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From: San Bernardino County
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Project Description

Project Title: Amendment To County Franchise Areas 16, 17, And 21 Solid Waste Handling Franchise Agreements

Project Location: The project is located in San Bernardino County, California, specifically within the unincorporated areas designated as County Franchise Areas (CFAs) 16, 17, and 21. CFA 16 (Mountain Disposal Services, Inc.): Located primarily within the mountainous regions of San Bernardino County, including areas served by Mountain Disposal Services. The area encompasses communities in the San Bernardino National Forest, including Summit Valley. CFA 17 (Big Bear Disposal, Inc.): Situated within the San Bernardino Mountains, primarily covering the Big Bear Lake region and surrounding unincorporated areas. The area excludes portions lying within the City of Big Bear Lake and the Big Bear Community Service District. CFA 21 (USA Waste of California, Inc.): Encompasses unincorporated areas in the southwestern part of San Bernardino County, serving residential, commercial, and industrial areas not covered by municipal waste collection services.

Project Description: The San Bernardino County's Solid Waste Handling Franchise Agreements (Agreements) were initially adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on May 19, 1998 (Item No. 57) to provide affordable solid waste handling services that protect the health and safety of the community while establishing waste reduction and recycling programs in compliance with the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill (AB) 939). In response to the California Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Act of 2016 (Senate Bill 1383), significant updates were made to ensure compliance with stricter standards for organic waste reduction and recycling. The most recent amendments, approved on April 8, 2025, include updates to County Franchise Areas (CFA) 16, 17, and 21 to address ongoing service operations and evolving regulatory requirements.

Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 22-1206 with Mountain Disposal Services, Inc. (CFA 16) allows subcontracting of solid waste handling services within the CFA 16 service area, includes language allowing the use of electronic signatures, revises and replaces exhibits within the contract, and adds a residential cart rate in the CFA 16A zone to provide a two-container collection service compliant with SB 1383. Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 09-612 with Big Bear Disposal, Inc. (CFA 17) updates the franchise area boundary map and legal description, renews the Proposition 218 notices to continue using the current annual rate adjustment methodology, and includes language allowing the use of electronic signatures. Amendment No. 8 to Agreement No. 09-616 with USA Waste of California, Inc. (CFA 21) renews the Proposition 218 notices to extend the current annual rate adjustment methodology and includes language allowing the use of electronic signatures. These amendments ensure continued compliance with state regulations while maintaining efficient and affordable solid waste management services throughout San Bernardino County.

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Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(B)(1); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(B)(3); 15269(a)];
☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(B)(4); 15269(b)];
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Class 8 Categorical Exemption Section 15308 "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment"
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
☒ Other Exemption: 15061(b) the "common sense exemption"

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15308 allows for actions taken by Regulatory Agencies for the protection of the environment. 15061(b) qualifies for projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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