



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**NOTICE OF HEARING EXAMINER PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY
OF 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, 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 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) 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 DEIR will be from July 10, 2014 to August 24, 2014 (45 days). All comments 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, although not all of the 257 acres has been developed.



PROPOSED PROJECT

Landfill operations at CCL were first permitted by the County of Los Angeles under Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 1809-5, issued on November 24, 1982, which expired in November 1997. The current CUP No. 89-051(5), which was approved in 1997, is for the permitted landfill area of 257 acres and a maximum daily permitted disposal of 6,000 tons per day. The current CUP closure date is 2019, but based on the current CUP tonnage limits, the projected closure date is between 2015 and 2019. Waste Connections has applied for a new CUP to implement the CCL Master Plan Revision.

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; continued operation of the landfill; new design features; environmental monitoring; development of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF); mixed organics 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.

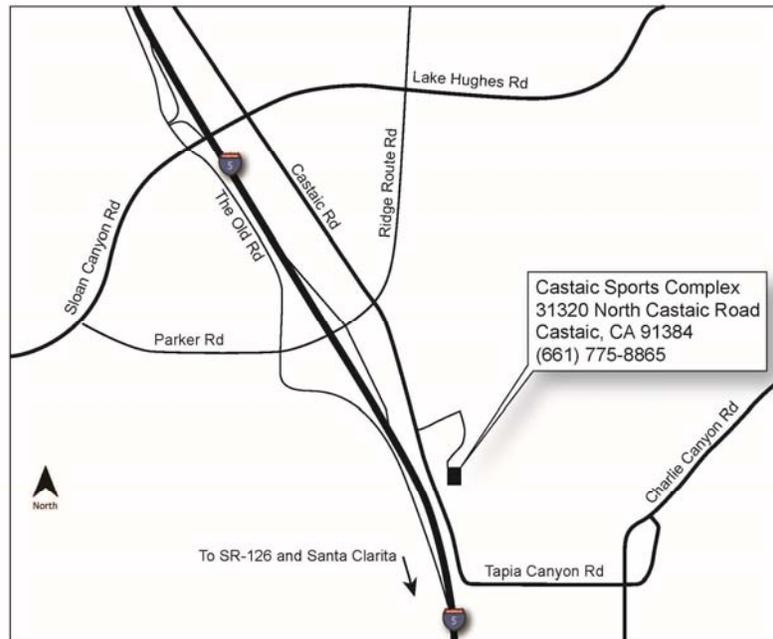
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

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

1. **Air Quality**—The DEIR determined that PM₁₀ annual and PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} 24-hour cumulative concentrations would exceed their respective thresholds under the cumulative project scenario during 2 modeled project years, primarily due to fugitive dust from travel on onsite paved roads. It was determined that mitigation needed to reduce this impact (continuous watering of onsite paved roads) would not be feasible because of water availability concerns.
2. **Traffic/Transportation**—The DEIR determined that the Proposed Project will have a temporary significant impact at the intersection of Commerce Center Drive and SR-126 based on the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program guidelines. The project's potential traffic impact was measured as the effect of the project on traffic operating conditions, expressed in terms of level of service (LOS). LOS is a qualitative measure used to describe the condition of traffic flow, ranging from excellent conditions at LOS A to overloaded conditions at LOS F. The intersection of Commerce Center Drive and SR-126 will be under construction in 2015 as part of the Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project. The Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project is scheduled to be complete in 2016. Upon completion, the planned improvements at this intersection will return operations to LOS D or better during both peak hours. Therefore, no mitigation is required of the CCL project since mitigation measures during construction conditions would interfere with the planned staging of the Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project.

HEARING EXAMINER HEARING

A public hearing on the DEIR has been scheduled before the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning Hearing Examiner on July 31, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending after the last testifier or 10:00 p.m., whichever comes first, at the **Castaic Sports Complex- Gymnasium**, located at 31320 North Castaic Road, Castaic, California, 91384, (661) 775-8865 (see map below).



PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed project and the DEIR will be scheduled before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission at a time and date to be determined in the Regional Planning Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor, Room 150), 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

REVIEWING LOCATIONS

To ensure public access to the DEIR, copies of the document are available for review at the following County libraries:

Castaic Library
27955 Sloan Canyon Road
Castaic, CA 91384

Valencia Public Library
23743 Valencia Boulevard
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Old Town Newhall Library
24500 Main Street
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

A copy of the DEIR 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 DEIR is also available on the Department's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case> by typing the project number **R2004-00559-(5)** into the Search Case Archive Window.

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