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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

From: (Public Agency): WCCIWMA
3220 Blume Drive, Suite 139
Richmond, CA 94806
(Address)

Project Title: Post-Collection Agreement between WCCIWMA and WCRR (Republic Services)

Project Applicant: West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (WCCIWMA)

Project Location - Specific:
1001 Pittsburgh Ave., Richmond, CA 94806

Project Location - City: Richmond, CA Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

WCCIWMA joint powers authority new agreement with Republic Services for post-collection (PCA) management of materials collected from they cities of Richmond, Hercules, El Cerrito, Pinole and San Pablo, and areas of Unincorporated West Contra Costa County by these jurisdictions respective franchise collection services solid waste and recycling service provider(s).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: WCCIWMA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cliff Feldman, Executive Director

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)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Sec 15301 & PRC Sec. 15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and Pub Res Code Sec. 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption). No change in existing environment because the services currently provided will continue in the same form and manner under the new PCA. Changes primarily relate to financial terms, thus PCA is exempt under: (1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 Existing Facilities (the PCA involves the operation or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use); and, (2) Pub Res Code Sec. 15061(b)(3) Since it appears certain that there is no possibility that the PCA may have a significant effect on the environment, the PCA is not subject to CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Cliff Feldman, Executive Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 609-1512

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? • Yes No

Signature: Date: 12/16/25 Title: Executive Director

• Signed by Lead Agency • Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-14

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST CONTRA COSTA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH WEST COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY, INC. FOR POST-COLLECTION DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority ("Authority") is a joint powers authority formed under California law to provide regulatory oversight of the disposal and recycling processing of solid waste collected from the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, San Pablo and portions of the unincorporated County of Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California, by enactment of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Act) (California Public Resources Code Section 40000 et seq.), has declared that it is in the public interest to authorize and require local agencies to make adequate provisions for Solid Waste management within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1994, the Authority and Republic Services entered into a Service Agreement for Operation of an Integrated Resource Recovery Facility ("IRRF Service Agreement") to provide Post-Collection Services to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the IRRF Service Agreement expired on December 31, 2013, and after undertaking a competitive procurement request for proposals process, the Authority selected Republic Services to continue to provide Post-Collection Services under a new agreement for Post-Collection Disposal and Recycling Services ("Post-Collection Agreement") effective January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024 the Authority issued a competitive procurement request for proposals and received one responsive proposal from West County Resource Recovery, Inc. in December 2025, and the parties subsequently negotiated the terms and conditions of a new Post-Collection Agreement from March through October 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the Authority Board authorized the Interim Executive Director to execute a six-month extension to the Post-Collection Agreement expiring on June 30, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, obtaining a long-term commitment for disposal of solid waste generated within the Authority in accordance with the Post-Collection Agreement is in the best interests of the public health, safety and well-being of the citizens throughout the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and West County Resource Recovery, Inc., a subsidiary of Republic Services, agree that a primary goal of the Post-Collection Agreement is to process materials received from the Franchised Collectors in a manner that conforms with State

requirements and maximizes diversion from landfill and material recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to approve and maintain reasonable rates for the Post-Collection services described in the Post-Collection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Board of Directors has considered the proposed action and determined that the Post-Collection Agreement and associated actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and Public Resources Code Sec. 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption), and the Post-Collection Agreement will not result in a change in the existing environment because the services currently provided will continue in essentially the same form and manner under the new Post-Collection Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority that:

1. The Agreement between the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority and West County Resource Recovery, Inc. for Post-Collection Disposal and Recycling Services is hereby approved in a form substantially in conformance with the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and approved by the Authority Attorney.

2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with West County Resource Recovery, Inc. for Post-Collection Disposal and Recycling Services in the form approved by the Authority Attorney pursuant to the previous paragraph.

3. This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State Guideline Sections 14 CCR 15301 and 15308, and staff is directed to file a notice of exemption with Contra Costa County.

ATTEST:

Viviane Vidal 11/17/25
Viviane Vidal, Board Secretary Date

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

12/11/25
Cesar Zepeda, Board Chair Date

Attachments: Exhibit A

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting on November 13, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Kstanes, Robinson, Murphy, Kelley, Xavier, Zepeda

NOES: Directors: _____

ABSTAIN: Directors: _____

ABSENT: Directors: Brown

Viviane Vidal
Viviane Vidal, Board Secretary