



**COUNTY OF MONTEREY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU
SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA)**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: July 30, 2021

TIME OF MEETING: 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
(if no attendees from the public, meeting will adjourn at 6:30 P.M)

LOCATION OF MEETING: Zoom (Video) Meeting - URL: <https://zoom.us/j/9039396221>

APPLICANT: Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA)

FACILITY NAME: Johnson Canyon Sanitary Landfill

FACILITY LOCATION: 31400 Johnson Canyon Road,
Gonzales, CA 93926

**SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMIT NUMBER:** 27-AA-0005

FACILITY CONTACT: Patrick Mathews, General Manager
SVSWA
128 Sun Street, Suite 101
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 775-3000

DATE OF SUBMITTAL: June 1, 2021

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: July 1, 2021

DATE OF NOTICE: July 20, 2021

LEA CONTACT: Alvin VoTran, Senior Environmental Health Specialist
1270 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906
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(831) 755-8617

As a property owner, tenant or person with vested interest in the project vicinity, please be advised that the County of Monterey, Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) has accepted an application package to revise an existing Full Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) from Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority for the facility located at 31400 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales CA. The LEA is certified by CalRecycle to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste sites within the County of Monterey, including all disposal facilities.

Purpose of the Meeting

This Public Informational Meeting is for any interested parties to learn more about the project and to provide comments to the LEA regarding the proposed permit action. The LEA will use information discussed in this meeting, as well as its own review, to create a draft permit. Before the permit becomes final, CalRecycle, a state agency, must review and concur with the permit proposed by the LEA. As part of the concurrence process, an additional meeting will be held in Sacramento, CA, within 60 days of receiving a draft permit from the LEA. If you wish to be notified of the CalRecycle meeting, please contact the LEA.

Description of Project

On June 1, 2021, the LEA received a Full Solid Waste Permit application package from Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, regarding the facility located on 31400 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales CA. The application package was submitted in response to a Five Year Permit Review of the site's SWFP conducted and completed by the LEA in January of 2021 and to revise the existing SWFP. Based on the review of the application package submitted on June 1, 2021, the LEA has found that the main updates include increasing the maximum daily tonnage from 1,574 tons to 1,694 tons, increasing the permitted compost area from 5 acres to 12.5 acres, increasing the maximum elevation (ft. msl) from 506 feet to 540 feet, updating the estimated closure date from 2055 to 2066 and changing the vehicles per day limit (VPD) from the current 265 VPD to the following condition:

Traffic will be regulated as per Title 14, CCR, Section 17418.3: Traffic flow through the facility shall be controlled to prevent the following: (1) interference with or creation of a safety hazard on adjacent public streets or roads, (2) on-site safety hazards, and (3) interference with operations.

Findings

The LEA has determined that:

- The Evidence of California Environmental Quality Act Compliance (CEQA) established support to increase maximum daily tonnages.
- Volume 3 Appendix A, Sections VII (CEQA), XIV (Air Board Permits to Operate), XVII (Odor Impact Minimization Plan) established support to increase permitted compost area (acres).
- Volume 3 Appendix A Section X (Conditional Use Permit), Appendix Q (Closure Plan Drawing) and Appendix CC (Master Plan / Capacity Analysis) established support to increase maximum elevation for landfill.
- Preliminary Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plan, Appendix D (Site Life and Soil Balance Projections) and Closure Plan Drawing identified the projections for the estimated closure date.
- Volume 3 Appendix A – Section X Conditional Use Permit (2007) and Appendix DD Johnson Canyon Tonnage and Vehicle Counts 2020 identified the existing mitigation measures to allow traffic to be regulated per Title 14, CCR, Section 17418.3.
- The requested changes are significant, would affect the design or operation of the facility, and can be processed as a permit revision.
- The application accepted, meets the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Section 21570, for a revised permit application, and is approved.
- The application is complete and correct.
- Within 60 days of accepting the application as complete and correct, a package will be submitted to CalRecycle by the LEA that will include the permit application package submitted by the operator as well as a draft permit.

Options for Submitting Written Comments

The Monterey County LEA will be accepting written comments on this acceptance action until **August 6, 2021**. Please address all correspondences to:

Monterey County Health Department
Environmental Health Bureau
Solid Waste Management Services
Attn: Alvin VoTran
1270 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906-3198

Where to Get Additional Information

A copy of the application package is available for public review during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm or by appointment in the LEA office located at 1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906. For questions or comments, please call 831-755-8617.

Appeals Process Information

Pursuant to Public Resources Code §44307, the decision of the LEA may be challenged through a formal hearing process. To initiate the appeals process, please contact Alvin VoTran at 831-755-8617 for an LEA “Request for Hearing” form. This form may also be obtained online at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/Forms/#Enforce>