NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

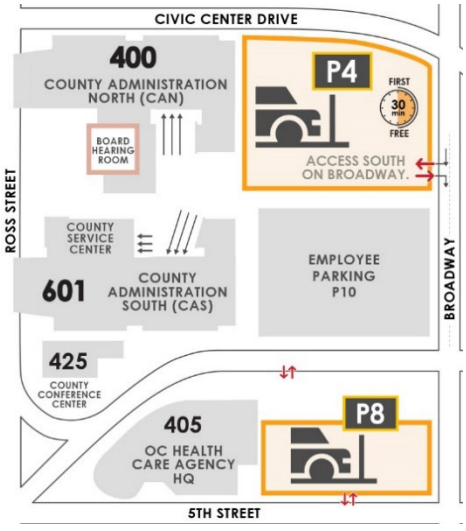
In compliance with section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and the County of Orange Procedures, notification is hereby given to adjacent property owners, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interest groups and the general public, that the County of Orange **is proposing to adopt a Recirculated Focused Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Bowerman Power Renewable Natural Gas Plant Project at the Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill.**

PUBLIC REVIEW:
Pursuant to Section 15073.5 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS/MND is being recirculated for a 30-day public review, from September 2, 2025, to October 1, 2025, as a portion of it has been revised after the initial public review. OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) requests that reviewers limit their comments to the revised analysis portions of the Recirculated Focused IS/MND because the comment period has closed for the unrevised portions of the original Draft IS/MND. The text indicated in "~~strikeout~~/underline" format captures the revised analysis portions of the Recirculated Focused IS/MND. Comments on the original Draft IS/MND and this Recirculated Focused IS/MND will be included in the Final MND. The Recirculated Focused IS/MND and any supporting attachments are available during normal business hours at: the offices of OCWR, 601 N. Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701; Frank R. Bowerman (FRB) Landfill, 11002 Bee Canyon Access Rd, Irvine, CA 92602; Irvine Heritage Park Library, 14361 Yale Avenue, Irvine, CA 92604; and are also available at the following website: oclandfills.com/bp-rng-ceqa.

CONTACT PERSON: Leila Barker, OCWR CEQA & Habitat Program Manager
EMAIL: ocwr-ceqareview@ocwr.ocgov.com

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT: The proposed project will be considered for approval by a decision-maker listed below:

DECISION MAKING BODY: Board of Supervisors
DATE: Proposed for December 2, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: County Administration North, Board Hearing Room, First Floor, 400 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, 92701. See the location map.



DATE FOR POSTING: September 2, 2025

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OC WASTE & RECYCLING
601 N. ROSS STREET, 5th FLOOR
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

In accordance with Orange County Board of Supervisors' policies regarding implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, the County of Orange has conducted an Initial Study to determine whether the following project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. On the basis of that study, the County of Orange hereby finds that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report because either the proposed project:

☐ has or creates significant environmental impacts requiring mitigation; or

☒ **will not create** a significant adverse effect, because the Mitigation Measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project.

PROJECT:

Title: Bowerman Power Renewable Natural Gas Plant Project

Location: FRB Landfill Administration Building, 11002 Bee Canyon Access Rd, Irvine, CA 92602

Description: A renewable natural gas (RNG) plant will be designed to produce RNG from landfill gas (LFG) that is produced by the FRB Landfill and deliver it to Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas). Currently, excess landfill gas not processed at the existing Bowerman Power Plant requires incineration at the existing adjacent flare station. The new RNG Plant will process this excess LFG and deliver the resulting RNG to SoCalGas. This effort will promote the beneficial reuse of existing and future LFG collected by FRB Landfill, support long-term sustainability goals in the region, and help reduce Orange County's reliance on fossil fuels. Additionally, the Project will contribute to California Public Utility Commission's Renewable Gas Program to procure RNG made by methane from organic waste from landfills and other sources, reduce the volume of LFG being flared, and help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the FRB Landfill. The RNG plant will have the capacity to process 6,000 standard cubic feet per minute of LFG. The Project site is not designated as a hazardous waste property, nor is it a hazardous waste disposal site as defined under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Proponent or Applicant: Bowerman Power LFG, LLC (a subsidiary of Montauk Renewables)

Division/Department Responsible for Proposed Project: OCWR

Address: 601 N. Ross Street, 5th Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact Person - Project: Leila Barker, OCWR CEQA & Habitat Program Manager Telephone: 714-834-4013
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Dated: August 18, 2025 **Signed:**