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Project Title: Small and Medium Composting Facilities and Operations

Lead Agency: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

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Project Location: All (Statewide) *City* All (Statewide) *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

CalRecycle is now proposing adoption of a statewide PEIR to assist in the process to approve, site, and develop small and medium compostable material handling facilities and operations throughout the State of California, as required by the Organic Waste Reduction Bill (SB 1046, Laird, Chapter 452, Statutes of 2024). SB 1046 requires CalRecycle to prepare a PEIR to provide a consistent approach and consider impacts associated with construction and operation of small and medium composting facilities and operations statewide. The PEIR is also intended to provide an opportunity that will allow for a more consistent approach to siting and permitting (consistent with Section 15168 of the State CEQA Guidelines). The PEIR may serve as the first-tier analysis for later, more detailed, site-specific environmental reviews as necessary. Lead agencies and responsible agencies such as local land use and planning agencies, local enforcement agencies, and CalRecycle may use the CEQA document in considering subsequent discretionary actions.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft Program EIR identified potentially significant impacts associated with the construction and operation of small and medium compost facilities and operations with implementing regulations for aesthetics; air quality; archaeological, historical and Tribal cultural resources; biological resources; noise; and transportation. Impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and wildfire were identified as having significant but mitigable impacts. Mitigation measures were identified for aesthetics (3.1-1, 3.1-2, and 3.1-4); agriculture and forestry resources (3.2-1, 3.2-2a, 3.2-2b, and 3.3-3); air quality (3.3-1, 3.3-3, and 3.3-5); archaeological, historic, and tribal cultural resources (3.4-1, 3.4-2, and 3.4-3); biological resources (3.5-1a, 3.5-1b, 3.5-1c, 3.5-2a, 3.5-2b, and 3.5-3), geology and soils (3.7-5), hazards and hazardous materials (3.9-4 and 3.9-5), noise and vibration (3.12-2a and 3.12-2b), transportation (3.14-1, which would also reduce impacts related to wildfire). Cumulative impacts related to aesthetics; air quality; archaeological, historical, and Tribal cultural resources; biological resources; noise; and transportation would also be significant and unavoidable as a result of implementation of the program.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Odors, toxic air contaminant emissions, potential wildfire risks, nuisance impacts (such as truck traffic)

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Conservation, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation, local enforcement agencies (in conjunction with CalRecycle), Regional Water Quality Control Boards, Regional Air Districts, Local agencies (cities and counties, as well as special districts)