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January 27, 2026

Mr. Michael Dudley
General Manager
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Recycling and Disposal Facility
1200 West City Ranch Road
Palmdale, CA 93551

Dear Mr. Dudley:

**FINDING OF CONFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS
ANTELOPE VALLEY RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY
1200 WEST CITY RANCH ROAD
SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT NO. 19-AA-5624**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) has been advised that Waste Management was granted a Conditional Use Permit Modification by the City of Palmdale Planning Commission on November 13, 2025, for an expansion and reconfiguration of the Antelope Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility from 185 acres to 351 acres.

Pursuant to the Countywide Siting Element, new solid waste disposal facilities, expansions of existing solid waste disposal facilities, or existing solid waste disposal facilities that have significant changes to their operation must obtain a Finding of Conformance (FOC)¹ (Enclosure A) from the Task Force.

At the publicly held Task Force meeting on January 15, 2026, the Task Force determined that the proposed expansion project is applicable to the FOC requirements and that Waste Management must formally submit an FOC application to initiate the conformance review process.

¹ The FOC process is illustrated in the enclosed Flowchart 10-1 and described in Chapter 10 of the Countywide Siting Element. A complete copy of the Countywide Siting Element is available at: https://pw.lacounty.gov/uploads/epd/CSE/1_2022-LAC_CSE_1-9-24.pdf

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Accordingly, please submit a formal FOC application, based on Table 10-1 Finding of Conformance Proposal Submittal Requirement (Enclosure B). Please also include a completed Siting Criteria Checklist (Enclosure C) and any relevant supporting documentation for the Task Force's review and consideration.

If you have any questions, please let me know, or your staff may contact Ms. Emiko Thompson, at (626) 458-3500 or ethomp@pw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

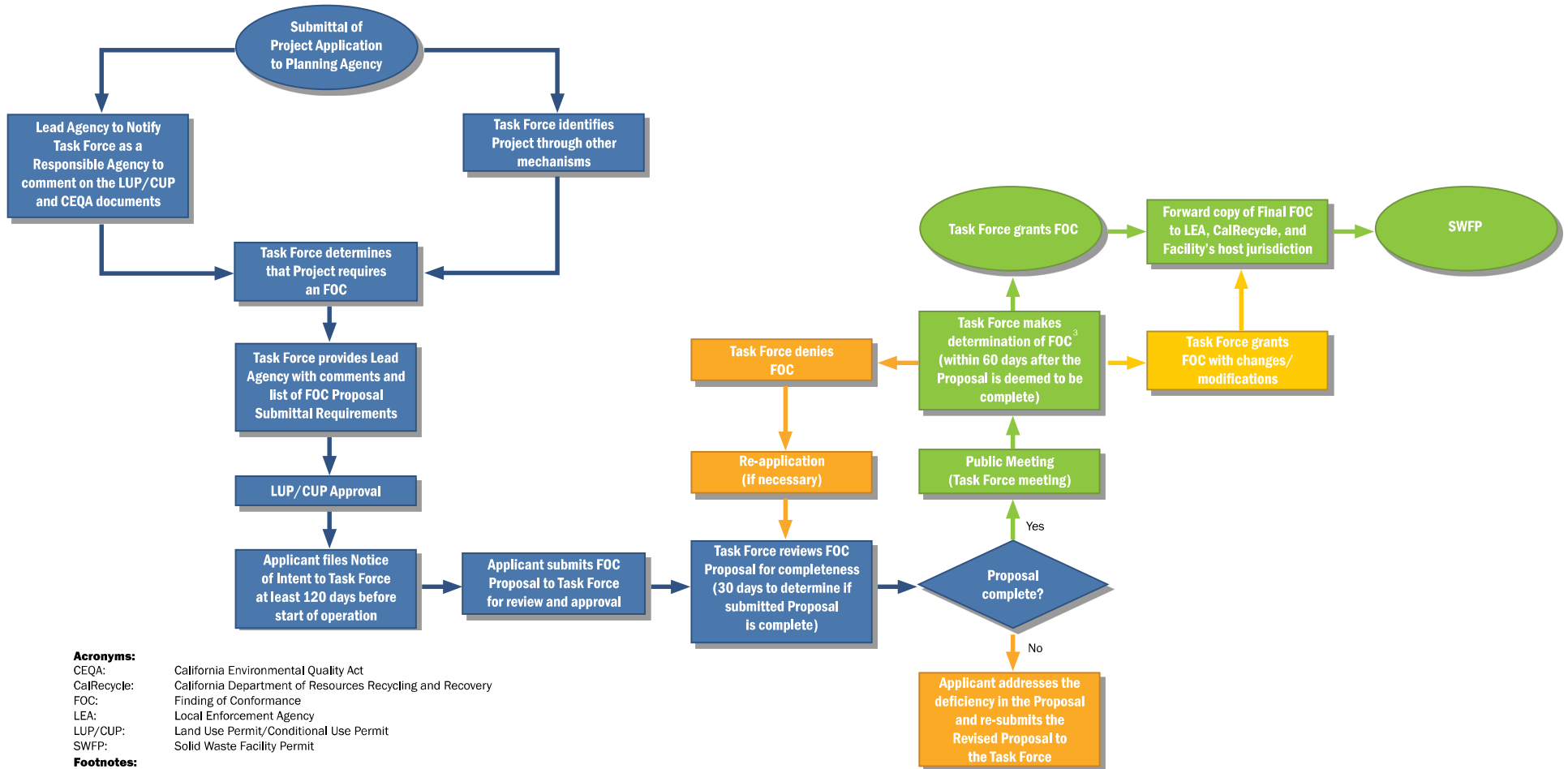
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cc: Task Force and Plan Review Subcommittee
Public Health Local Enforcement Agency (Karen Gork, Felicia Truong)
Waste Management (Mark Grady, Jayna Morgan, Tracy Freeman)

FLOWCHART 10-1: Finding of Conformance (FOC) Process



Acronyms:

- CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act
- CalRecycle: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
- FOC: Finding of Conformance
- LEA: Local Enforcement Agency
- LUP/CUP: Land Use Permit/Conditional Use Permit
- SWFP: Solid Waste Facility Permit

Footnotes:

1. Finding of Conformance with Los Angeles County Countywide Sting Element and Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan.
2. The Proposal will not be considered to be complete without the following: Certified Final Environmental document, the Land Use/Conditional Use Permit, consistency with the local jurisdiction's General Plan, and all other Requirements listed on Table 10-1 of Chapter 10.
3. Any Project Proponent that has been granted a FOC and fails to meet the conditions required, the Task Force may revoke the FOC. The reason for the revocation shall be documented in the Notice of Revocation to the local jurisdiction, appropriate local Enforcement Agency, California Department of Resources and Recovery, and the Project Proponent.

TABLE 10-1
FINDING OF CONFORMANCE (FOC)
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

TABLE 10-1: Finding of Conformance (FOC) Proposal Submittal Requirements

Applicant for Finding of Conformance (FOC) with the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element (CSE) shall submit an FOC Proposal to the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force). The Proposal shall contain, at a minimum, the following information and description of measures/programs to be implemented, including any additional information deemed necessary by the Task Force:

A. FACILITY OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION

1. Full/official name of facility.
2. Identity/name of each facility proponent, owner, and operator (if applicable, indicate which of the parties are private or governmental entities).
3. Name, phone and fax number, and email address of the official contact person for the facility.

B. FACILITY SITE INFORMATION

1. Identification of facility site location, including complete physical address of the facility, (including the City and County), and the longitude and latitude (in degrees) of the site.
2. Description of facility and facility site location.
3. Type and/or classification of the facility.
4. Property site acreage¹ (including permitted and unpermitted areas).
5. Disposal area acreage² (including permitted, unpermitted, active, inactive, closed, and post closure areas) for landfills.
6. Building and schematic process plan for other facilities.
7. Project design capacity or acreage as appropriate.
8. Contour map showing existing and final contour for landfills.

C. FACILITY OPERATION INFORMATION

1. Operational status (under construction, fully permitted, open, active, closed, post closure).
2. Description of types of waste material accepted, disposed, and/or managed at the facility, and types of waste not accepted at the facility.
3. Identification of waste sources and/or feedstock (as applicable).
4. Projection of waste quantity to be handled at start-up and at five-year intervals in facility's life.
5. Permitted, proposed, and/or changes in hours and days of operation.
6. Maximum daily permitted municipal solid waste (MSW) throughput (intake) capacity in tons per day (tpd) (or the units of measurement).
7. Average daily MSW throughput (intake) in tpd (or the units of measurement).
8. In-place solid waste density/compaction rate, where applicable.
9. Estimated closure and post-closure date, where applicable.
10. Estimated remaining (disposal) capacity (in cubic yards and/or tons), including the date the remaining disposal capacity was measured, where applicable.

11. Projected remaining life (in years) of the facility.
12. Identification of waste transport corridors and destinations.
13. Technology to be used for environmental control facilities.
14. Information on any significant ongoing or foreseeable litigation that may affect facility operations or result in closure of the facility.
15. Name of the LEA with jurisdiction over the facility, and the contact person.

D. FACILITY AND/OR PROJECT EXPANSION INFORMATION

1. Facility and/or project expansion implementation schedule (as applicable) including planned dates for construction start, construction completion, start-up, planned expansion, and closure.
2. Description of any proposed future expansion for the facility.
3. Additional life that will result due to the proposed expansion.
4. Additional MSW throughput (intake) in tons (or cubic yards) per day due to the proposed expansion.
5. Land use permit for the proposed expansion.
6. Certified Environmental Impact document for the proposed expansion.
7. Approximate date the proposed expansion capacity would most likely become available.
8. Planned end uses for the land or the facility site upon closure.

E. ANCILLARY FACILITY'S OPERATIONS AND OTHER PERMITTED USES AT THE SITE

Ancillary facility's operations and other permitted uses at the site include, but are not limited to, waste hauling, bin rental, green waste composting, and conversion technology, etc. The proposal shall include:

1. Identification of ancillary use/operation.
2. Description of ancillary use/operation.
3. Schematic process plan of ancillary use/operation.
4. Design capacity or acreage of ancillary use/operation.
5. Location of ancillary facility on the site plan.
6. Effective date of commencement of operation of ancillary facility.

Footnotes:

- 1 "Property site acreage" refers to the location or site of the real property on which a facility or disposal site, any part thereof, or any support structure exists or is proposed to exist, including any portion of such real property that is not occupied by the facility or any support structure but that is contained within the legal description of the land on which the facility is located as that description is set forth in the most recently recorded deed.
- 2 "Disposal area acreage" refers to the location, tract of land, area, or premises in use, intended to be used, or which has been used, for the disposal of solid wastes, as applicable to land disposal sites.

F. FLOW CONTROL INFORMATION

1. Information on whether MSW from jurisdictions outside of Los Angeles County are accepted for disposal at the landfill, or for management at the alternative technology facilities (e.g., conversion technology, transformation), and other types of facilities.
2. Description and/or reference to any MSW wasteshed or import restrictions that may restrict MSW from other jurisdictions.
3. Host fee³ and/or other flow control⁴ restrictions (codes, ordinances, or permit conditions) on solid waste coming from areas outside the jurisdiction in which the facility is located, and the amount of the host fee.
4. Quantity (in tons and/or cubic yards per day) of MSW that the facility can accept from other counties or States.

G. MITIGATION MEASURES AND PROGRAMS

In addition to the CEQA Mitigation and Monitoring Program, the facility owner/operator must implement the following measures/programs:

1. The project proponent shall implement and comply with the following seismic monitoring requirements:
 - a. Complete installation of an accelerometer onsite to measure earthquake/seismic ground motions by a date to be established by the Task Force. Provide a set of as-built plans signed and sealed by a California Registered Civil Engineer to the LEA and the Environmental Programs Division (EPD) of the Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works).
 - b. Following a major earthquake/seismic ground motion of magnitude 5.0 or greater, as recorded by the closest ground-motion monitoring device as maintained by the California Division of Mines and Geology, thoroughly survey the landfill for primary and secondary surface expressions of seismic activity (such as surface ruptures, landslides, change in spring flows, liquefaction, etc.) and other types of damage for the other facilities. Submit a damage assessment report on the results of the survey to Public Works (through EPD), and the LEA for review. The assessment report must describe and discuss all features, including damage to the site and infrastructure caused by the earthquake and measures that will be taken to mitigate the impact.
2. All Class III landfill owners/operators must submit a description of the programs that will be implemented at the facility to:
 - a. Minimize disposal of organic waste to the maximum degree feasible.
 - b. Minimize disposal of inert waste at their facility.
 - c. Maximize density of disposed materials.
 - d. Beneficially use and reuse materials at the site.
 - e. Use appropriate materials, other than soil, as landfill daily cover, subject to approval of the appropriate LEA, CalRecycle, and other appropriate permitting agencies.
 - f. Support the host jurisdiction's and the Countywide Operational Area Mass Debris Removal and Recycling Plan and Programs.

Footnotes:

- 3 "Host fees" refer to fees paid by one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction for the privilege of utilizing their landfills for the disposal of solid waste. The fee is paid by waste haulers on each ton or cubic yard of solid waste disposed.
- 4 "Flow controls" are legal provisions that allow State and local governments to designate the places where MSW is taken for processing, treatment, or disposal. Flow controls may take the form of a "wasteshed" restriction; limits on the amount of waste from individual jurisdictions; host fees; and/or outright bans on the importation of solid waste.

- g. Support development of in-County alternative technology facilities (e.g., conversion technology).
 - h. Support planned market for materials/energy recovered from resource recovery projects.
 - i. Institute waste diversion and salvage operations in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
 - j. Fully comply with the landfill Waste Plan Conformance Requirements.
3. All solid waste disposal facility operators must submit a description of the programs that will be implemented at the facility to:
- a. Obtain and provide to the County all data necessary for cities in Los Angeles County and the County to comply with the mandates of AB 939 (1989) and SB 1016 (2016) by using the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Information Management System.
 - b. Divert or salvage waste (e.g., description of proposed waste diversion/salvage programs to be operated at the facility).
 - c. Prevent disposal of hazardous and other unacceptable waste at the site (e.g., a waste load-checking program).
 - d. Discourage transportation of uncovered waste to the facility through vehicle tarping enforcement at the gate. Describe a tarping program designed to prevent the accidental release of litter from vehicles entering and leaving the site.
 - e. Control litter on the streets, highways, and properties surrounding the disposal facility.

The Proponent shall adopt a program that uses the most effective available methods and technology to prevent waste that has entered an area under the Proponent's control from escaping the area in the form of litter. Notwithstanding any other provision of this condition, or of this grant, for landfill sites, the Proponent shall cease accepting incoming waste during high wind conditions if, despite the methods and technology used, Proponent cannot confine waste to areas under his control.

The Proposed litter control program for landfill sites shall include the following requirements, unless the LEA requires otherwise:

- i. Facility personnel shall continuously patrol the access road to the Facility scales during the Facility's hours of operation and remove any litter found during the patrol;
- ii. Proponent shall immediately remove all debris found on or along the entrance to the Facility and/or working face access roads;
- iii. At every active working face area, the Proponent shall install a primary portable litter fence eight feet in height, and also a secondary fence four feet in height behind the primary fence (when wind conditions dictate the need for a secondary fence).
- iv. The Proponent shall employ any and all additional measures as necessary to control litter. On windy days, and when the fences are not sufficient, Proponent shall locate the working face within areas of minimal wind exposure or shall close the working face, if so required by the LEA. The LEA may require additional measures deemed necessary to effectively control litter.

H. PERMITS AND DOCUMENTATION

Provide copies of the most current and approved updates of the following permits, documents, and information, in hard copy and digital format:

1. Land Use or Conditional Use Permit, or its equivalent.
2. Joint Technical Document.
3. Waste Discharge Requirement.
4. Air Quality Permit.
5. SWFP.
6. Final Certified Environmental documentation (e.g., Initial Study, Negative Declaration, Categorical Exemption, or an Environmental Impact Report) including all Notices of Determinations showing the posting dates with the County/City Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research.
7. Environmental Justice analysis.
8. Information and Operations Plan for meeting applicable permit/regulatory requirements.
9. Demonstration of compliance with Siting Criteria (Appendix 6-A), and other requirements as established in Chapter 6 of the CSE.
10. Demonstration of compliance with General Plan consistency requirements as required by PRC Sections 50000.5 and 50001, or as applicable.

In addition, a copy of: (1) the appropriate land use element of the host jurisdiction showing the land use and zoning designation for the facility site and the surrounding parcels to demonstrate compatibility with surrounding land use; and (2) other documentation to demonstrate that the facility or expansion thereof, is consistent with the applicable local jurisdiction's General Plan.

11. Written documentation, including site plans, that adequately describes any proposed future expansion of the facility.
12. Completed Landfill, Transformation, or Solid Waste Facility Survey Form.
13. Any previous FOC Approval obtained from the Task Force.

I. FACILITY MAPS AND PLANS

1. All Facilities

Provide a set of the most current maps and plans, drawn to scale, clearly identifying, but not limited to, as much of the following information (as applicable):

- a. Facility site, including property lines and boundaries.
- b. All structures such as scale house, administration buildings, locations of any above ground or underground storage tanks, gas or wastewater treatment facilities, etc.
- c. Landmarks/monuments/street corners close to the facility location.
- d. Facility entrance.
- e. Facility access roads and surrounding streets from major thoroughfares or freeways to the landfill entrance.
- f. Adjacent city and county limits.

- g. Buffer area (if required for the facility).
- h. Land use designation of parcels adjacent and contiguous to the facility property boundary.
- i. Scale of the facility map.
- j. The map may be a 7.5 or 15 minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle as required by PRC Section 18755.5.
- k. Date the facility map was prepared.
- l. Facility map information can be provided in any of the following formats in the following order of preference: Geographic Information System (GIS) files (e.g., shape files, coverages, themes); Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) files (e.g., dxf, dgn, dwg); and Aerial photos (e.g., tif, jpg, ecw).
- m. The plan/map must be a minimum of 2 feet by 3 feet in dimension, clearly labeled and bearing the signature and seal of a California Registered Civil Engineer.

2. Landfill Facilities

Additionally, also provide the following information (as applicable) for landfill facilities:

- a. A ground aerial survey submitted as a CADD or vector graphics data file including at least two strata, i.e., (1) a stratum showing the base and finished ground surfaces, and (2) a stratum showing the existing and finished ground surfaces.
- b. Initial and final grades, and delineate the extent of the fill area.
- c. Limits of the existing permitted disposal area.
- d. Limits of the active disposal areas.
- e. Limits of inactive disposal areas.
- f. Limits of the permitted expansion areas (not yet constructed or active).
- g. Limits of the proposed future expansion areas.
- h. Limits of the closed disposal areas.
- i. Limits of areas that have undergone full and approved post-closure.

3. Other Facilities

Additionally, also provide the following information (as applicable) for other facilities:

- a. Architectural, mechanical, and structural plans of facility buildings and structures, including, but not limited to, equipment, machinery, treatment facilities, etc.
- b. Solid Waste Management Technology Procedural Flowchart.
- c. Schematic Process Diagram for the Solid Waste Management Facility.

ENCLOSURE C
LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT FACILITY SITING CRITERIA

Facility Name:

Location:

SITING FACTORS	GENERAL CRITERIA	CRITERIA MET		EXPLANATION FOR MEETING OR NOT MEETING CRITERIA
		YES	NO	
A. PROTECT THE RESIDENTS				
Proximity to populations	Facility must be in conformance with local land use and zoning requirements of a county or city planning agency			
	Los Angeles County prohibits construction of buildings or structures on or within 1,000 feet of a land disposal facility that contains decomposable materials/waste unless the facility is isolated by an approved natural or manmade protection system. The Cities within Los Angeles County may have similar restrictions.			
Proximity to airports	Federal and State regulations require new and expansions or existing Class III landfills to be located further than 10,000 feet from airport runways used by turbojet and further than 5,000 feet from airport runways used solely by piston-type aircraft, unless the owner/operator can demonstrate that the landfill does not pose a hazard to the aircraft due to birds. (Option 1)			

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	<p>New and expansions of existing Class III landfills must comply with CCR Title 27 Section 20270 and Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Section 258.10 which requires these facilities to be located further than 10,000 feet from airport runways used by turbojet aircraft and further than 5,000 feet from airport runways used solely by piston-type aircraft, unless the owner/operator can demonstrate that the landfill does not pose a hazard to the aircraft due to birds (Option 2)</p>			
<p>B. ENSURE THE STRUCTURAL STABILITY AND SAFETY OF THE FACILITY</p>				
<p>Flood Hazard Areas</p>	<p>Disposal facilities must comply with requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and local Stormwater/Urban Runoff Requirements</p>			
	<p>Federal and State regulations require new and expansions or existing Class III landfills to be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return period or reduce the temporary storage capacity of the floodplain.</p>			
<p>Areas subject to tsunamis, seiches, and storm surges</p>	<p>Disposal facilities should avoid locating in areas subject to tsunamis, seiches, and storm surges unless designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to preclude failure due to such events.</p>			

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Slope stability	Facilities located within these areas should have engineered design safety features to assure structural stability			
Subsidence/Liquefaction	Avoid locating in areas determined to have high potential for failure due to subsidence or liquefaction unless containment structures are designed, constructed, and maintained to preclude failure as a result of such change.			
Dam failure inundation areas	Facilities should be located outside the dam failure inundation areas			
C. PROTECT SURFACE WATER				
Aqueducts and reservoirs	Disposal facilities must comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and local Stormwater/Urban Runoff Requirements			
	Federal and State regulations require new and existing Class III Landfills to be fitted with subsurface barriers, as well as precipitation and drainage control facilities			
Discharge of treated effluent	Facilities should be located in areas with adequate sewer capacity to accommodate the expected wastewater discharge. If sewers are not available, on-site treatment should be considered. Alternatively, wastewater could also be transported in bulk via highways to facilities capable of treating it.			

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D. PROTECT GROUNDWATER				
Proximity to supply wells and well fields	Facilities must meet State of California's geologic setting criteria for ensuring no impairment of beneficial uses of surface water or of groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.			
Depth to Groundwater	All containment structures must be capable of withstanding hydraulic pressure gradients to prevent failure due to settlement, compression, or uplift as certified by a registered civil engineer or engineering geologist registered in California.			
Groundwater monitoring reliability	Facilities must comply with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board permit requirements for groundwater monitoring			
Major aquifer recharge areas	Facilities must meet State of California's minimum requirements for ensuring no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill, which also includes location restrictions.			
Permeability of surficial materials	Federal and State regulations require new and lateral expansions of existing Class III landfill facilities to be underlain by a composite liner, consisting of a lower clay liner and an upper synthetic membrane, and which is of sufficient thickness to prevent vertical movement of fluids, including waste and leachate. The lower component of which shall consist of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil/clay with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than 1×10^{-7} cm/sec.			

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	Facilities must meet the State of California's minimum requirements for ensuring no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or of groundwater or adjacent to the landfill, which also includes location restrictions.			
Existing groundwater quality	Facilities must meet the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's minimum water quality protection standards and criteria in order to ensure no impairment of the beneficial uses of groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.			
E. PROTECT THE AIR QUALITY				
Prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) areas	Facilities subject to PSD regulation will be required to submit Federal Title V permit applications to the SCAQMD for preconstruction review and apply BACT. All facilities located in the South Coast Air Basin will be required to apply BACT for any net emissions increase of an attainment criteria air pollutant and demonstrate compliance with all other air quality rules and regulations.			
	In addition, the SCAQMD is required under Section 42315 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) to perform a health risk assessment and make a determination that no significant increase in illness or mortality is anticipated by a project before issuing or renewing a permit to construct or operate.			

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<p>Nonattainment areas</p>	<p>Facilities emitting non-attainment air contaminants will be required to submit permit applications to SCAQMD for preconstruction review, demonstrate compliance with the New Sources Review requirements, as well as the requirements of all other applicable air quality rules and regulations, and obtain a permit to Construct and a Permit to Operate from SCAQMD. Air pollution control requirements for criteria and toxic air contaminants may vary depending on facility type, process equipment used, and, to a lesser extent, facility location.</p>			
	<p>In addition, the SCAQMD is required under Section 42315 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) to perform a health risk assessment and make a determination that no significant increase in illness or mortality is anticipated by a project before issuing or renewing a permit to construct or operate.</p>			

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Landfill surface emission	Class III land disposal facilities are subject to the SCAQMD rules and regulations. All existing and proposed Class III land disposal facilities must comply with SCAQMD Rule 1150.1 "Control of Gaseous Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills"; and Title 40, Section 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations "Standard of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills." These Rules require installation of a landfill gas control system and perimeter monitoring probes, and implementation of a monitoring program to ensure that landfill surface emissions do not exceed specified SCAQMD standards.			
F. PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS				
Wetlands	Land disposal facilities should be located outside wetland areas as defined in adopted general, regional, and State plans.			
Proximity to habitats of threatened and endangered species	A facility should not be located in habitats of threatened or endangered species unless the local land use authority makes a determination that a proposed facility is compatible with the surrounding resources and does not pose a substantial threat to the resource			
Agricultural lands	A facility located in areas zoned for agricultural uses must obtain a local land use permit from the local jurisdictions			
Natural, recreational, cultural, and aesthetic resources	Facilities should avoid locating in these areas unless the applicant can demonstrate that a facility is compatible with the land use in the area			

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Significant ecological areas	Location of a proposed facility must be in conformance with a local jurisdiction's General Plan and abide by federal and state regulations regarding unique or protected species and their habitat.			
G. ENSURE SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE				
Proximity to areas of waste generation	Facilities should be centrally located near watershed areas to minimize potential impacts associated with greater travel distances.			
	Alternate transportation, by rail, may be evaluated in regard to specific sites to be located at distant areas from the watershed.			
Distance from major routes	Distance traveled on minor roads should be kept to a minimum. Facilities are best located near an exit of a major route or accessed from major routes via used locally for truck traffic.			
	Alternatively, local roads could be upgraded by increasing their load capacity, improving traffic controls, or building truck-only lanes or routes. The facility developer may build a direct access road to avoid the minor route(s).			
Structures and properties fronting minor routes	Facilities should be located such that any minor routes from the major route to the facility are used primarily by trucks, and the number of nonindustrial structures (homes, schools, hospitals, etc.) is minimal			

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Highway accident rate	The minimum time path from major watershed to a facility should follow highways with low to moderate average annual daily traffic and accident rates, as guided by the research and findings of state, regional, county, and city transportation planners.			
Capacity versus average annual daily traffic (AADT) of access roads	The changes in the ratio capacity to AADT should be negligible after calculating the number of trucks on the major and minor routes expected to service the facility.			
H. PROTECT THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE COMMUNITY				
Consistency with the General Plan	The facility must be consistent with the county or city General Plan. The applicant may petition for an amendment to the General Plan. In addition, the proposed facility must be found in conformance with the Countywide Siting Element of the County of Los Angeles. This is accomplished by obtaining a valid Finding of Conformance granted by the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force.			
I. ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS				
Legal Considerations	New and lateral expansions of existing disposal facilities shall be required at all times to be in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local statutes, permits, minimum operating standards, and monitoring requirements.			