



YOLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Addendum #2 to the
Yolo County Central Landfill
Permit Revisions EIR
(SCH # 2020080465)**

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EIR ADDENDUM

CEQA REQUIREMENTS

This document has been prepared as an Addendum to the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) Permit Revisions EIR (SCH # 2020080465) (referred to as the 2021 EIR) in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15164. This is the second Addendum to the Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions EIR, which was certified by the County on November 9, 2021. Addendum #1 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2023. This Addendum clarifies ancillary operational (non-public) hours for Compost Facility 2 (CF2).

The hours of operation for public access at CF2 would be the same as for YCCL. The current hours of operation are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. YCCL Current Hours of Operation (Public Access)

	Monday through Saturday	Sunday
Open to Public	6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holidays Closed	New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day	

The permitted hours of public access in the YCCL 2018 Solid Waste Facility Permit are 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. These hours are longer than the current public access hours. The County has no immediate plans to extend the public access hours of the YCCL to match the permitted maximum hours but reserves the right to do so in the future. If the County extends the YCCL public access hours to the permitted maximum, the compost facility operating hours will extend public access hours to match.

As noted in the YCCL 2021 Joint Technical Document (JTD), facility operations, such as placement or removal of daily cover (soil or alternative daily cover (ADC)), administrative activities, or other construction activities may occur up to several hours before or after the hours of refuse acceptance. Addendum #1 clarified that after hours activities at CF2 will extend between closing hours of YCCL at 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. but was silent on before hours. This EIR Addendum will clarify that ancillary hours activities at CF2 will also extend between 4:00 a.m. until opening hours at 6:30 a.m. Activities will include compost processing tasks such as grinding, screening, and temperature monitoring.

Section 15164 provides that the Lead Agency "shall prepare an Addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred." Pursuant to Section 15164(e) a brief explanation is provided herein documenting the County's decision that preparation of a subsequent EIR is not required.

The Guidelines go on to state that: 1) the addendum need not be circulated but can be included in or attached to the Final EIR (Section 15164(c)), and that 2) the County must consider the addendum with the Final EIR (Section 15164(d)).

Section 15164 was created in response to Public Resources Code Section 21166 which provides that no subsequent or supplemental EIR shall be required unless "substantial changes" in the project or the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken will necessitate "major revisions" of the EIR, or "new information" which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified, becomes available.

The requirements of the Guidelines are described in more detail in the matrix below. Under the current situation, use of an Addendum is not only justified, but required by the Public Resources Code (Section 21166).

This Addendum demonstrates that the circumstances, impacts, and mitigation requirements identified in the Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions EIR remain substantively unchanged by the circumstances described herein and supports the finding that the ancillary hours clarification does not raise any new issues and does not cause the level of impacts identified in the previous EIR to be exceeded.

BACKGROUND

The "project" that is the focus of this Addendum includes a clarification regarding non-public ancillary hours identified in the Joint Technical Document for the Yolo County Central Landfill (YCCL) that would allow for before hours between 4:00 a.m. until opening at 6:30 a.m., in addition to the afterhours clarified in Addendum #1.

The 2021 EIR analyzed Project elements that could operate 24 hours a day and determined that noise from post-construction and operations of the proposed Project elements would not be expected to be significantly louder than activities that already occur at the YCCL. Thus, the before-hour processing at CF2 (from 4:00 a.m. until 6:30 a.m.) would not result in substantial changes in noise levels not already included in the 2021 EIR.

DETERMINATION

The increased ancillary (before hours) operations of CF2 do not represent a substantive change in the approved YCCL project as analyzed under the certified 2021 EIR.

In order to assess whether additional CEQA review is required for the above-described clarification in ancillary operational hours, an analysis of the applicability of Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines has been prepared. The table on the following pages provides verbatim wording from the Guidelines and a corresponding analysis of the applicability of each section to the proposed new operations.

COMPARISON OF CEQA REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST	
CEQA Requirement (Section 15162)	Relationship to Proposed Project
<p>(a) When an EIR has been certified or negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole record, one or more of the following:</p>	<p>The Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions EIR was certified by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on November 9, 2021. Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring Plan were also adopted at the same time.</p> <p>The information below summarizes the substantial evidence in support of the County's determination that the preparation of a Subsequent EIR is not required for the proposed clarification of ancillary hours at the YCCL.</p>
<p>(1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;</p>	<p>There are no substantial changes proposed in the Yolo County Central Landfill composting operations. The proposed increase in ancillary operating hours, including before hours, was anticipated in the 2021 EIR. The success of compost operations at CF2 justifies clarification of ancillary hours. The 2021 EIR already analyzed impacts of increased daily and annual operations (increases in daily and total tonnage and vehicles trips at YCCL). The before-hour processing at CF2 (beginning at 4:00 a.m.) would not result in substantial changes in noise levels. The 2021 EIR analyzed Project elements that could operate 24 hours a day and determined that noise from post-construction and operations of the proposed Project elements would not be expected to be significantly louder than activities that already occur at the YCCL. The YCCL has landfill gas to electricity engines that operate 24 hours a day. Consistent with the 2021 EIR, CF2 processing beginning at 4:00 a.m. would not be substantially greater than existing levels without the Project, and the increased hours of operation at CF2 would not result in any significant effects relating to operational noise.</p>
<p>(2) Substantial changes will occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or</p>	<p>The 2021 EIR was approved in November 2021. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is or will be undertaken that would warrant major revisions to the previous CEQA review. The 2021 EIR evaluated increased hours of operation for proposed Project Elements at YCCL. As identified in item (1) above, consistent with the 2021 EIR, CF2 processing beginning at 4:00 a.m. would not be substantially greater than existing levels without the Project, and the increased ancillary hours of operation at CF2</p>

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	would not result in any new significant effects relating to operational noise. Therefore, the County has concluded that the proposed clarification is not a substantial change in circumstances.
(3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:	There has been no new information of substantial importance that has become known since the 2021 EIR. Increased ancillary hours at CF2 will not cause any new significant effects that were not discussed in the 2021 EIR.
(A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;	The project will not have any significant impacts that were not discussed in the previous EIR.
(B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;	As noted above, the increased ancillary hours at CF2 will not contribute to, or substantially increase the severity of, any previously identified significant impacts.
(C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or	There were no mitigation measures or alternatives in the 2021 EIR previously found not to be feasible.
(D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.	There are no mitigation measures or alternatives different from those analyzed in the 2021 EIR that have been rejected by the County. Potential mitigation measures for the ancillary hours at CF2 are not considerably different from the measures that were already considered in the 2021 EIR.
b) If changes to a project or its circumstances occur or new information becomes available after adoption of a negative declaration, the lead agency shall prepare a subsequent EIR if required under subsection (a). Otherwise, the lead agency shall determine whether to prepare a subsequent negative declaration, an addendum, or no further documentation.	A negative declaration was not adopted for the Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions; therefore, this section does not apply.
c) If the project was approved prior to the occurrence of the conditions described in Subsection (a), the subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall be prepared by the public agency which grants the next	The Yolo County Central Landfill Permit Revisions 2021 project was approved prior to the need for increased ancillary hours at CF2, leading to the preparation of this Addendum. However, as documented herein the preparation

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discretionary approval for the project. In this situation no other responsible agency shall grant an approval for the project until the subsequent EIR has been certified or subsequent negative declaration adopted.	of a subsequent EIR is not required. Therefore, this section is not applicable.
d) A subsequent EIR or subsequent negative declaration shall be given the same notice and public review as required under Section 15087 or Section 15072. A subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall state where the previous document is available and can be reviewed.	A subsequent EIR has been determined not to be required, therefore, this section is not applicable.