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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A
PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, has prepared an initial study evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the following project:

- 1. Project Title:** Oliveira Enterprises Compost Facility Land Use Permit
- 2. County File Number:** CDLP21-02042
- 3. Lead Agency Name and Address:** Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
- 4. Contact Person and Phone Number:** Grant Farington, Project Planner
(925) 655-2868
- 5. Project Location:** 8005 Bruns Road in the Byron area of unincorporated Contra Costa County (Assessor's Parcel Nos. 001-041-057, 001-041-058, 001-041-059, 001-041-060)
- 6. Applicant / Project Sponsor's Name, Address, and Phone Number:** Brian Oliveira
8005 Bruns Road
Byron, CA 94514
(209) 835-9382

- 7. Description of Project:** The applicant (project sponsor) requests approval of a Land Use Permit to allow the continuing operation and expansion of a compost facility for windrow composting with a mobile chip and grind operation on the 89-acre Oliveira Enterprises property comprised of four parcels on Bethany Lane, approximately 1,170 feet east of Bruns Road, with a mailing address of 8005 Bruns Road. The compost facility is currently operating on three parcels. The compost facility includes existing and proposed windrow composting areas, curing/storage areas, cattle feeding and receiving area, mulch storage areas, offices, off-street parking, and equipment storage areas. Windrow composting currently occurs across two of the parcels south of Bethany Lane. Future windrow composting is proposed on the fourth parcel, also south of Bethany Lane. A future office, covered mulch storage, and uncovered mulch storage areas are proposed on the parcel north of Bethany Lane. The project also includes creation of two water storage ponds.

The applicant has proposed a Storm Water Control Plan (SWCP) that provides multiple bioswales along the northern and eastern perimeter areas of the property, as well as other additional drainage improvements. The SWCP is subject to review and approval by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department. The proposed drainage plan may require the granting of an Exception to the requirements and regulations of Division 914 (Drainage) of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code for offsite collect and convey of stormwater runoff.

The project is subject to California Code of Regulations Title 14 green material composting and chip and grind facility permit requirements. Project approval is contingent upon an amendment of the Non-Disposal Facilities Element (NDFE) of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CoWIMP) to include the compost facility and issuance of the facility's operating permit by Contra Costa Health, as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for CalRecycle.

- 8. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:** The compost facility project site is located in a predominantly agricultural area in the Byron area of unincorporated Contra Costa County. Lots in the surrounding area are primarily agricultural in nature with some utility development in the vicinity, including the Byron Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) property at 7995 Bruns Road. The project site is under a Williamson Act Contract, Agricultural Preserve (AP) No. 13-77. The site is presently used for compositing purposes. A creek that is located within a restricted development area runs across the northwest section of the parcel at 124 Bethany Lane. A single-family residence is located on the southeasternmost portion of 136 Bethany Lane.

The project site borders the Alameda County line to the south. A BBID water canal runs through the portion of the site south of Bethany Lane and borders the parcel north of Bethany Lane to the north and the east. The Brentwood city limit is located approximately 8.4 miles to the northwest and the Byron Airport, a general aviation airport, is located approximately 1.64 miles to the northwest.

9. Determination: The County has determined that without mitigation the project may result in significant impacts to the environment. Therefore, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 15070, a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study has been prepared which identifies mitigation measures to be incorporated into the project that will reduce the impacts to less than significant levels. Prior to adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, the County will be accepting comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration/initial study during a 20-day public comment period.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study can be viewed online at the following link: [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Notifications | Contra Costa County, CA Official Website](#) or upon request by contacting the project planner. Any documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study can be provided upon request by contacting the project planner.

Public Comment Period – The period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental document will extend to **5:00 PM, Thursday, July 31, 2025**. Any comments should be submitted in writing to the following address:

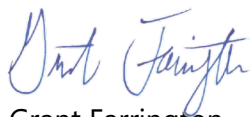
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or via email to: grant.farrington@dcd.cccounty.us

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed project will be considered at a meeting of the County Zoning Administrator. The hearing date before the County Zoning Administrator has not yet been scheduled. Hearing notices with instructions on how and/or where to attend the meeting will be sent out prior to the finalized hearing date.

Additional Information – For additional information on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed project, contact Grant Farrington by telephone at (925) 655-2868, or email at grant.farrington@dcd.cccounty.us.

Sincerely,



Grant Farrington
Project Planner
Department of Conservation & Development

cc: County Clerk's Office (2 copies)

attachment: Project Vicinity