

**Notice of Intent to Adopt
Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration
Pursuant to CEQA**

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: October 26, 2018 to November 26, 2018

To: Public Agencies, Organizations and Other Interested Parties

From: Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority
128 Sun Street, Suite 101
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Subject: The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (“Authority”) is releasing a proposed draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Crazy Horse Organics Collection and Processing Facility (“the Proposed Activity”) for review and comment to all agencies, organizations and interested persons. Reviewers should focus on the content and accuracy of the Draft IS/ND in discussing any potential for impacts to the environment. This Notice of Intent to Adopt a Draft Negative Declaration for this project is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Draft IS/ND is being circulated for a 30-day review period. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Written comments should be delivered to the Authority’s main office, at the address listed below, by no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 26, 2018. Submittal of written comments via e-mail is also acceptable. Telephonic comments cannot be accepted.

Project Title:

Crazy Horse Organics Collection and Processing Facility

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Applicant: Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

Project Location: The proposed organics collection and processing facility will be located at the closed Crazy Horse landfill. This location is owned and operated by the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers of the landfill property are 125-271-063, 125-491-012 and 125-571-058. The address and telephone number of the landfill are as follows:

Crazy Horse Landfill
350 Crazy Horse Canyon Road
Salinas, Ca. 93907
Telephone: (831) 775-3000

Project Description: Organic waste (yard wastes, wood wastes) collection and processing was part of the Crazy Horse Landfill operations for many years until the site was closed in 2009. Since the site closure, organic materials have been diverted to other collection facilities in the region, primarily to Salinas. The proposed Project would establish a small-scale (not to exceed 200 tons per day) wood waste and yard waste collection and processing facility in a 2.1-acre paved portion of the closed landfill to better serve the north county communities. This Project would assist the community with new state requirements for diverting organics from landfills. The site would be operated by a vendor (currently Vision Recycling of Fremont, Ca.) and would be available to the public 6 days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Project would include reducing the material through grinding and material would be stored on site for a maximum of 7 days before being shipped to market. No composting would occur or acceptance of food wastes on the Project site.

Project and CEQA Public Hearing Date: A public hearing before the Board of Directors, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, to review the Project and consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration has been scheduled for January 24, 2019.

CEQA Project Status: A Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration have been prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft Initial Study prepared for this project demonstrates that the proposed project will not have any significant effects on the environment. As a result of the adoption of this Negative Declaration, the proposed Project activities will not have any significant effect on the environment.

The Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration and all related analysis are available to the General Public at the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority: 128 Sun Street, Suite 101, Salinas, CA 93901 and electronically at www.svswa.org.