Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability for Public Review

TO: ☒ Interested Individuals
☒ San Benito County Clerk

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Project File No.: County Planning file PLN250019
(RJR Recycling and Transfer Station Conditional Use Permit Amendment)

Lead Agency: San Benito County Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
2301 Technology Pkwy, Hollister CA 95023

Project Applicant: Robert Rodriguez, RJR
1771 San Felipe Rd, Hollister, CA 95023

Project Location: East side of San Felipe Road at Flynn Road, unincorporated San Benito County, adjacent to City of Hollister city limits (Assessor's Parcel 019-030-016)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Initial Study for Planning file PLN250019 (RJR Recycling and Transfer Station) is available for public review. The County, as Lead Agency, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project in compliance with Government Code Section 15073.5 to address Aesthetics / Agriculture and Forestry / Cultural Resources / Land Use and Planning / Mineral Resources / Population and Housing / Public Services / Recreation / Air Quality / Greenhouse Gas Emissions / Energy / Biological Resources / Geology and Soils / Hazards and Hazardous Materials / Noise / Transportation / Utilities and Service Systems / Wildfire sections. The Mitigated Negative Declaration finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The public review period in which comments will be accepted for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration **begins Thursday, August 27, 2026**, and **ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2026**. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and all supporting documents are available for review at the Lead Agency address listed above. Comments may be addressed to Wayne Farrens, Consulting Planner. Written comments are preferred. Please use the project file number (PLN250019) in all communications.

This study examines the effects of the proposed project, which would include a Conditional Use Permit Amendment to allow an increase to the amount of daily waste and recyclable

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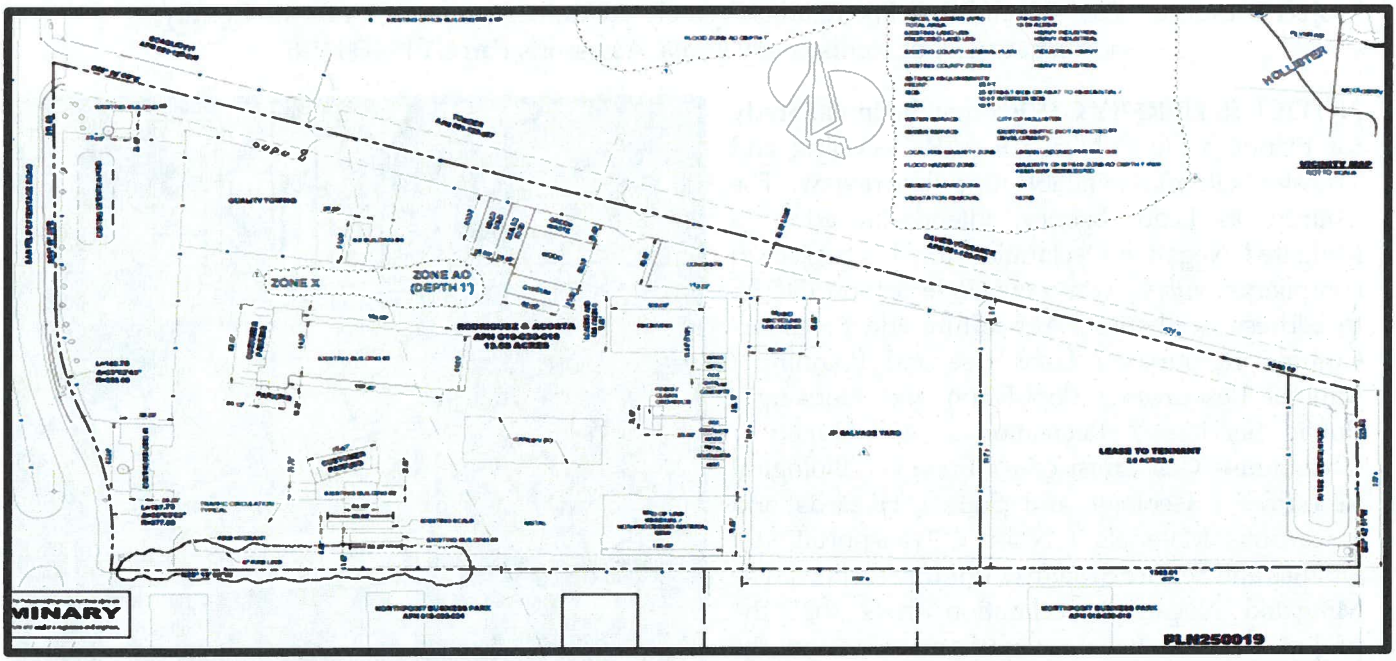
2) find the search bar with the magnifying glass to enter the Record Number ***PLN250019*** *and click the magnifying glass, then*
3) open the drop-down menu "Record Info" and click "Attachments."
Project-related documents can be found here, with the initial study titled: ***2026-08-27_IS_PLN250019 RJR Recycling and Transfer Station.pdf***

materials accepted, up to a maximum of 350 tons per day (TPD), which will also require a Full Solid Waste Facility permit from California's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). The existing as-built facility already has the capacity to accept 350 TPD; therefore, no new construction is proposed with the exception of a new 3,600 square-foot concrete pad and the paving of an existing unpaved access road.

The project site is the existing RJR Recycling property, located at 1771 San Felipe Road, directly adjacent to the City of Hollister, at an elevation of approximately 240 feet above mean sea level. The 13.58-acre project site is composed of one parcel (APN 0190300160) in an unincorporated portion of San Benito County.

The project site is located approximately 2 1/4 miles north of downtown Hollister on San Felipe Road (a.k.a. State Highway 156 Business), near the intersection of Flynn Road. Although the subject property is in an unincorporated portion of San Benito County it is bounded by the city limits of Hollister on the north and west sides.

The project site is designated by the San Benito County 2035 General Plan as Heavy Industrial and is zoned Heavy Industrial.



Signature *Abraham Prado* | Director of Planning (Title) | 8/26/2026 (Date)