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Department of Regional Planning



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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

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**LANCASTER LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER**  
**Conditional Use Permit No. 03-170**

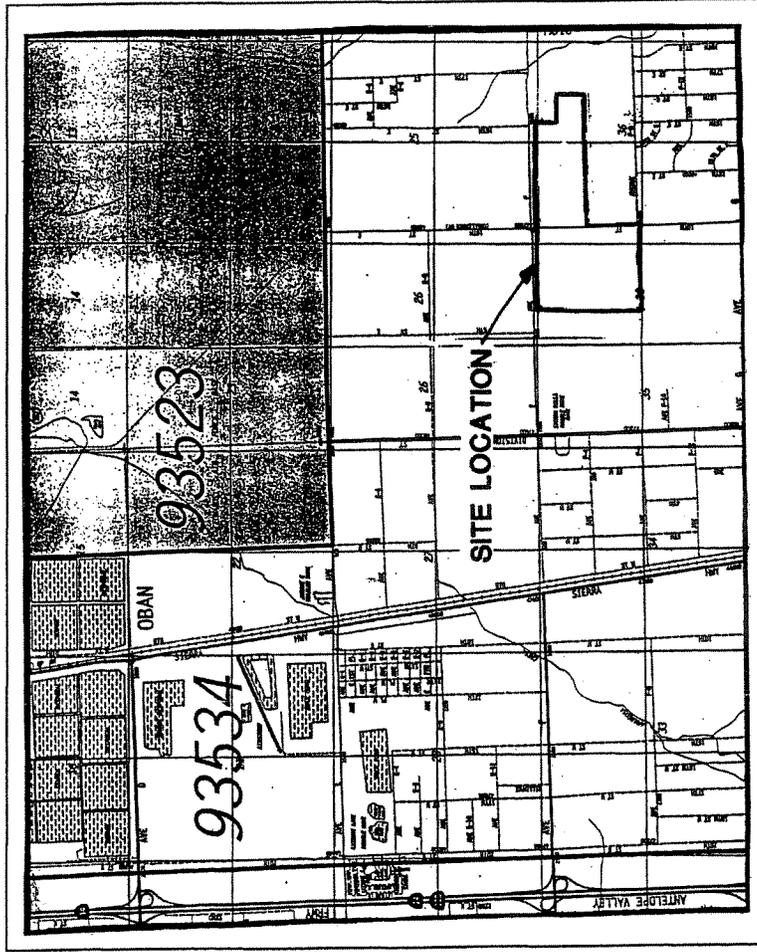
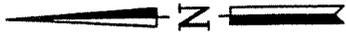
The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning is the lead agency and will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project identified below. In compliance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County of Los Angeles is sending this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to each responsible and federal agency and interested parties involved in approving the project and to trustee agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the project. Within 30 days after receiving the NOP, each agency shall provide the County of Los Angeles with specific details about the scope and content of the environmental information related to that agency's area of statutory responsibility.

The purpose of this NOP is to solicit the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory authority with respect to the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the Supplemental EIR prepared by our agency when considering approval of applicable permits for the project.

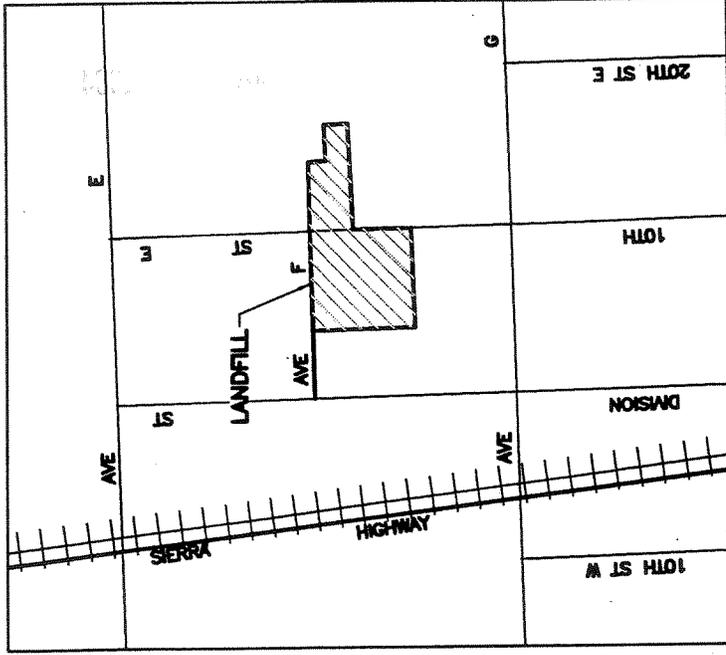
**PROJECT LOCATION**

Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center (LLRC) is located approximately two miles northeast of the City of Lancaster in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County (see Figure 1). The LLRC property is approximately 276 acres and is bounded by Division Street on the west, East Avenue "F" on the north, East Avenue F-8 on the south with 10<sup>th</sup> Street East dividing the Eastern Expansion Area from the remainder of the landfill property. The LLRC is composed of the following components: the current landfill area (82 acres); the Western Landfill Area (62 acres); the Eastern Landfill Area (112 acres); and the 20-acre portion of the property that accommodates the landfill facilities. Figure 2 illustrates the boundaries of the existing project site and the components identified above.

Waste Management Corporation of California, Inc. has operated the Lancaster LLRC since 1973 when it acquired the site. At that time, the landfill encompassed 102 acres, including an 82-acre landfill footprint and the ancillary facilities located on the adjacent 20 acres. In 1997, the County of Los Angeles prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 1993101036) and approved the expansion of LLRC to include the 62-acre Western Landfill Area, which had previously been utilized as a borrow area (and continues to be used for borrow material used at the LLRC). That expansion



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**Figure 1**

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LANCASTER LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER

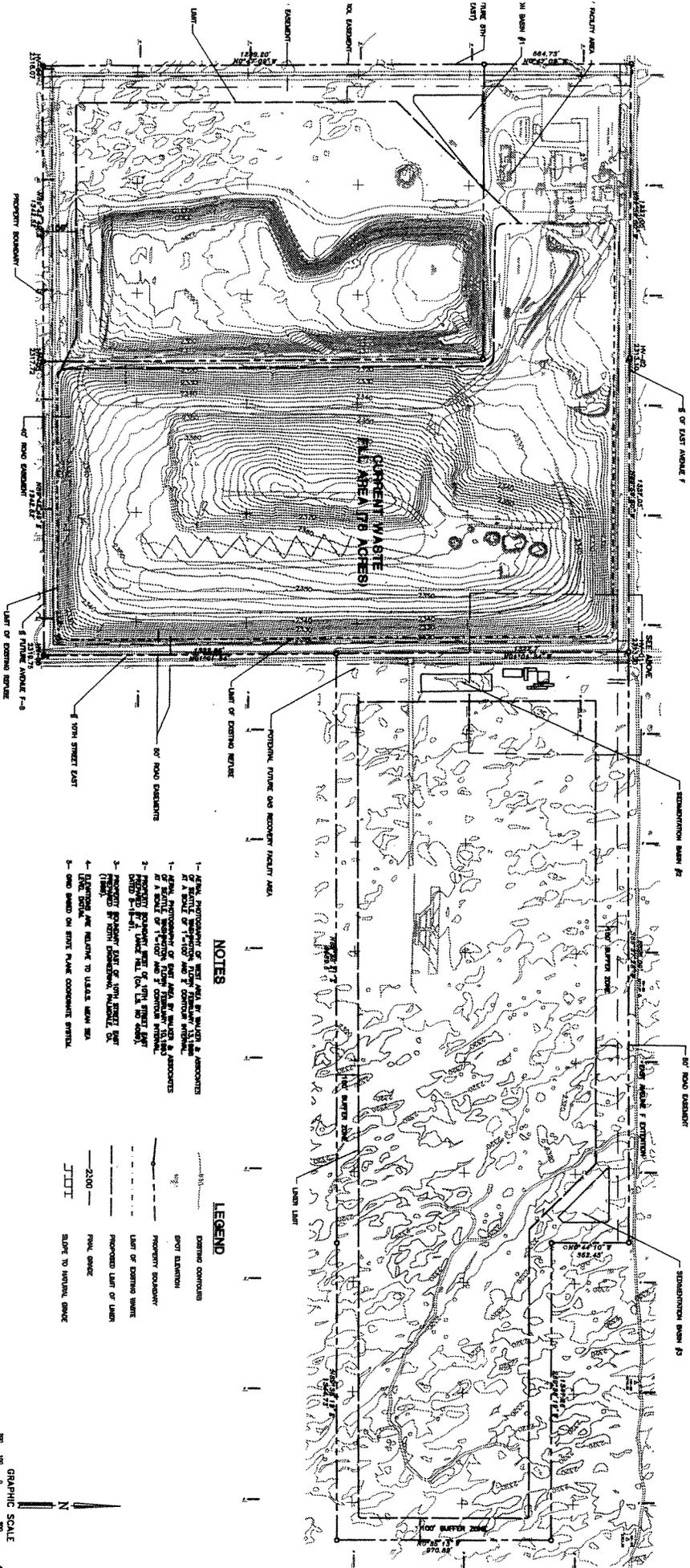
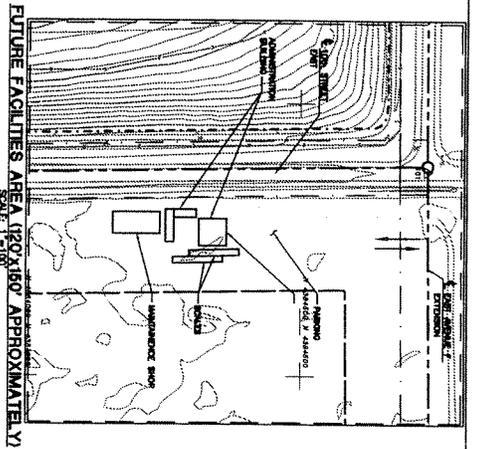
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**SITE LOCATION MAP**

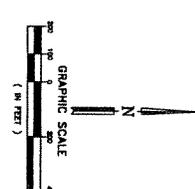
LANDELL PROPERTY 276-ACRES  
REFUSE FOOTPRINT 208-ACRES



- NOTES**
- 1- THIS REPRESENTS THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION AS OF THE DATE OF THIS DRAWING. THE CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.
  - 2- PROPERTY BOUNDARIES ARE SHOWN AS DASHED LINES. THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINES ARE SHOWN AS DASHED LINES. THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINES ARE SHOWN AS DASHED LINES.
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  - 4- ELEVATIONS ARE RELATIVE TO U.S. SEA LEVEL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
  - 5- ROAD SHOWN ON SITE PLAN IS APPROXIMATE.

- LEGEND**
- EXISTING CONTOURS
  - SPOT ELEVATIONS
  - PROPERTY BOUNDARY
  - PROPOSED LIMIT OF WASTE
  - FINAL DRIVE
  - SLOPE TO NATURAL GRADE

Figure 2



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DATE: 11/11/03  
SCALE: 1" = 100'  
SHEET NO.: 1 OF 1  
PROJECT: LANDELL PROPERTY REFUSE FOOTPRINT

**SITE PLAN**

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	PRELIMINARY	11/11/03
2	FINAL	11/11/03

approval also included the 112-acre Eastern Landfill Area located east of the original landfilling area.

At the present time, operations of the existing Class III sanitary landfill are conducted on 102 acres of the property, including the 82-acre active landfill area and the 20 acres that support a welding shop; a maintenance building; an office building and gate house; two scales; two underground fuel tanks and fuel pumping stations; a truck and landfill equipment wash pad; potable and non-potable water tanks; a gas flare facility; and a groundwater remediation facility. In addition, there are paved areas used for employee and visitor parking as well as parking for landfill equipment. The LLRC is currently permitted to accept up to 1,700 tons per day of municipal solid waste. The site is also governed by the Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the RWQCB.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The applicant, Waste Management of California, Inc., requests approval to modify its current Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP No. 19-AA-0050) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP 93070) for the existing Class III non-hazardous solid waste landfill and recycling center. The project is proposing to increase the allowable daily intake volume from the current permitted rate of 1,700 tons per day (tpd) to 3,000 tpd of waste; exclusive of additional material that would be used for alternative daily cover (ADC) at the landfill. The landfill area encompasses a 256-acre refuse disposal footprint and a 20-acre area that is occupied by facilities that are ancillary to the landfill. The proposed project does not include a horizontal expansion of the landfill footprint, the maximum permitted capacity, nor the site in general. No new improvements or modifications are proposed to the existing facility. Operating hours will continue to be from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with a maximum of 16 employees working one shift.

### **DISCRETIONARY ACTIONS REQUESTED**

As indicated above, two discretionary action approvals are required in order to implement the proposed project. A Conditional Use Permit from the Department of Regional Planning and subsequently a Solid Waste Facility Permit from the Department of Health Services will be required, which would allow an increase in the allowable daily intake volume from the current permitted rate of 1,700 tpd to 3,000 tpd, which excludes material used for alternative daily cover (ADC) at the landfill.

### **POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACTS**

The County of Los Angeles, as the Lead Agency, has identified in the Initial Study (see attachment) the following potential environmental impacts to be discussed in the SEIR:

1. Noise – Project implementation will result in increased truck traffic, which could result in increased vehicular noise as well as operational use on-site associated with trash compactors, loaders, bulldozers, scrapers, etc.
2. Water Quality – Existing groundwater and storm water runoff quality may be affected by the increase of refuse accepted at the landfill on a daily basis.
3. Air Quality – The increased truck traffic could result in an exceedance of thresholds established by the SCAQMD.
4. Traffic/Access – Truck trips related to the increase in daily volume intake from 1,700 tpd to 3,000 tpd could result in significant traffic impacts to local roadways.
5. Water – The increase in daily refuse intake could result in an increase in demand for water for dust control, compaction, and irrigation.

#### **NOTICE OF PREPARATION REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

The review period for the Notice of Preparation will be from May 28, 2004 to June 28, 2004. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than **July 6, 2004**. Please direct all written comments to the following address. In your written response, please include the name of a contact person in your agency.

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