



December 6, 2023

Emiko Thompson
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RE: Revised Countywide Siting Element for Los Angeles County

Dear Emiko Thompson,

This letter is notification that on November 21st, 2023, Los Angeles County's Request for Approval was signed. For complete item information, please see CalRecycle's Public Notices page: <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/PublicNotices/Details/5249>.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 341-6434 or by email at Arti.Lal@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Arti Lal
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Local Assistance and Market Development
Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Attachment: Request for Approval

cc:
Diana Suarez-Arguelles, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory)
Joseph Rasmussen, Environmental Program Manager
Dave Nguyen, PE Civil Engineer
Aric Rodriguez, PE Civil Engineer

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Cara Morgan, Deputy Director
Materials Management and Local Assistance Division

From: Arti Lal, Environmental Scientist
Local Assistance and Market Development Branch

Request Date: October 13, 2023

Decision Subject: Revised Countywide Siting Element for Los Angeles County

Action By: November 21, 2023

Summary of Request:

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41700-41721.5 require counties to prepare a Countywide Siting Element (CSE) that describes areas that may be used for developing new disposal facilities. PRC Section 50001 requires that after a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) has been approved, no person shall establish or expand a solid waste facility, as defined in PRC Section 40194, in the County unless the solid waste facility is identified in the CSE or amendment thereto, which has been approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721 or 41721.5, respectively. In addition, PRC Section 40912(e) requires a CSE amended after January 1, 2003, to include a description of the actions taken by the county to solicit public participation by the affected communities, including, but not limited to, minority and low-income populations.

County has revised its CSE and updated the following items.

- Fully Operational Class III Major Landfills:
 - Antelope Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility
 - Calabasas Landfill
 - Chiquita Canyon Landfill
 - Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center
 - Scholl Canyon Landfill
 - Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill
- Fully Operational Class III Minor Landfills:
 - Burbank Landfill No. 3 (City of Burbank use only)
 - Pebbly Beach Landfill, Santa Catalina Island
 - San Clemente Landfill, U.S. Navy Facility, San Clemente Island
 - Savage Canyon Landfill (primarily for City of Whittier use only)
- Permitted Inert Waste Landfill:
 - Azusa Land Reclamation Landfill (inert waste only portion)
- Fully Operational Transformation Facility:
 - Southeast Resource Recovery Facility
- Fully Operational Out of County Facility:
 - Mesquite Regional Landfill

There are no new developments or potential expansion plans for Class III landfills, inert waste landfills, or transformation facilities. Elsmere Canyon and Blind Canyon have been removed from the list of potential new landfill sites. Furthermore, the revision includes updates to the goals and policies of the plan aligning with a new solid waste paradigm shift, promoting the development of alternatives to landfill technologies, such as conversion technologies, and promoting the establishment and utilization of infrastructure for transporting solid waste out of the County to meet the 15-year disposal needs.

Recommendation:

Based on staff’s review of the amended CSE, staff found that all of the requirements have been satisfied and the amended CSE substantially complies with PRC Sections 41700-41721.5 and 40912(e). Staff further found that the amended CSE was adopted in substantial compliance with the procedures set forth in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Sections 18780 and 18781. Finally, staff reviewed the environmental documents provided by the county pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC Sections 21000-21189.70.10) and concluded that the amended CSE would result in no new significant impacts. The Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department. Therefore, staff recommends approval the amended Countywide Siting Element for the County of Los Angeles.

Deputy Director Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis cited in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby adopt the recommendations above and approve the amended Countywide Siting Element for Los Angeles County.

Dated:11/21/2023



Cara Morgan, Deputy Director
Materials Management and Local Assistance Division

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The County has adequately addressed all requirements for amending the County’s CSE by submitting the information noted below:

Los Angeles County Amended Countywide Siting Element Adequacy	YES	NO	N/A
Local Task Force comments received	X		
CEQA documentation provided	X		
Meets 15-year disposal capacity requirement	X		
Meets General Plan consistency requirement	X		
30-day notice in newspaper of general circulation of local hearings to adopt	X		

County and majority/majority of cities adopted amendment	x		
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and cities	x		
Provided description of actions taken to solicit public participation by the affected communities	x		

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC Sections 21000-21189.70.10), the Department is a Responsible Agency with respect to the revised Countywide Siting Element (the Project). The County of Los Angeles served as Lead Agency and prepared and adopted a mitigated certified an Environmental Impact Report] (SCH #1995011048) (the Environmental Document) on June 26, 2023, in connection with its approval of the Project. The Department has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for its purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Document prepared by the Lead Agency. The Department finds that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The administrative record for the Department’s decision to approve the Project includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Document adopted by the Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision to approve the proposed Project. The custodian of the Department’s administrative record is Ryan Egli, Custodian of Records, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

The Department will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.



July 26, 2023

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RE: Transmittal of the Los Angeles County Revised Countywide Siting Element

Dear Emiko Thompson,

This letter is to advise you that the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff has received the County's revised Countywide Siting Element (CSE) and supporting documentation. CalRecycle staff has deemed the submittal complete as of July 26, 2023, with the receipt of the following documents:

- The revised CSE
- CEQA documentation
- Local task force comments
- 30-day notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the public hearing
- Resolution from the county and each city adopting the revised CSE
- County and majority/majority of cities adopted revised CSE
- Provided description of actions taken to solicit public participation by the affected communities

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