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SCH # 2018121007

Project Title: Woodville Disposal Site (Landfill) Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency — Contact Person: Hector Guerra, Chief Env. Planner

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City: Visalia — Zip: 93277-9394 — County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare — City/Nearest Community: Woodville

Cross Streets: Avenue 200 and Road 152 — Zip Code: N/A

Latitude/Longitude: 36 ° 08' 54.44" N / 119 ° 13' 57.70" W — Total Acres: 400

Assessor's Parcel No: 196-030-006, -011, -012; 196-040-001, 002, -003, -004, -005, -006; 196-070-11 (196-030-014 & 196-040-029)

Section: (portion) 35 & 36 and (portion) 25 & 26, Township: 20 S, Range: 25 E, Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: _____ Waterways: Hutchinson Ditch

Airports: _____ Railways: _____

Schools: _____

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☐ Mit Neg Dec ☒ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH#)_____ ☐ Other: _____

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other _____

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Dev. ☐ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☒ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Sub.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ☐ Other _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units_____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres____ Employees ___
☐ Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres____ Employees ___
☐ Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres____ Employees ___
☐ Educational: _____
☐ Recreational: _____

☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☒ Other: Disposal (Landfill) Site Expansion

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual
☒ Agricultural Land
☒ Air Quality
☒ Archaeological/Historical
☒ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☒ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☒ Geologic/Seismic
☒ Minerals
☒ Noise
☒ Population/Housing Balance
☒ Public Services/Facilities
☒ Recreation/Parks
☒ Schools/Universities
☒ Septic Systems
☒ Sewer Capacity
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☒ Solid/Waste
☒ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Traffic/Circulation
☒ Vegetation
☒ Water Quality
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Growth Inducing
☒ Land Use
☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Other: Tribal Cultural

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Existing landfill / Zoned AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture-40 Acre Minimum) / Designated Agricultural

Project Description:

The County of Tulare Resource Management Agency (RMA) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the expansion of the existing 160-acre Woodville landfill by 240 acres. Combined, the landfill would encompass an area of approximately 400 acres. The currently unused portion of the existing landfill is vacant, unproductive land, while the proposed Project expansion area is predominantly under agriculturally productive row crops. This proposed Project is designed to anticipate and meet the demands/needs of increases in projected solid waste disposal of the County for the next 55 years.

As noted earlier, the Woodville Landfill Expansion EIR will analyze the landfill's expansion to approximately 400 total acres. Expanded operations include the following substantial modifications to the landfill:

- Expand the Woodville landfill northeast of the existing Waste Management Unit-1 (WMU-1) landfill site to two contiguous parcels of approximately 80-acres each located east of the existing landfill. The inclusion of the northeast 160 acres (formerly known as the Hanni property) will be designated as future WMU-3.

- Expand the Woodville landfill to a contiguous approximately 70-acre parcel north of the existing landfill.

- Relocate the landfill entrance scale and scale house, landfill gas flare, and operations facilities to the northernmost 70-acre parcel designated for operations.

- Include the northwest 10-acre parcel (APN 196-03-010, formerly known as the Thompson Property) for the Borrow/ Operations area, and possibly include a staff office (approximately 5,000 square feet) and composting facility (less than 50,000 cubic tons annually).

- Utilize approximately 80 unused acres of the currently permitted landfill disposal area in the southern portion of the landfill as WMU-2.

- Change operation floor from 282 feet above mean sea level (MSL) to approximately 270 feet above MSL in WMU-2 and WMU-3.

- Increase the permitted landfill capacity by approximately 14.0 million cubic yards for an overall capacity of the Woodville landfill to approximately 27.5 million cubic yards. The additional WMUs will be designated Class III landfill units and would extend the anticipated landfill closure date by 55 years (to approximately Year 2074).

The landfill would expand usage of approximately 320 acres beyond its current, active area and would extend its life for another 55 years. It is anticipated that daily tonnage received, number of vehicles entering/exiting, landfill operations equipment, water usage, ancillary uses, etc., will not increase or decrease.

In addition to the proposed Project as described above, the Project is anticipated to maintain the current days and hours of operation (that is, 7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday; 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Saturdays). It would be closed New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Daily tons per day are approximately 900 tons per day (tpd) although the site is permitted for 1,078 tpd. It is possible that tpd may increase or decrease following completion of an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Daily vehicles per day (vpd) are approximately 350 vpd, although the site is permitted for 489 vpd. It is possible that vpd may increase or decrease following completion of an update to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Approximately 1,700 tpd are transported to the Teapot Dome and Visalia Disposal Sites (landfills) daily. Currently, approximately seventy percent (70%) is transported to Visalia (1,190 tpd) and 30% (510 tpd) is transported to Teapot Dome. Teapot Dome Landfill will be closed and the solid waste it receives would be transported to Woodville Landfill. All Tulare County landfills divert tires, metal, wood/green waste, construction and demolition (C&D) materials, and mattresses. Current regulation AB 939 requires 50% diversion of waste within the County's jurisdiction (i.e., unincorporated areas). AB 341 sets a "policy goal" of 75% diversion by 2020, but is not mandated. SB 383, which will be rolled-out in phases, targets organic waste going into landfills and will take effect on January 1, 2022. If composting is added to the operations, organic vegetative waste (e.g., wood, leaf and lawn clippings, tree trimmings, paper products, and food wastes) would be used as composting stock derived from incorporated and unincorporated areas. The public will continue to have access to Woodville Landfill (this is accounted for in the expected daily tonnage). The entrance/exit to access/egress the site will remain on Road 152, but will be relocated farther to the north than its present location. The majority of traffic would likely arrive from Avenue 192 or State Route 137. Minor traffic volumes are also anticipated to enter Road 152 from Avenues 208 and 224 (Bardsley Avenue).

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X." If the document has already been sent to the agency, denote that with an "s."

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____	Boating & Waterways, Department of	____	Office of Public School Construction
____	California Emergency Management Agency	____	Parks & Recreation
____	California Highway Patrol	____	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District # 6	____	Public Utilities Commission
____	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 5 (attn: Doug Patteson)
____	Caltrans Planning	____	Resources Agency
____	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	X	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
____	Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	____	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
____	Coastal Commission	____	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
____	Colorado River Board Commission	____	San Joaquin River Conservancy
____	Conservation, Department of	____	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
____	Corrections, Department of	____	State Lands Commission
____	Delta Protection Commission	____	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
____	Education, Department of (Public School Construction)	____	SWRCB: Water Quality
____	Energy Commission	____	SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Wildlife Region #4	____	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
____	Food & Agriculture, Department of	X	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
X	Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of	____	Water Resources, Department of
____	General Services, Department of	S	Other: Tulare County RMA – Pllanning Branch
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S	Other: US Fish & Wildlife	S	Other: Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency -EHD
S	Other: US Army Corps of Engineers	S	Other: Tulare County Solid Waste
S	Other: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	S	Other: City of Porterville
		S	Other: City of Tulare

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: April 16, 2021 Ending Date: May 31, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: _____

Applicant: Tulare County Solid Waste
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City/State/Zip: Visalia, CA 93227
Phone: (559) 62-7195

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 4/9/21
Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 4/9/21
Reed Schenke, Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Authority cited: Section 21083, public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.