RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES

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Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: **June 20, 2025**

To: **Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties**

From: **Riverside County Department of Waste Resources**

Subject: **Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Project Title: **Lamb Canyon Landfill Phase 3 Expansion Project**

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (RCDWR) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Lamb Canyon Landfill Phase 3 Expansion Project (herein, "Project") in the San Jacinto Valley Area Plan of unincorporated Riverside County. The Project is subject to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This notice is to inform public agencies and the general public that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the Project, and to solicit guidance as to the scope and content of the required EIR.

Agencies: RCDWR requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

Organizations and Interested Parties: RCDWR requests your comments regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

Project Location: The Lamb Canyon Landfill is located at 16411 Lamb Canyon Road, Beaumont, CA 92223, in unincorporated land within Riverside County, south of Interstate 10 and city of Beaumont along State Route 79.

Project Description: Lamb Canyon Landfill (LCL) has been in operation since 1970 and is owned and operated by the RCDWR. The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project. RCDWR has prepared an Initial Study and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project identified below:

The Project involves a landfill expansion at the Lamb Canyon Landfill to increase permitted disturbance area by 180.5 acres, from 703.4 to 883.9 acres, and expand the disposal footprint from 144.6 to 502.2 acres (Proposed Project). This will provide approximately 50 years of additional landfill capacity to the region.

In addition to an expansion of the waste disposal footprint and operation, other landfill activities will continue to occur and may expand within the proposed disturbance limits, including, but not limited to the following: soil excavation, soil stockpiling, retention and sedimentation basins, materials storage,

equipment parking and maintenance, landfill access road construction and maintenance, drainage control construction and maintenance, implementation of energy recovery systems, waste recycling and organics processing, household hazardous waste collection, residential waste collection, landfill gas and groundwater/leachate monitoring and management, flare systems, gate fee booth and truck scales, office buildings and parking, electric vehicle charging stations and/or the relocation of these ancillary uses/activities, as necessary.

Potential Environmental Effects: Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, RCDWR has determined that an EIR is the appropriate level of environmental documentation. The RCDWR will prepare an EIR to evaluate whether potentially significant environmental effects will result from the project. The EIR analysis will assess the effects of the proposed project on the environment, identify potentially significant impacts, and identify feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potentially significant environmental impacts. The EIR will also discuss potentially feasible alternatives to the proposed project that may accomplish basic project objectives, while lessening or eliminating any potentially significant project impacts. The EIR analysis will include the provision of alternatives, and topical areas will include:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Transportation
- Geology/soils
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Agency/Public Comments: RCDWR will accept written comments from **June 23, 2025 through July 23, 2025**. Comments received in response to this Notice will be reviewed and considered by the County in determining the scope of the EIR. Due to time limits as defined by CEQA, your response should be sent at the earliest possible date, **but no later than thirty (30) days** after publication of this notice.

Comments and questions regarding this NOP may be directed to:

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Please include the name, phone number, and address of the contact person in your response.

Public Scoping Meeting: A Scoping Meeting has been scheduled to bring together and discuss concerns of affected federal, State and local agencies, and other interested persons; as well as inform the public of the nature and extent of the proposed Project, and to provide an opportunity to identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the EIR. The

Scoping Session is not a public hearing on the merit of the proposed Project and no decision on the Project will be made. The Project proponent will not be required to provide an immediate response to any concerns raised. The Project proponent may be requested to address any concerns expressed at the Scoping Session, through revisions to the proposed Project and/or completion of a Final Environmental Impact Report, prior to the formal public hearing on the proposed Project. Mailed notice of the public hearing will be provided to anyone requesting such notification.

A **Public Scoping Meeting** will be held on **July 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm**. The meeting will take place at the RCDWR Headquarters in Conference Room A/B located at 14310 Frederick St., Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Information on how to participate in the meeting will be available on the Department website at https://rcwaste.org/planning-services-overview/ceqa-documents

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Figure 1 – Vicinity Map

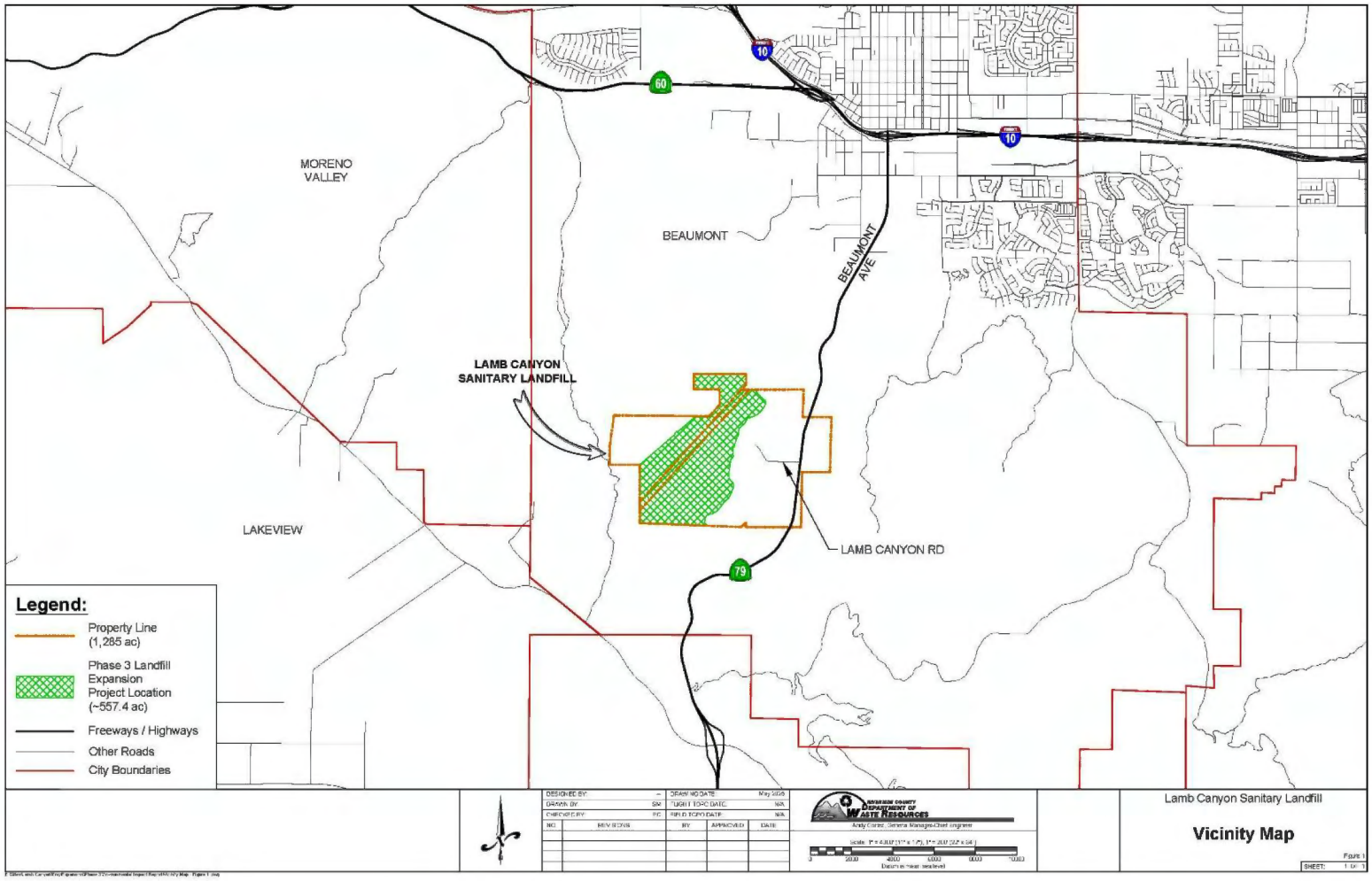


Figure 2 – Proposed Study Area

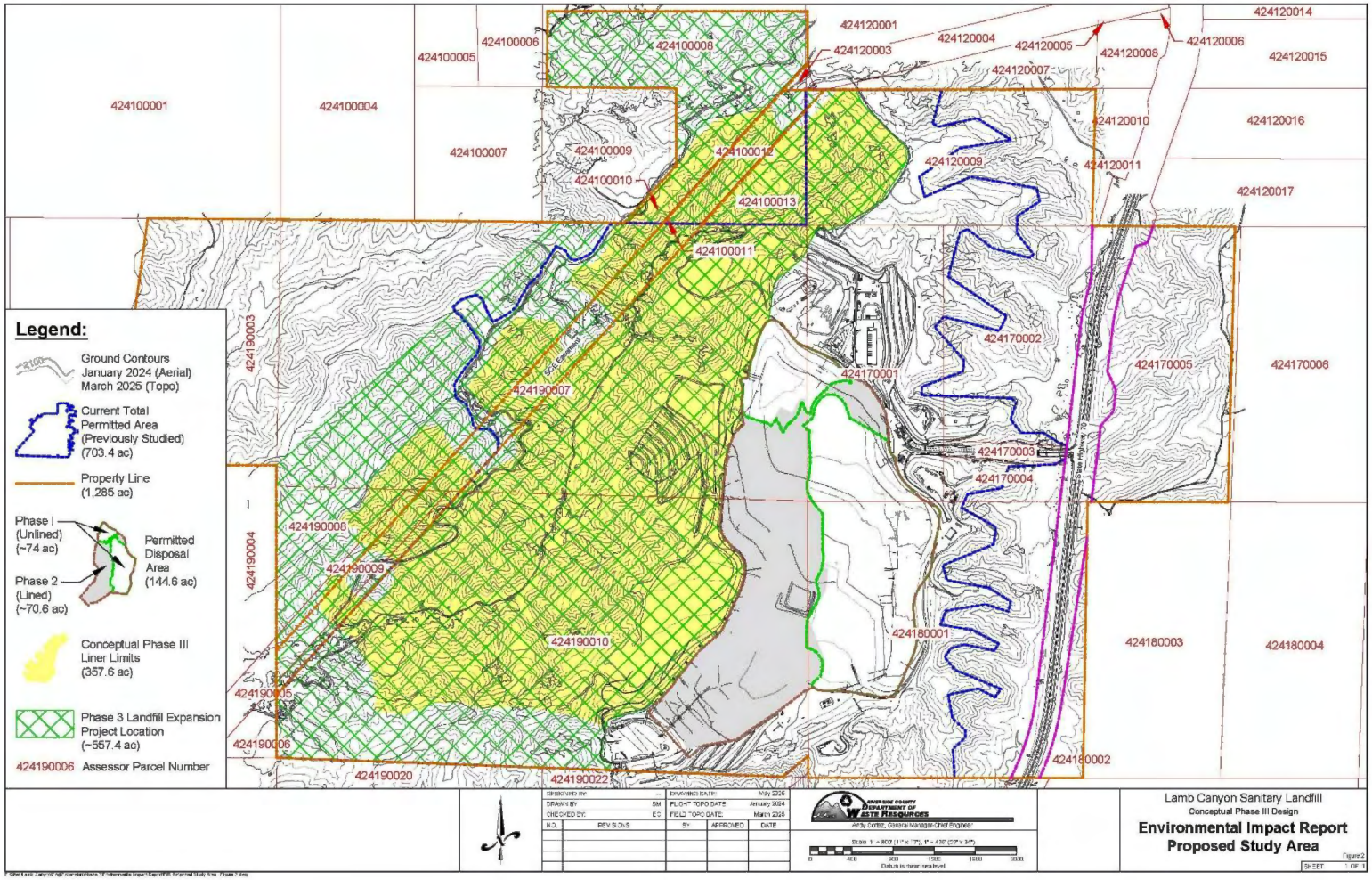
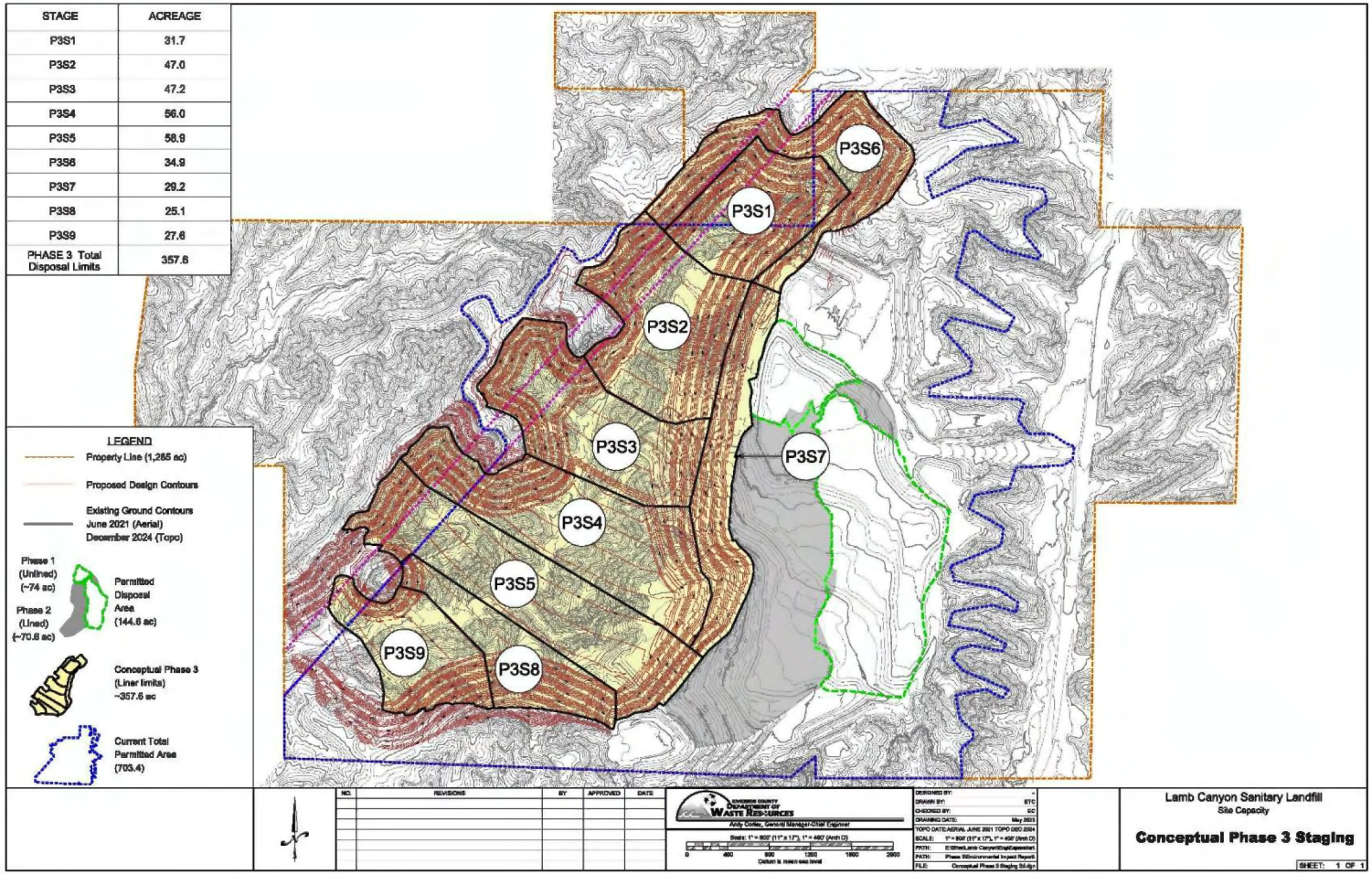


Figure 3 – Conceptual Phase 3 Staging



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P3S2	47.0
P3S3	47.2
P3S4	56.0
P3S5	58.9
P3S6	34.9
P3S7	29.2
P3S8	25.1
P3S9	27.6
PHASE 3 Total Disposal Limits	357.6