

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Buena Vista Landfill Redevelopment Project

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Project Location: near Watsonville

City

Santa Cruz

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project is transitioning the Buena Vista Landfill to the Buena Vista Transfer Station, allowing County residents, businesses, and commercial waste haulers to continue bringing solid waste, household hazardous waste, recyclables, and organic materials to the site upon the landfill's formal closure. The key Project components include: two new transfer stations, organics diversion facility, landfill closure and revegetation, and several environmental enhancement and habitat restoration features. The Project also includes several optional improvements to further support the Project, including: internal access road improvements, scale house upgrades, recycling center upgrades, and new equipment parking and storage area. Finally, to support the key Project components, the project requires and includes administrative updates: Agricultural Resource Map Amendment, General Plan/Local Coastal Program Map Amendment, and Zoning Map Amendment.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR identified potential significant and unavoidable impacts (cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level to biological resources (coast live oak woodland sensitive habitat) from the Proposed Project.

There would be additional potentially significant impacts from the Proposed Project to the following resources, and identified mitigation measures would reduce the impact to a less-than-significant level: biological resources (Crotch's Bumble Bee, California Red-Legged Frog, Northwestern Pond Turtle, avian species, bat species, San Francisco Dusky-Footed Woodrat, trees and other sensitive habitat), cultural/tribal resources (archaeological resources or human remains), geology and soils (soil instability and expansive soils), greenhouse gas emission (consistency with the California Air Resources Board 2022 Scoping Plan and County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan), and noise (excessive construction and operational noise in specific areas).

Mitigation includes, but is not limited to: preconstruction surveys and monitoring, habitat mitigation plan and tree replacement, soil stability evaluation and design measures, and noise reducing construction and design measures.

The Draft EIR also identified and evaluated Project Alternatives that would reduce the potential significant and unavoidable impact to a less than significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Providing solid waste service for County residents is an essential service for health and safety, and there are no areas of known controversy based on scoping comments received in response to the NOP (Appendix C).

Key issues identified in the scoping comments and the environmental analysis include potential impacts to biological resources (e.g., sensitive habitat, oak woodland, water quality, wildlife movement) and surrounding properties (e.g., noise, odor, traffic, visual, agricultural production).

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Aeronautics and Federal Aviation Administration
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service