

Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Date: July 24, 2020
Project: Toland Road Landfill—Toland Optimization Plan (SCH No. 2018011026)
To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations

This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), which is being distributed for public review pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). VRSD is the Lead Agency and has prepared a SEIR for the Toland Optimization Plan (the proposed project), consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15000 et seq.).

Project Location: The project site, the Toland Road Landfill (TRL), is located at 3500 Toland Road between the cities of Santa Paula and Fillmore in an unincorporated area of Ventura County. TRL is approximately 1.7 miles north of State Highway 126.

Background: TRL is owned and operated by VRSD and serves the municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal needs of the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Ojai, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Camarillo, Port Hueneme, and surrounding unincorporated areas. The landfill operates as a Class III MSW facility, as defined by CCR Title 27. TRL currently has a permitted total/lifetime MSW capacity of 15 million tons, as well as a daily disposal maximum of 1,500 tons per day (tpd), and a maximum landfill elevation of 1,435 feet above mean sea level (amsl). These limits are based upon the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and its supporting Final EIR.

The Draft SEIR is a supplement to the previously approved and certified 1996 Final EIR for the Toland Road Landfill Expansion and Landfill Closure / Post-Closure Project.

Project Description: VRSD proposes to modify its current County-issued and approved CUP to reflect operational realities and to maximize an existing regional solid waste disposal capacity. Specifically, VRSD requests the following modifications to CUP No. 3141:

1. Remove the existing maximum permitted disposal rate of 1,500 tpd (Condition 3.j) and replace it with a condition that allows a maximum daily tonnage to be based on the capacity of 152 heavy truck trips per day as evaluated in the 1996 Final EIR for the current CUP;
2. Allow TRL to be filled to its maximum elevation of 1,435 feet amsl as set forth in the current CUP (Condition 5.a.2.a);
3. Remove the 2027 closure date (Condition 5.a.2.b);
4. Remove the 15-million-ton lifetime cap (Condition 5.a.2.c); and
5. Modify the CUP Conditions of Approval related to the decommissioned biosolids facility.

The CUP Modification request would not modify the approved final grades or boundary of the landfill, equipment used on site, or the type of waste accepted.

Government Code Section 65962.5: TRL is not listed as a hazardous materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List).

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Draft SEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following environmental topics: air quality, greenhouse gas, noise, and transportation.

Significant Environmental Impacts. Based on the analysis in the Draft SEIR, the proposed project would not have any significant and unavoidable impacts to air quality, greenhouse gas, noise, or transportation, not previously identified in the 1996 Final EIR.

Reviewing Locations: The Draft SEIR can be accessed online at <https://www.vrsd.com/about-district/#documents>. In-person access may be limited due to COVID-19 considerations, including State and County Stay at Home orders. Please contact VRSD if you need assistance accessing the Draft SEIR.

Public Comment Period: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice. The Draft SEIR comment period begins on **July 24, 2020** and ends on **September 7, 2020**.

Written comments on the Draft SEIR must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, September 7, 2020. Please submit comments to:

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Public Hearings: The VRSD Board of Directors may consider the Draft SEIR and the proposed project at one of its regular board meetings (tentatively October 1 or October 18, 2020). Interested parties are encouraged to check the VRSD website in advance of these meetings. Board Meeting notices and agendas can be found at: <https://www.vrsd.com/board-committee-meetings/>.

Sincerely,



Chris Theisen
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