

**NOTICE OF HEARING EXAMINER PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY
OF PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR
CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL MASTER PLAN REVISION
PROJECT NO.: R2004-00559-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.: 200400042
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200400039
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2005081071**

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (Department), acting in the capacity of “Lead Agency” under the County Environmental Guidelines, Chapter III, Section 304, has filed a “Notice of Completion and Availability” of a Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. This document has been prepared in accordance with, and pursuant to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended; Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.; and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines), California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Chapter 15000 et seq., (including Section 15160).

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The formal public review period for the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR will be from November 9, 2016 to January 9, 2017 (60 days). All comments on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR received by the closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final EIR.

SITE LOCATION

The Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) is an existing Class III (municipal solid waste) facility located in the northwestern portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County near the City of Santa Clarita, just west of the Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 126 (SR-126) junction (see below). The site is a total of 639 acres, with an existing permitted waste footprint of approximately 257 acres.



PROPOSED PROJECT

Chiquita Canyon, LLC, a subsidiary of Waste Connections, is the owner and operator of Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL). Chiquita Canyon, LLC has applied for a new CUP to implement the CCL Master Plan Revision.

Landfill operations at CCL have been permitted by the Department since 1965 under a variety of approvals, including Zone Exception Case (ZEC) No. 7879, ZEC No. 8040, ZEC No. 8191, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No.

1010, and CUP No. 1809. The current CUP No. 89-081, which was approved in 1997, is for the permitted landfill area of 257 acres and a maximum daily permitted waste disposal limit of 6,000 tons per day.

The Proposed Project includes the following elements: development of a new entrance and support facilities; better utilization of the landfill's potential disposal capacity through a lateral extension of the existing waste footprint and increased maximum elevation; increased daily disposal limits; acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill, exclusive of sludge; continued operation of the landfill; new design features; environmental monitoring; development of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF); mixed organics processing/composting operation; and set-aside of land for potential future conversion technology. In addition, the Proposed Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements.

CHAPTERS INCLUDED IN PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Introduction	The Introduction chapter provides an updated discussion of the previous, current, and proposed permits for CCL, project purpose and objectives, and project need. The chapter also includes a clarification of the operational baseline for the Proposed Project; a discussion of the operational baseline compared to the Proposed Project; an overview of the recent operation of CCL; a discussion of the environmental review process and the public scoping process and circulation of the Original Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR; and presents the general content and organization of the Original Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.
Project Description	This chapter describes the Proposed Project location and existing surrounding land uses and provides an updated detailed description of the Proposed Project, including the proposed facilities, lateral extension, increased elevation and disposal limits, material to be received, operation, design features, environmental monitoring, and ancillary uses. This chapter also addresses landfill closure and post-closure plans.
Biological Resources	The Biological Resources chapter was revised to more clearly indicate the potential for environmental impacts to plant or animal species and to identify appropriate mitigation measures for those potential impacts. The revised chapter does not result in greater environmental impacts or more significant impacts. Mitigation measures have also been revised for clarity.
Air Quality	In response to comments received on the Original Draft EIR by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the Air Quality chapter has been revised to combine the previously-analyzed potential construction-related and operation-related emissions, to compare those combined emissions against operation thresholds, and to make a determination of potential project significance based on those combined emissions. To further respond to SCAQMD comments, this chapter has been revised to include current odor data and associated information on wind patterns in the vicinity of CCL. The chapter has also been revised to incorporate operation of the proposed composting facility along with construction and operation of the expanded landfill.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change	Regulations and strategies for GHG reductions in California continue to evolve, especially for the waste management sector. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change chapter has been revised using the principles of the GHG Protocol Project Accounting Standard. In addition, the revised

analysis compares the project to baseline operations to determine project impacts. Mitigation measures have been revised, and the revised analysis finds impacts of the Proposed Project and cumulative impacts beyond 2020 to be significant and unavoidable. Project impacts and cumulative impacts up to and including 2020 remain less than significant.

Project Alternatives	The Project Alternatives chapter included in the Original Draft EIR considered five alternatives. Three alternatives were analyzed, while two alternatives were considered but eliminated. The recirculated Project Alternatives chapter considers six alternatives: the three alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIR, the two alternatives previously considered but eliminated, plus one new reduced-size project alternative.
----------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Visual Resources Supplement	This supplement includes additional and revised existing condition photographs of the Proposed Project and additional and revised visual simulations of the Proposed Project. The supplement also includes an updated environmental analysis as a result of these additions.
-----------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Traffic Supplement	This supplement provides clarification to the Traffic Analysis included in the Original Draft EIR with regard to the number of trucks included in the operational baseline. The supplement also includes an updated queuing analysis for the relocated site entrance included as part of the Proposed Project that reflects the number of trucks included in the operational baseline for the Project.
--------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

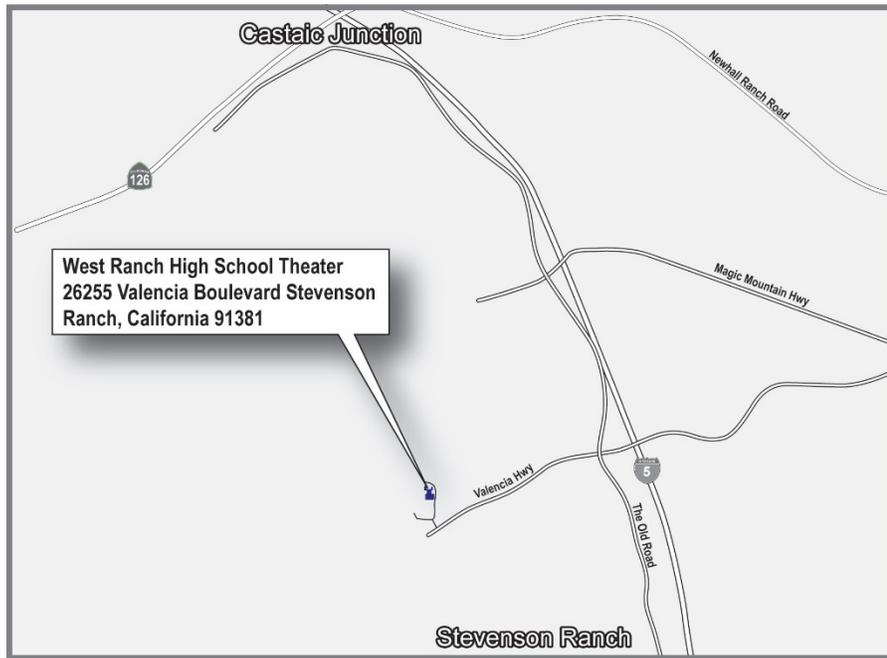
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The following is a summary of the impacts associated with the Proposed Project determined in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR to be significant and unavoidable:

1. The revised air quality analysis, conducted consistent with the revised methodology requested by SCAQMD in their comments on the Original Draft EIR, concludes that construction-related and operation-related emissions, measured solely against operational thresholds, would represent a potentially significant impact. Mitigation measures have been proposed, but potential air quality impacts remain significant and unavoidable.
2. The revised analysis found that the Proposed Project would achieve greater than a 15.3 percent reduction of GHG emissions as compared to the Business as Usual (BAU) scenario, resulting in a less than significant impact between project approval and 2020. Because of uncertainties regarding future state emission targets and the lack of post-2020 BAU forecasts, it is assumed that Proposed Project and cumulative GHG impacts are potentially significant and unavoidable in years after 2020. Mitigation measures have been proposed, but potential Project and cumulative GHG impacts (beyond 2020) remain significant and unavoidable.

HEARING EXAMINER HEARING

A public hearing on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR has been scheduled before the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning Hearing Examiner on **December 15, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m.** and ending at 8:30 p.m., at the **West Ranch High School Theater**, located at 26255 Valencia Boulevard, Stevenson Ranch, California 91381, (661) 222-1220 (see map below).



PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the Proposed Project and the Final EIR will be scheduled before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission at a time, date, and location to be determined.

REVIEWING LOCATIONS

To ensure public access to the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, copies of the document are available for review at the following County libraries:

Castaic Library
27971 Sloan Canyon Road
Castaic, CA 91384

Valencia Public Library
23743 Valencia Boulevard
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Stevenson Ranch Library
25950 The Old Road
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

A copy of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR will also be available for public review Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at

County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Zoning Permits North Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

An electronic version of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR is also available on the Department's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case> by typing the project number **R2004-00559** into the Search Case Archive Window. The Original Draft EIR can also be viewed at this location.

Because the Original Draft EIR is revised only in part, and the Department is recirculating only the revised chapters of the Original Draft EIR, the Department is requesting that reviewers limit comments to the content of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. Comments already received on the Original Draft EIR will be responded to in the Final EIR.

Please submit written comments on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR to Richard Claghorn of the Department of Regional Planning at the above address. You may also fax your written comments to (213) 626-0434, or email to rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov. Should you have any questions, please call (213) 974-6443. **Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6466.**