the project be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27a(3) of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

27a(2)-a. All roads leading to the project site are existing and meet the minimum required access standards.

27a(2)-b. This project meets the goals and policies of the general plan.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27a(3). Transportation &amp; Circulation - Roads &amp; Highways - Tactical Access (VCFPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Involve a road or access, public or private, that complies with VCFPD adopted Private Road Guidelines?	X				X			
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27a(4) of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

**Impact Discussion:**

27a(3)-a. No new roads or access are required.

27a(3)-b. This project meets the goals and policies of the general plan.

**Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27b. Transportation &amp; Circulation - Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities (PWA/Planning)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Will the Project have an Adverse, Significant Project-Specific or Cumulative Impact to Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities within the Regional Road Network (RRN) or Local Road Network (LRN)?	X				X			
2) Generate or attract pedestrian/bicycle traffic volumes meeting requirements for protected highway crossings or pedestrian and bicycle facilities?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

**Impact Discussion:**

27b-1 and -2. The proposed project will not generate additional pedestrian and bicycle traffic. No adverse effect on bicycle or pedestrian facilities has been identified that would result from project implementation.

27b-3: The proposed project would be consistent with the General Plan goals and policies related to bicycle and pedestrian access.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27c. Transportation &amp; Circulation - Bus Transit</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Substantially interfere with existing bus transit facilities or routes, or create a substantial increase in demand for additional or new bus transit facilities/services?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27c of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

27c-1 and 27C-2. The proposed project would be located at the end of Old Baldwin Road. The proposed project would not interfere with existing bus transit facilities or routes, nor would it result in a substantial increase in demand for additional or new bus transit facilities/services. County policies related to bus transit do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27d. Transportation &amp; Circulation - Railroads</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Individually or cumulatively, substantially interfere with an existing railroad's facilities or operations?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27d of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

27d-1. The proposed project site is located approximately 8.5 miles from the nearest railroad and would not interfere with an existing railroad's facilities or operations. In any case, the proposed project constitutes a constitutes the continued operation of an previously permitted facility and would not generate new traffic. The continued operation of a recycling facility on the project site would not result in substantial interference with existing railroad facilities or operations. In addition, the proposed project would not be a use that would generate new demand for railroads. Therefore, the proposed project would be consistent with the General Plan Goals and Policies that pertain to item 27d.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27e. Transportation &amp; Circulation – Airports (Airports)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Have the potential to generate complaints and concerns regarding interference with airports?	X				X			
2) Be located within the sphere of influence of either County operated airport?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27e of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

27e-1, -2 and -3. The proposed project is located 14.5 miles from the nearest airport, Santa Paula, and is not located within the sphere of influence of any County-operated airport. County policies related to airports do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27f. Transportation &amp; Circulation - Harbor Facilities (Harbors)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Involve construction or an operation that will increase the demand for commercial boat traffic and/or adjacent commercial boat facilities?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27f of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

**Impact Discussion:**

27f-1 and -2. The proposed project is located 14.5 miles from the nearest harbor, Ventura Harbor. Additionally, the continued use of the organics processing facility would not increase commercial boat traffic in the nearest harbor facilities. The proposed project would have no adverse impacts to harbor facilities. County policies related to harbor facilities do not apply.

**Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>27g. Transportation &amp; Circulation - Pipelines</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Substantially interfere with, or compromise the integrity or affect the operation of, an existing pipeline?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 27g of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

**Impact Discussion:**

27g-1 and -2 The proposed project is located 8 miles from the nearest major and minor pipelines. Due to the distance to the nearest major or minor pipelines, the proposed project would not interfere with, or compromise the integrity or affect the operation of, an existing pipeline. County policies related to pipelines do not apply.

**Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>28a. Water Supply – Quality (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Comply with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 28a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 28a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

28a-1. Domestic water supply for the proposed project will be provided via an existing connection to Ventura River Water District. The proposed project will not have any project-specific or cumulative impacts to the domestic water supply.

28a-2. The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan for Item 28a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines regarding permanent domestic water supply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>28b. Water Supply – Quantity (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Have a permanent supply of water?		X				X		
2) Either individually or cumulatively when combined with recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, introduce physical development that will adversely affect the water supply - quantity of the hydrologic unit in which the project site is located?		X				X		
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 28b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

28b-1. The proposed project does not involve an increase in water demand. Thus, project implementation will not result in increased extraction of groundwater. Water will continue to be provided to the site by the Ventura River County Water District which uses a combination of water from CMWD and groundwater from VRCWD wells.

28b-2. The proposed project will not, either individually or cumulatively when combined with recently approved, current, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, introduce physical development that would adversely affect the water supply – quantity.

28b-3. The proposed project will be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 28b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines and is considered less than significant.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>28c. Water Supply - Fire Flow Requirements (VCFPD)</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Meet the required fire flow?		X				X		
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 28c of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

28c-1. This project will be required to satisfy VC Fire Protection District regulations for fire flow and water in storage. The Conditions of Approval of the requested CUP will include the requirement for the Permittee to demonstrate prior to the onset of operations to the satisfaction of the VCFPD that adequate fire flow is available to serve the facility.

28c-2. This project meets the goals and policies of the general plan.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>29a. Waste Treatment &amp; Disposal Facilities - Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Comply with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 29a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 29a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

29a-1. The proposed project will not utilize an onsite wastewater treatment system. The project will not have any project-specific or cumulative impacts related to an onsite wastewater treatment system. Standard conditions will be included in the CUP to ensure portable toilets are operated and serviced in a safe and sanitary manner.

29a-2. Proposed project is consistent with the General Plan for Item 29a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>29b. Waste Treatment &amp; Disposal Facilities - Sewage Collection/Treatment Facilities (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Comply with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 29b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 29b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

29b-1. The proposed project will not require a connection to a sewer collection facility. The project will not have any project-specific or cumulative impacts to a sewage collection facility. Standard conditions will be included in the CUP to ensure portable toilet are operated and serviced in a safe and sanitary manner.

29b-2. The proposed project will not require connection to a sewage collection facility and is consistent with the General Plan for Item 29b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>29c. Waste Treatment &amp; Disposal Facilities - Solid Waste Management (PWA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Have a direct or indirect adverse effect on a landfill such that the project impairs the landfill's disposal capacity in terms of reducing its useful life to less than 15 years?		X				X		
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 29c of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

29c-1. As required by California Public Resources Code (PRC) 41701, Ventura County's Countywide Siting Element (CSE), adopted in June 2001 and updated annually, confirms Ventura County has at least 15 years of disposal capacity available for waste generated by in-County projects. Because the County currently exceeds the minimum disposal capacity required by state PRC, the proposed project will have less than a significant project-specific impacts upon Ventura County's solid waste disposal capacity. In any case, the project serves to divert waste from the sanitary landfills by recycling wood waste.

29c-2. The minor proposed construction activity (i.e., installation of shade structures) will be conducted in accordance with the Integrated Waste Management Division waste diversion program (Form B Recycling Plan/Form C Report). This program ensures that a 60percent diversion goal is met prior to issuance of a final zoning clearance for use inauguration or occupancy, consistent with the Ventura County General Plan's Waste Treatment and Disposal Facility Goals 4.4.1-1 and -2 and Policies 4.4.2-1, -2, and -6.

Therefore, the proposed project will have less than significant project-specific impacts and will not make a cumulatively considerable contribution to significant cumulative impacts related to the Ventura County General Plan's goals and policies for solid waste disposal capacity.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>29d. Waste Treatment &amp; Disposal Facilities - Solid Waste Facilities (EHD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Comply with applicable state and local requirements as set forth in Section 29d of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 29d of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

29d-1. The proposed project is for a new composting and chip and grind operation. As described, the project is considered an Enforcement Agency Notification (EAN) tiered composting operation subject to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (14 CCR) section 17857.1, and chip and grind operation subject to 14 CCR section 17862.1. This facility requires a new health permit to operate with the Ventura County Environmental Health Division, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). Compliance with federal, state, and local regulations related to composting and chip and grind operations will reduce any project-specific and cumulative impacts to a level considered less than significant.

29d-2. The proposed project will be consistent with the General Plan for Item 29d of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>30. Utilities</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Individually or cumulatively cause a disruption or re-routing of an existing utility facility?		X				X		
b) Individually or cumulatively increase demand on a utility that results in expansion of an existing utility facility which has the potential for secondary environmental impacts?		X			X			
c) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 30 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X			X			

### Impact Discussion:

30a., 30b., and 30c. Electrical service would be provided by Southern California Edison. The proposed project would not increase demand on the electrical utility that results in expansion of an existing electric utility facility. The proposed project would not have adverse impacts on utility facilities, and it would be consistent with the General Plan Goals and Policies that pertain to item 30.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>31a. Flood Control Facilities/Watercourses - Watershed Protection District (WPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Either directly or indirectly, impact flood control facilities and watercourses by obstructing, impairing, diverting, impeding, or altering the characteristics of the flow of water, resulting in exposing adjacent property and the community to increased risk for flood hazards?		X				X		
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 31a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

31a-1 and 31a-2. The proposed project does not include an increase of impervious surfaces. Runoff from the existing impervious area and stormwater drainage design would be released at no greater than the undeveloped flow rate and in such manner as to not cause an adverse impact downstream in peak, velocity, or duration in accordance with Appendix J of the Ventura County Building Code. With the imposition of building code requirements and conditions by Ventura County Public Works Agency—Land Development Services Division, direct and indirect project-specific and cumulative impacts to flood control facilities and watercourses would be less than significant on redline channels.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>31b. Flood Control Facilities/Watercourses - Other Facilities (PWA)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Result in the possibility of deposition of sediment and debris materials within existing channels and allied obstruction of flow?		X				X		
2) Impact the capacity of the channel and the potential for overflow during design storm conditions?		X				X		
3) Result in the potential for increased runoff and the effects on Areas of Special Flood Hazard and regulatory channels both on and off site?		X				X		
4) Involve an increase in flow to and from natural and man-made drainage channels and facilities?		X				X		
5) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 31b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?		X				X		

### Impact Discussion:

31b-1. There is no alteration of the ground surface proposed as part of this project. The project preserves the existing trend of runoff and local drainage patterns. The project and subsequent runoff will be maintained in the present condition. This project will not create an obstruction of flow in the existing drainage as any runoff will be similar to the present conditions. Future development of the property will be required to maintain the drainage conditions prior to development by a method of detention that will remove sediment and debris materials prior to being released offsite.

31b-2. There is no alteration of the ground surface proposed as part of this project. The project preserves the existing trend of runoff and local drainage patterns. The project and subsequent runoff will be maintained in the present condition. This project will not impact the capacity of the channel or increase the potential for channel overflow during design storm conditions.

31b-3. No increase in impervious area is proposed by this project, and therefore, there will be no increase in runoff or adverse effects to Areas of Special Flood Hazard and

regulatory channels. Should any building or increase in impervious area be proposed in the future, construction will be completed according to current codes and standards.

31b-4. The project will not result in an increase in flow due to the impervious surface area proposed by this project, as it is similar to the present conditions and the proposed impervious surface area is not increased from the existing condition. The existing and proposed drainage conditions will be similar, and runoff will be returned to natural sheet flow conditions.

31b-5. The project will not result in an increase in flow as no new impervious surfaces are proposed and the drainage conditions will remain as the present condition.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>32. Law Enforcement/Emergency Services (Sheriff)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Have the potential to increase demand for law enforcement or emergency services?	X				X			
b) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 32 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

32a. The proposed project does not include any of the categories of uses that have the potential to increase demand for law enforcement or emergency services.

32b. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 32.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>33a. Fire Protection Services - Distance and Response (VCFPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Be located in excess of five miles, measured from the apron of the fire station to the structure or pad of the proposed structure, from a full-time paid fire department?	X				X			
2) Require additional fire stations and personnel, given the estimated response time from the nearest full-time paid fire department to the project site?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 33a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

33a-1., -2, and -3. The proposed project would be located within five miles of the nearest fire station. Therefore, no new fire stations or personnel would be required, and the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 33a.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>33b. Fire Protection Services – Personnel, Equipment, and Facilities (VCFPD)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
1) Result in the need for additional personnel?	X				X			
2) Magnitude or the distance from existing facilities indicate that a new facility or additional equipment will be required?	X				X			
3) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 33b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

33b-1., 33b-2., and 33b-3. No new personnel would be required, and no new facilities or equipment would be required. In addition, the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 33b.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>34a. Education - Schools</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Substantially interfere with the operations of an existing school facility?	X				X			
2) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 34a of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

34a-1. and 34a-2. The proposed greenwaste processing facility is non-residential in nature. According to the ISAGs, non-residential projects would not have an impact on the demand for schools. In addition, because the proposed non-residential project is not located adjacent to a school (no school is located within one mile of the proposed project), it would not interfere with the operations of an existing school. County policies related to schools do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>34b. Education - Public Libraries (Lib. Agency)</b>								
Will the proposed project:								

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
1) Substantially interfere with the operations of an existing public library facility?	X							
2) Put additional demands on a public library facility which is currently deemed overcrowded?	X							
3) Limit the ability of individuals to access public library facilities by private vehicle or alternative transportation modes?	X							
4) In combination with other approved projects in its vicinity, cause a public library facility to become overcrowded?					X			
5) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 34b of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

34b-1., 34b-2., 34b-3., 34b-4., and 34b-5. The proposed greenwaste processing facility project is non-residential in nature. According to the ISAGs, non-residential projects would not have an impact on the demand for public libraries. In addition, the proposed project would not be located adjacent to a public library facility (no libraries are located within one mile of the project). The proposed project would not substantially interfere with the operations of an existing public library facility, put additional demands on a public library facility which is currently deemed overcrowded, or limit the ability of individuals to access public library facilities. County policies related to public libraries do not apply.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.



Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>35. Recreation Facilities (GSA)</b>								
<b>Will the proposed project:</b>								
a) Cause an increase in the demand for recreation, parks, and/or trails and corridors?	X				X			
b) Cause a decrease in recreation, parks, and/or trails or corridors when measured against the following standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Local Parks/Facilities</u> - 5 acres of developable land (less than 15percent slope) per 1,000 population;</li> <li>• <u>Regional Parks/Facilities</u> - 5 acres of developable land per 1,000 population; or,</li> <li>• <u>Regional Trails/Corridors</u> - 2.5 miles per 1,000 population?</li> </ul>	X				X			
c) Impede future development of Recreation Parks/Facilities and/or Regional Trails/Corridors?	X				X			
d) Be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 35 of the Initial Study Assessment Guidelines?	X				X			

### Impact Discussion:

35a, 35b, and 35c. Because the proposed project does not involve a subdivision or increase in housing, it would not cause an increase in the demand for recreation, parks, or trails. Also, the proposed project would not decrease recreational areas, parks, and/or trails and corridors because it would not be located in or adjacent to public recreational areas, parks, and/or trails and corridors.

35d. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable General Plan Goals and Policies for Item 35.

## Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

No impact identified. No mitigation measures are required.

## Topics Not Covered by County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines: State CEQA Guidelines Topics

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>36. Wildfire</b>								
<b>If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:</b>								
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		X				X		
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?		X				X		
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?		X				X		
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?		X				X		

## Impact Discussion:

36a. through 36d. The proposed project site is not located within any State Responsibility Areas or Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The VCFPD has reviewed the project and determined that it is not located within a high fire hazard area and that the project would be located within five miles of the nearest fire station. In addition, the project will be conditioned to have adequate fire flow at the project site and adequate access for emergency vehicles. Furthermore, the VCFPD determined that the proposed project would not cause adverse fire-related impacts and that it would be consistent with the applicable 2040 General Plan fire-related goals and policies. Finally, the project would not expose people or structures to risk related to downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes.

### Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measure is required.

Issue (Responsible Department)*	Project Impact Degree Of Effect**				Cumulative Impact Degree Of Effect**			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
<b>37. Energy</b>								
<b>Would the project:</b>								
a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?		x				x		
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?		x				x		

### Impact Discussion:

37a. and 37b. The proposed project is a request for the continued operation of a greenwaste facility and does not include any construction or development. The minimal use of electricity would be for low level security lighting and the charging of equipment. All off-road equipment associated with chipping and grinding of green material will be

required to be permitted through VCAPCD to ensure consistency with applicable rules and regulations.

The policies and programs of the Ventura County 2040 General Plan do not compel privately-initiated discretionary development to comply with specific renewable energy or energy efficiency standards or requirements. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in potentially significant environmental effects due to the wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy or conflict with a known local renewable or energy efficiency plan. Impacts are considered to be less than significant.

### **Mitigation/Residual Impact(s)**

Residual impacts would be less than significant. No mitigation measure is required.

**\*Key to the agencies/departments that are responsible for the analysis of the items above:**

Airports - Department Of Airports	VCDAWM. - Agricultural Department	VCAPCD - Air Pollution Control District
EHD - Environmental Health Division	VCFPD - Fire Protection District	GSA - General Services Agency
Harbors - Harbor Department	Lib. Agency - Library Services Agency	Planning - Planning Division
PWA - Public Works Agency	Sheriff - Sheriff's Department	WPD – Watershed Protection District

**\*\*Key to Impact Degree of Effect:**

N – No Impact  
LS – Less than Significant Impact  
PS-M – Potentially Significant but Mitigable Impact  
PS – Potentially Significant Impact

## Section C – Mandatory Findings of Significance

Based on the information contained within Section B:		
	Yes	No
1. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?		X
2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one that occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future).		X
3. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? “Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effect of other current projects, and the effect of probable future projects. (Several projects may have relatively small individual impacts on two or more resources, but the total of those impacts on the environment is significant.)		X
4. Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		X

### Findings Discussion:

- As stated in Section B, above, the proposed project would be located in an area that is heavily altered from natural conditions due to previous authorized uses of a greenwaste facility and landfill site and there is no suitable habitat for special status plants or wildlife species to occur. No historical or archaeological resources have been identified on the project site. Therefore, the proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

2. As stated in Section B, above, the proposed project has the potential to allow for the spread of invasive species through the handling of wood and plant materials. In response, the Permittee must prepare and implement a Pest Management Plan as approved by the County VCDAWM and Planning Division. The PMP shall describe the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented on the project site to prevent the transportation, introduction, and spread of detected rated pests through the operation of the organics processing operation. The PMP shall outline the protocol for the reporting of pest detection to County agencies. With the implementation of this mitigation measure, the proposed project would not be incompatible with sensitive plant communities. No other significant impacts to long-term environmental goals were identified by County staff.
3. For applicable environmental issues in Section B, Planning staff utilized the list method to evaluate the combined effects of the proposed project with related effects of pending and recently approved projects (Table 1 of Section A, above). For instance, Planning considered the proposed project's operational noise effects and found that there would be no substantial change from the historic environmental setting at the project site. There would be no new noise generated by the implementation of the proposed project that would make a considerable contribution to the cumulative noise generated by other projects in the vicinity.

Planning staff also utilized the plan approach by relying on the Program EIR for the Ventura County 2040 General Plan, which was certified in September of 2020. As described throughout this Initial Study, the proposed project would be consistent with the County's General Plan. Thus, the proposed development has already been reviewed for potential cumulative impacts at a programmatic level.

Staff determined that when considered with other past, present, or probable future projects, the proposed project would not have any cumulatively considerable effects.

4. No environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly have been identified that would result from project implementation.

## Section D – Determination of Environmental Document

**Based on this initial evaluation:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I find the proposed project <b>could not</b> have a significant effect on the environment, and a <b>Negative Declaration</b> should be prepared.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measure(s) described in Section B of the Initial Study will be applied to the project. A <b>Mitigated Negative Declaration</b> should be prepared.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find the proposed project, individually and/or cumulatively, MAY have a significant effect on the environment and an <b>Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</b> is required.*
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An <b>Environmental Impact Report</b> is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.*
<input type="checkbox"/>	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or Negative Declaration, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, <b>nothing further is required.</b>

  
 Justin Bertoline, Senior Planner

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 Date

### Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Aerial Location Map

Attachment 2 – Project Plans

Attachment 3 – Map of Pending and Recently Approved Projects Used in the Cumulative Impacts Analysis

Attachment 4 – Works Cited





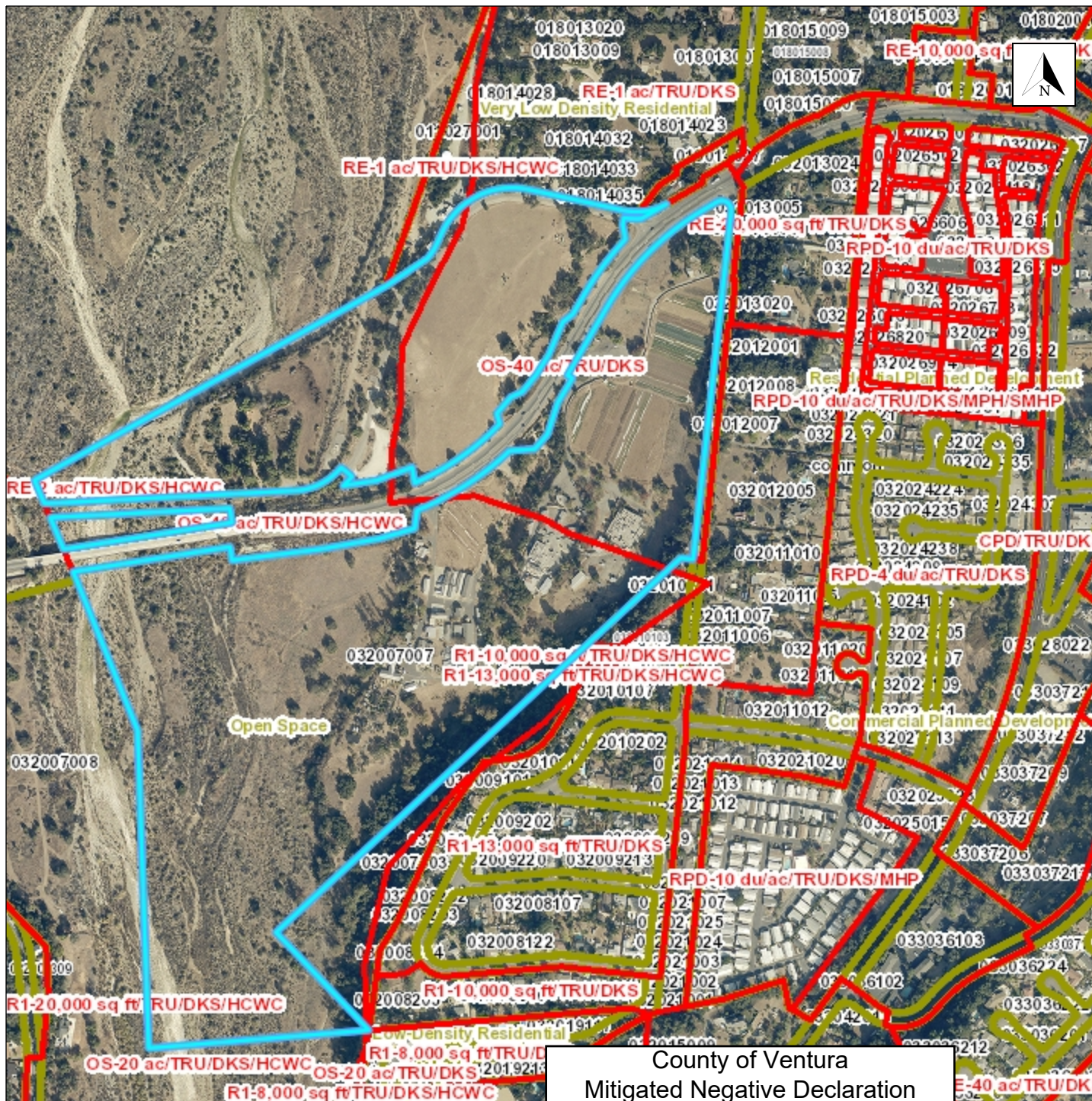
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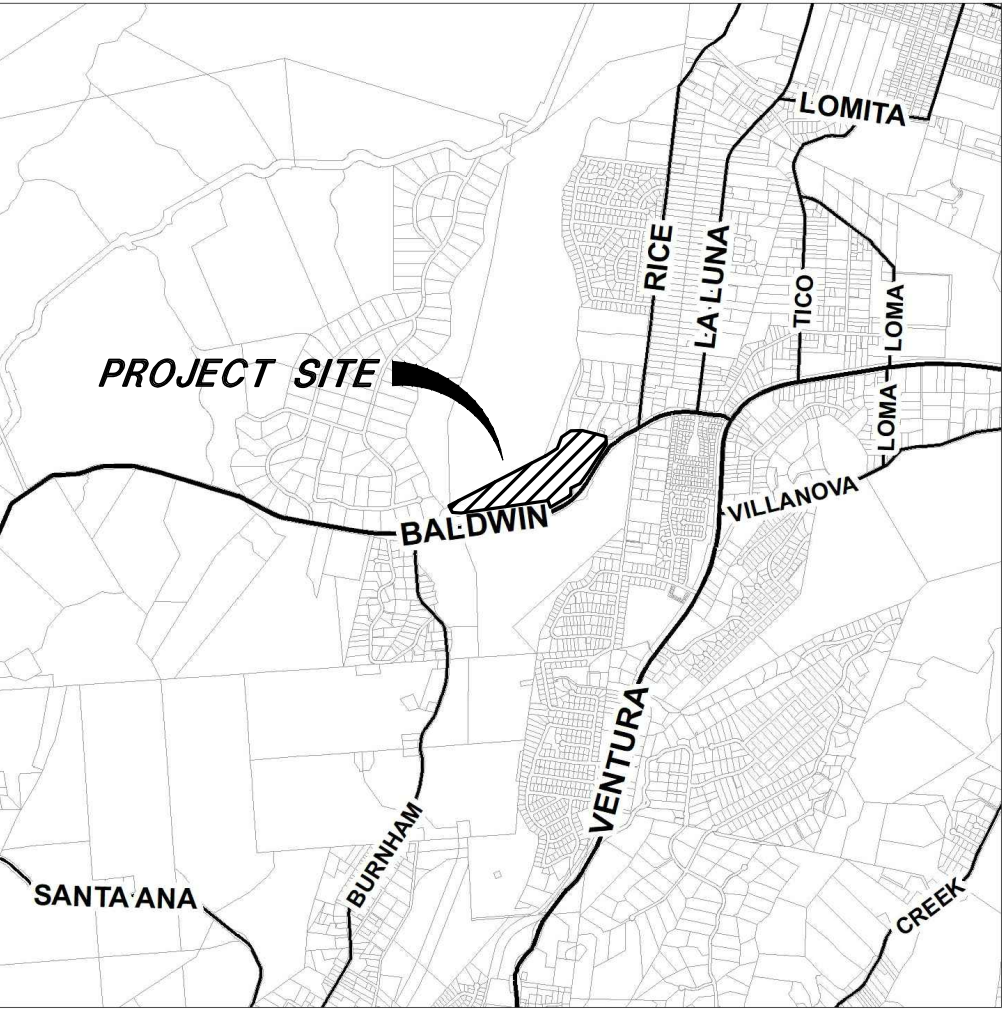
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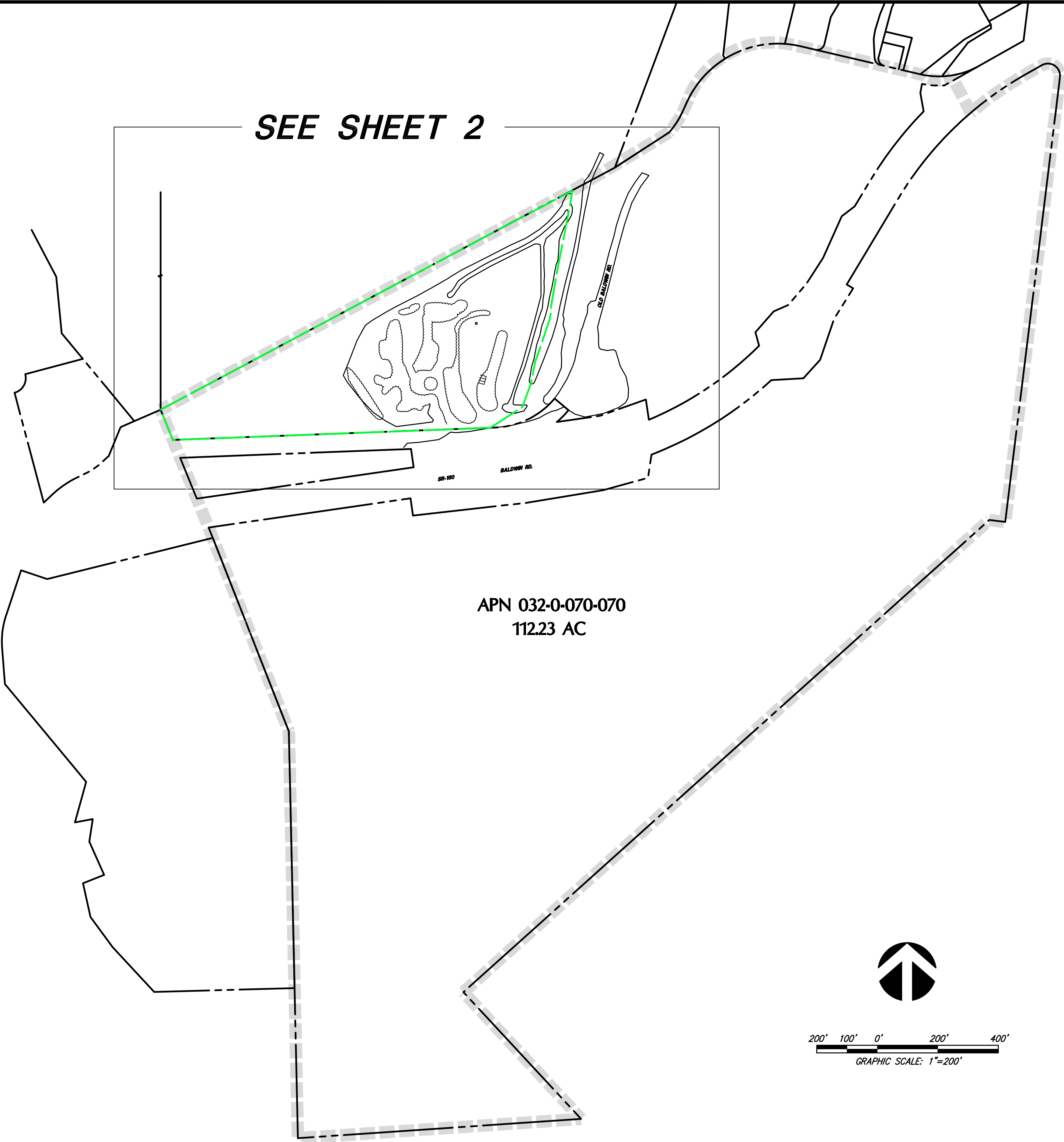







VICINITY MAP  
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PRELIMINARY LAND USE DATA	
A.P.N.:	032-0-070-070
PARCEL SIZE/CUP AREA:	112.23 AC (11.7 AC)
ADDRESS:	534 OLD BALDWIN ROAD MIRA MONTE, CA 93033
ZONING:	OS 40 AC
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:	OPEN SPACE
PERCENT LOT COVERAGE:	LESS THAN 1%
EXISTING/PROPOSED USE:	OJAI VALLEY ORGANICS RECYCLING CENTER
EXISTING PARKING AREA:	3 SPACES



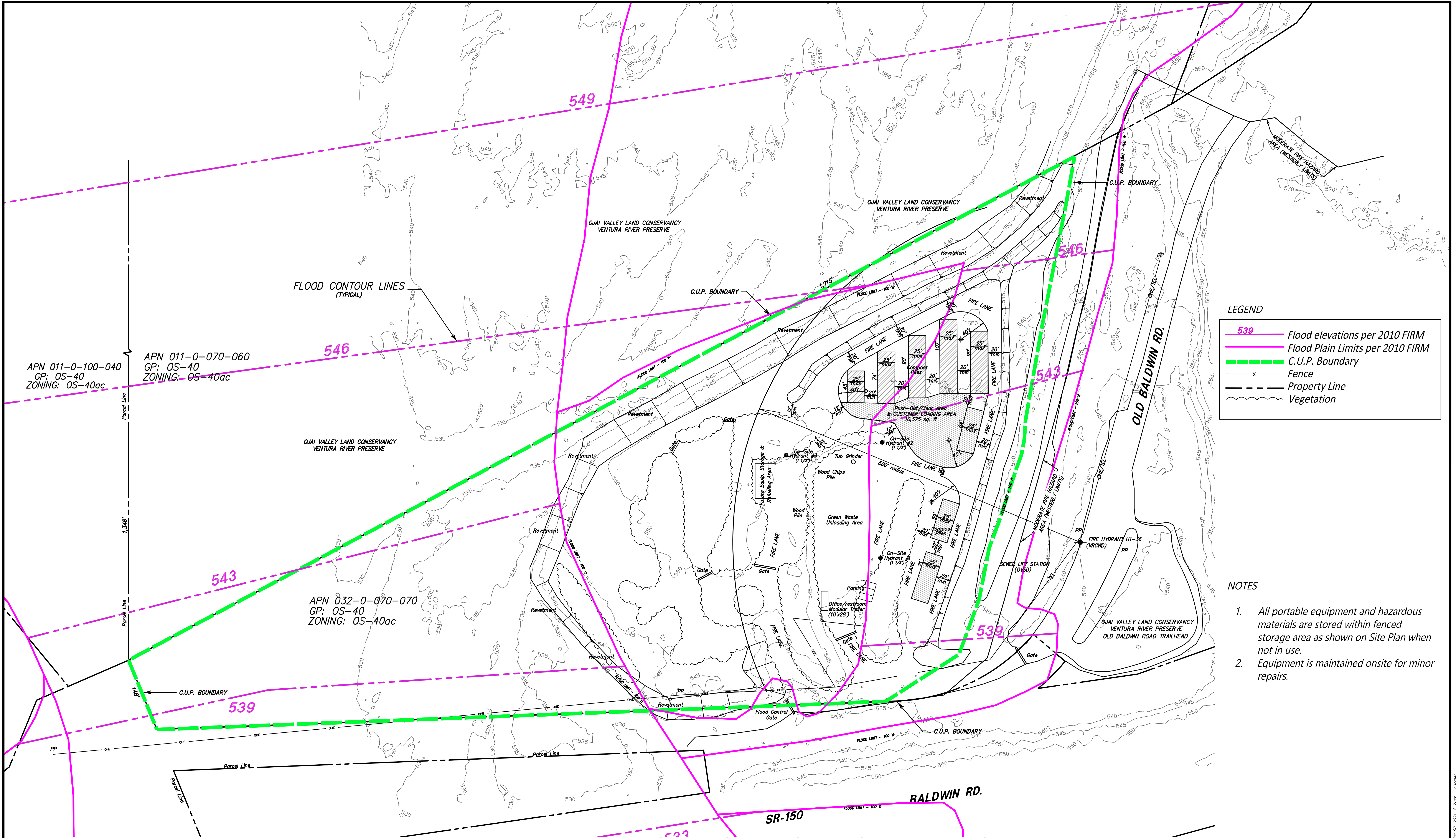
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Attachment 2 - Project Plans

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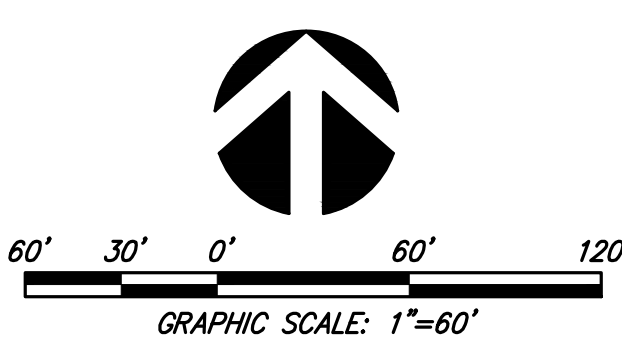



**LEGEND**

- 539 Flood elevations per 2010 FIRM
- Flood Plain Limits per 2010 FIRM
- C.U.P. Boundary
- x Fence
- Property Line
- Vegetation

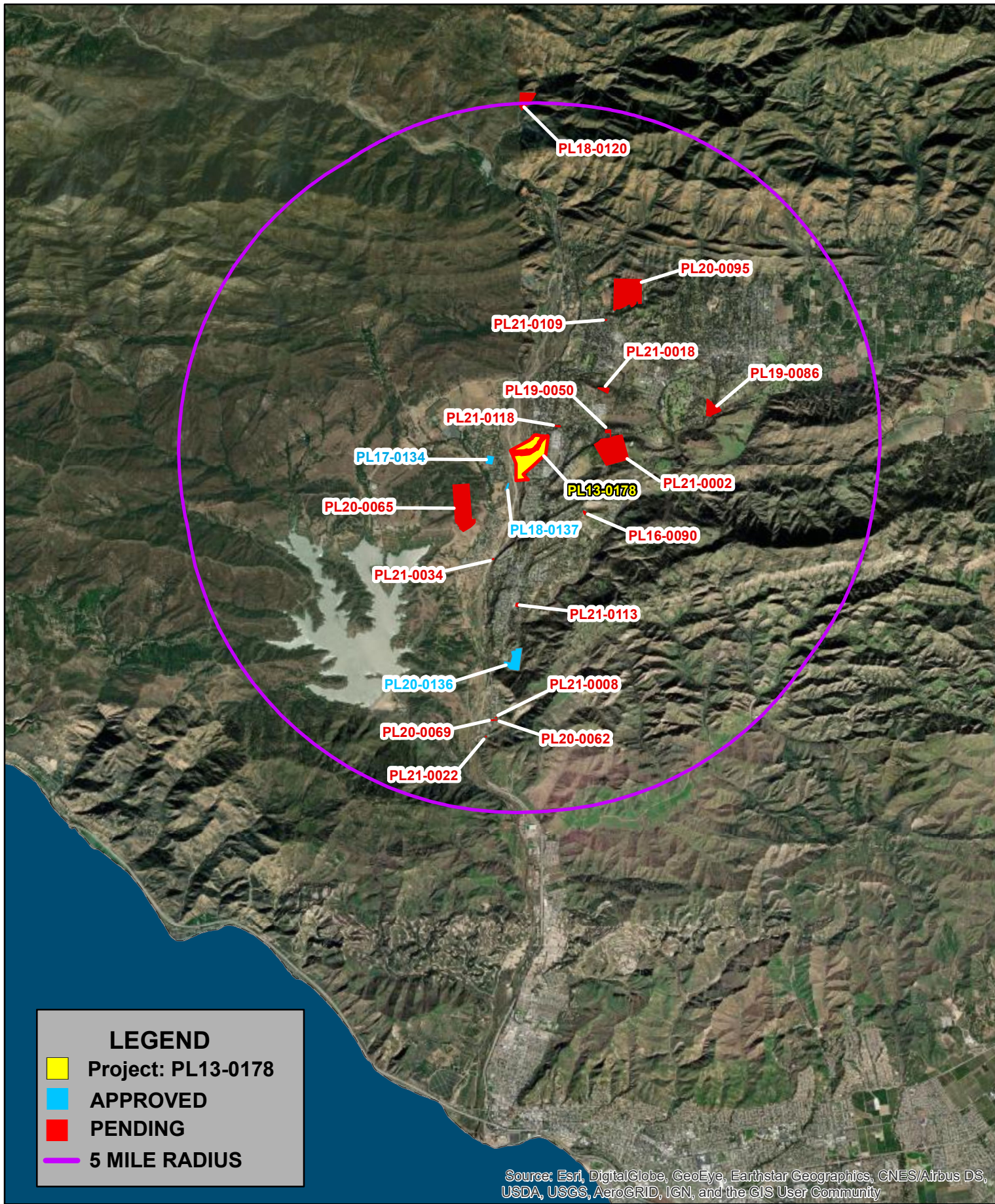
- NOTES**
1. All portable equipment and hazardous materials are stored within fenced storage area as shown on Site Plan when not in use.
  2. Equipment is maintained onsite for minor repairs.

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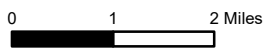




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Attachment 3 - Map of Pending and Recently  
Approved Projects Used in the Cumulative  
Impact Analysis



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