State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Forward Landfill, Inc., Post Closure Permit Renewal

State Clearinghouse Number: 2001052081

Project Location: 9999 South Austin Road, Manteca CA 95336

County: San Joaquin

Project Applicant: Forward Landfill, Incorporated

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under Division 4.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 20 and California Health and Safety Code section 25200 has prepared an addendum for the approval of a Post Closure Permit Renewal at the Forward Landfill (Facility) located at 9999 South Austin Road in Manteca, CA 95336. The Post Closure Permit Renewal is required to continue post closure activities at the Facility. There are no proposed ground disturbing activities or operational changes, and continued post closure activities will not have an impact on any aspect of the environment. The addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report has been prepared to address activities associated with the Post Closure Permit Renewal.

Background: On September 4, 2002, the San Joaquin County Community Development Department circulated for public review and comments a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Use Permit modification to combine two adjacent landfills into the Forward Landfill and to expand the combined Forward Landfill, including development of a new landfill waste management unit (WMU) FU-19. After reviewing and responding to comments received, the San Joaquin County Community Development Department certified the Final EIR and Use Permit and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly known as the Office of Planning & Research (OPR) State Clearinghouse on March 5, 2003 to document approval of the Use Permit. An additional NOD for certification of the Final EIR by the San Joaquin County was completed and filed with OPR on April 14, 2003, and June 23, 2003, respectively.

Forward Landfill, managed by Forward, Inc., includes a post closure permitted Class I landfill unit that formerly accepted hazardous waste within WMU-A. No other portions of the Forward Landfill are subject to DTSC's permitting authority. WMU-A consists of eight (8) acres out of the 567-acre landfill facility. A Post Closure Plan (Permit #03-SAC-005) was approved by DTSC, and closure of WMU-A was started and completed in 1989. The Closure Plan included leaving the hazardous waste in place and ongoing environmental monitoring. DTSC issued a Hazardous Waste Facility Post Closure Permit for WMU-A in 1990 with minor modifications in groundwater monitoring being approved in 1994, 1995 and 1999. The Post Closure Permit was renewed in 2003 and again in 2016. The proposed project includes continued post closure maintenance and monitoring activities for the next 10 years.

This project would not affect any aspect of the environment and requires no new construction. There are no proposed ground disturbing activities or operational changes, and continued post closure activities would not have any impact on any aspect of the environment. An Addendum was prepared to amend the analysis of the previously certified EIR due to updates to the CEQA Guidelines and not as a result of project changes. The Post Closure Permit Renewal would not result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts on the environment.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on October 30, 2026, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of project approval by DTSC.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project by DTSC.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project by DTSC.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA by DTSC.

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The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Permitting Division
File Room
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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/

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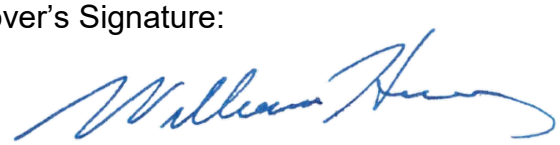

Date:

October 30, 2026

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