

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse
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and
County Clerk, Peter Aldana
County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
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From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
(South Coast AQMD)
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(i)

Project Titles: El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project and
El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project

State Clearinghouse Nos: 1990020076
2007081054

Project Applicant and Project Location: USA Waste of Cal (El Sobrante Landfill)
South Coast AQMD Facility ID Number 113674
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Lead Agency: Riverside County Department of Waste Resources
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Responsible Agency: South Coast AQMD
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Date of Project Approval: January 17, 2025

Project

Description:

The County of Riverside, as the Lead Agency for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, prepared and certified the July 1998 Update to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as part of their September 1, 1998 approval of the Project. The Update to the Final EIR analyzed a proposed lateral and vertical expansion of the existing El Sobrante Landfill to a total 1,322 acres (1,144 acres attributed to the expansion with 178 acres for the existing landfill), of which 645 acres will be disturbed (467 acres attributed to the expansion and 178 acres for the existing landfill); and the total disposal capacity increased to approximately 108 million tons of municipal solid waste (100 million tons attributed to the expansion and 8 million tons attributed to the existing landfill), with a daily disposal capacity of up to 10,000 tons of waste. The County of Riverside then prepared and certified the March 2009 Supplemental EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project pursuant to CEQA as part of their March 31, 2009 approval of the Project. The Supplemental EIR analyzed the following operational changes: 1) extension of the hours at the gate for waste delivery by four hours which had the effect of allowing for the acceptance of material for a continuous 24-hour period; 2) convert the basis of the maximum disposal tonnage limit from a daily metric of 10,000 tons per day to a weekly metric of 70,000 tons per week.

El Sobrante Landfill, as part of its ongoing, long-term development plan for expansion, as needed to handle increased amounts of waste which were contemplated and previously analyzed in the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project and El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project, requires additional air pollution control equipment to control the amount of increased landfill gas to be produced. Specifically, the Project requires South Coast AQMD air permits for a new ultra-low NO_x enclosed landfill gas flare and a desulfurization system consisting of two media-based adsorption vessels to service the flare. The proposed flare will have a combustion capacity of 6,325 standard cubic feet per minute, and it will be connected to a flare stack (dimensions: 13' w. x 70' h.), three 300 horsepower (HP) landfill gas blowers (with one of the three reserved in standby mode) controlled by variable frequency drives, and one 250 HP air blower system.

The County of Riverside adopted Findings and a Mitigation Monitoring Program as set forth in the March 2009 Supplemental EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD, as the Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described Project and made the following determinations:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, because impacts were avoided or previously mitigated through mitigation measures adopted as part of the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project EIR (SCH Number 1990020076).
2. The July 1998 Update to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project (SCH Number 1990020076) and March 2009 Supplemental EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project (SCH Number 2007081054) were prepared and certified by the County of Riverside, as Lead Agency for the Project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The County of Riverside adopted mitigation measures which were made a condition of Project approval.
4. The County of Riverside adopted Findings and a Mitigation Monitoring Program.
5. The South Coast AQMD, after reviewing and considering the July 1998 Update to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, the March 2009 Supplemental EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project, the Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the County of Riverside, adopted its own Findings concerning the significant impacts identified in the aforementioned documents as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(h).
6. These Responsible Agency determinations for the Project reflect the independent judgment of the South Coast AQMD.

This is to certify that the following documents are available to the public and may be examined at South Coast AQMD located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765: 1) the July 1998 Update to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, the Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the County of Riverside; 2) the March 2009 Supplemental EIR for the El Sobrante Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project, the Findings, and Mitigation Monitoring Program adopted by the County of Riverside; 3) the South Coast AQMD's adoption of its own Findings as Responsible Agency; 4) supporting documentation provided by the applicant, USA Waste of Cal (El Sobrante Landfill); and 5) the record of Project approval by the South Coast AQMD.

Date Received for Filing: _____

Signature:  01/21/2025

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