

**TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED FINAL  
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project  
12EIR-00000-00002 (State Clearinghouse #2012041068)  
(December 15, 2015)

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a proposed Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. This proposed Final Subsequent EIR discusses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests measures which could eliminate or reduce these impacts. No significant and unavoidable (Class I) effects are anticipated to occur. Significant but mitigable (Class II) effects on the environment are anticipated from implementation of the project in the following areas: aesthetics, biological resources, hazards/hazardous materials, geologic processes, cultural resources, land use, and water resources. Beneficial impacts (Class IV) effects are anticipated in the following areas: greenhouse gas emissions and public health/nuisance. The project would extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill and thereby extend previously disclosed Class I air quality and biological impacts, and Class II biological resources, hazardous materials, nuisance and cultural resource impacts. This Final Subsequent EIR is intended to serve as an informational document that informs the public, decision-makers and other interested agencies of the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project. The Final Subsequent EIR will be reviewed by the decisionmakers in their consideration of the proposed project. While CEQA requires that major consideration be given to avoiding environmental damage, the County of Santa Barbara and other responsible public agencies are obligated to balance the environmental effects of the project with other public objectives, including economic and social factors, in determining whether and in what manner, the project should be approved.

A Draft Subsequent EIR for the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project was released for public review on August 11, 2014. The public review period closed October 9, 2014. An Environmental Hearing was held on September 4, 2014. **All comments received on the Draft Subsequent EIR have been responded to in the Response to Comments section of the proposed Final Subsequent EIR (Volume 1, Section 9.0)<sup>i</sup>.** Where appropriate, changes have been made to the Draft Subsequent EIR text in response to comments received, and have been incorporated into this proposed Final Subsequent EIR. The Final Subsequent EIR is comprised of Volume 1 (SEIR) and Volume 2 (Technical Appendices).

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Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) staff will prepare a staff report and forward it with the proposed Final Subsequent EIR and staff recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will review the environmental document and the staff report and will conduct a public hearing at a later date. Information regarding the Board of Supervisors' public hearing will be posted at <http://resourcerecoveryproject.com> or you may contact Joddi Leipner, Senior Engineering Environmental Planner (805-882-3614, [jleipner@cosbpw.net](mailto:jleipner@cosbpw.net)) for additional project and hearing date information. Final action on the project and certification of the Subsequent EIR will be taken by the Board of Supervisors at their public hearing.

If a copy of the Final Subsequent EIR is not attached, a copy may be obtained at RRWMD offices at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. All documents referenced in the EIR are also available for review at that location. The Final Subsequent EIR is also available on the RRWMD website at:

<http://resourcerecoveryproject.com/pages/downloads/environmental-documents.php>

and at the Buellton Library 140 W Highway 246, Buellton CA 93427; Carpinteria Public Library, 5141 Carpinteria Ave Carpinteria CA 93013; Goleta Branch Library, 500 N Fairview Ave, Goleta CA 93117; Montecito Public Library, 1469 East Valley Road, Montecito CA 93108; Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 E Anapamu, Santa Barbara CA 93101; Solvang Public Library, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang CA 93463; and UCSB Library Reference Department, University of California, Santa Barbara CA 93106.



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<sup>i</sup> Pursuant to PRC 21092, public agencies that commented on the draft EIR are herewith provided a copy of the Final EIR or relevant portions and our response to agency comments.