



July 23, 2025

Ms. Kinika Hesterly, Principal Planner
Riverside County Department of Waste Resources
14310 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Subject: SCH No. 2025061126 – Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Lamb Canyon Landfill Phase 3 Expansion Project – Riverside County

Dear Ms. Hesterly:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff to provide comments on the proposed project and for your agency's consideration of these comments as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared and circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in order to comply with CEQA and to provide information to, and solicit consultation with, Responsible Agencies in the approval of the proposed project.

Lamb Canyon Landfill (LCL; landfill), Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) No. 33-AA-0007, is located at 16411 Lamb Canyon Road [16411 State Highway 79 on the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP)], Beaumont, California. The proposed LCL Phase 3 Expansion Project (project) is located just west of State Route 79, within The Pass and San Jacinto Valley Area Plans of the Riverside County General Plan, with a Public Facilities land use designation and zoned W-2 (Controlled Development). Areas directly to the north, east, west and south of the proposed project are vacant and located within the unincorporated area of Riverside County and are also zoned as Controlled Development.

The proposed project involves a landfill expansion at the Lamb Canyon Landfill which will change the following: increase the permitted area by 180.5 acres, from 703.4 acres to 883.9 acres; expand the permitted disposal footprint from 144.6 acres to 502.2 acres; increase the estimated closure year by 50 years from 2029 to 2079; increase the permitted hours of operation for receipt of waste from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday to 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday (ancillary hours will remain the same as 24 hours per day, 7 days per week); increase the permitted

maximum tonnage from 5,000 tons per day to 7,000 tons per day (tonnage for beneficial reuse will remain the same at 500 tons per day); increase the permitted traffic volume from 913 vehicles per day to 1,280 vehicles per day; increase the design capacity from 20.7 million cubic yards to 150.3 million cubic yards; and increase the maximum elevation from 2,460 feet mean sea level to 2,500 feet mean sea level. There will be no change to the maximum depth of 350 feet below ground surface.

COMMENTS

CalRecycle staff's comments on the proposed project are listed below. Where a specific location in the document is noted for the comment, please ensure the comment is addressed throughout all sections of the Draft EIR, in addition to the specific location noted.

Comment 1: Regarding the estimated closure year, Table 1 on the Initial Study states that the current estimated closure date is 2029. The SWFP and the latest Joint Technical Document (JTD; December 2020) says the current estimated closure year is 2032. Is the 2029 date based on more recent data?

Comment 2: Regarding the design capacity, Table 1 on the Initial Study states the current capacity is 20.7 million cubic yards. The current SWFP states the design capacity is 39,681,513 cubic yards. Please provide clarity on this discrepancy. Or is the 'permitted disposal site capacity,' as stated on Table 1, actually the remaining capacity of the landfill? If it is the remaining capacity, what will be the new design (site/total) capacity?

Comment 3: Proposed project changes are considered significant changes, as defined in Title 27 California Code of Regulations (27 CCR), section 21563(d)(6) and will require a Solid Waste Facility Permit revision, pursuant to 27 CCR 21665(e). Please reach out to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) regarding the permit revision process.

Solid Waste Regulatory Oversight

The Riverside County Department of Environmental Health is the LEA for Riverside County and responsible for providing regulatory oversight of solid waste handling activities, including permitting and inspections. Please contact Sandi Salas, of the LEA, at 951.955.8980 or ssalas@rivco.org to discuss the regulatory requirements for the proposed project.

CONCLUSION

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental document and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency preparing the Draft EIR and in carrying out their responsibilities in the CEQA process.

CalRecycle staff requests copies of any subsequent environmental documents, copies of public notices and any Notices of Determination for this proposed project.

NOP of Draft EIR for Lamb Canyon Landfill Phase 3 Expansion Project

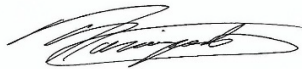
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If the environmental document is adopted during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing. If the document is adopted without a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notification of the date of the adoption and proposed project approval by the decision-making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6084 or by e-mail at theodore.tasiopoulos@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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