

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD)

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From: County of Santa Barbara
Public Works, Resource Recovery
and Waste Management
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

County Clerk, County of Santa Barbara

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH No. 2012041068

Project Title: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum No. 2 for the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project (now referred to as the ReSource Center, which amends the first Addendum dated 10/26/17, Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (12EIR-00000-00002, SCH#2012041068 and EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016).

EIR or ND Number: 12EIR-00000-00002 and Addendum dated 8/11/17 revised 10/26/17, and Addendum dated August 15, 2023.

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

Project Location: The project is located at the Tajiguas Landfill approximately 26 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara. The Tajiguas Landfill is approximately 1,600 feet north of U.S. Highway 101. The street address for the Tajiguas Landfill is 14470 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, California 93117, with approximately 4.48 acres of the Landfill located on a portion of the western boundary of the neighboring County-owned property (Baron Ranch, 14550 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, California 93117).

Project Description: The Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project (TRRP) was previously approved on July 12, 2016, along with certification of a Subsequent EIR (SEIR) on July 12, 2016, and SEIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016. The TRRP modified waste management operations at the Tajiguas Landfill by the addition of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Dry Fermentation Anaerobic Digestion Facility (ADF) that sort MSW into three streams (recyclables, organics, and residue), and convert organics into biogas (primarily methane and CO₂) and digestate (cured into compost/soil amendments). The MRF and ADF were initially approved to be located on the landfill operations deck on the west side of the landfill. An Addendum (10/26/17) to the Certified SEIR was prepared to address the following primary changes to the prior approved project:

- Relocation of the approved but unconstructed ADF from the approved location on the operations deck to the east side of the Landfill (east of the Composting Area) to a previously disturbed and graded area within the Landfill's permitted operational area boundary;
- Decommissioning of the existing Tajiguas Landfill Energy Project (Landfill Gas [LFG] Control System) engine and adding a new LFG Control System engine and flare as part of the TRRP, which are proposed to be located adjacent to and used by the MRF;
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment resulting in a net reduction of 51.07 acres to the Waste Disposal Facility Overlay that includes 55.55 acres of dense native vegetation (including Environmentally Sensitive Habitat area) removed from the overlay and 4.48 acres of existing Landfill operational area containing previously graded areas, a perimeter road, and drainage facilities added to the Overlay (to encompass the AD Facility site).

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors considered the Revised Addendum with the Final SEIR and approved revisions to the above described project on November 14, 2017.

The ReSource Center began partial operations in 2021. As a part of the limited operations it became evident that some technical and operational changes are required to improve the performance of the facilities. Several changes have been determined to be minor changes and CEQA Guidelines 15162 determinations have been prepared. An Addendum has been prepared for the following changes:

Gore Membrane Cover System. The proposed changes also include installation of a Gore Membrane Cover System at the CMU at the Tajiguas Landfill as an odor control best management practice. The Gore Membrane Cover System was selected after completion of a pilot test program that showed that the system provided a 97.5% reduction in odor compared to a non-covered windrow. This system is a cover and aeration system for the windrows at the CMU that will help reduce compost odor and more effectively compost digestate from the ADF (see Exhibit 11). The Gore Membrane Cover System includes a semi-permeable cover over each compost windrow at the CMU, which allows some moisture and gases to escape while trapping most volatile compounds such as ammonia to reduce odor. There will be 20 of these covers, one for each windrow at the CMU and two additional covers without an aeration system for the screened compost pile and the finished compost pile. A blower-driven aeration system (20, 3-HP blowers) will be used to inject ambient air under the cover of each windrow, to maintain oxygen levels and desired temperature during the aerobic composting and curing process. This system will limit the potential for the compost windrows to become anaerobic which produces odors and will provide compost temperatures necessary to kill pathogens.

MRF Biofilter Replacement. The Alisal Fire of October 11 – 17, 2021 impacted the Tajiguas Landfill and the ReSource Center, igniting the MRF biofilter woodchip media, causing heavy damage to the biofilter structures, air ducting, baghouse filters, support systems, scrubbers, sulfuric acid tanks (2) and ancillary systems. These systems were installed as a part of the original project description to treat odors, particulate matter (PM) and Reactive Organic Compounds (ROC) generated within the MRF building by municipal solid waste sorting, handling and storage. Since the fire the MRF has been operating under variances issued by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Based on air monitoring conducted during operation of the MRF under the variance it has been determined that the MRF biofilter is not needed for the control of odors. The air quality and air dispersion modeling shows that ambient air concentrations will remain within permit limits once the building air is again exhausted through the MRF baghouses. The remaining portions of the biofilters will be demolished. The baghouse filter support structures, which were damaged by the Alisal Fire, will be repaired and the two baghouses will exhaust the building air through two new separate vent stacks proposed to be constructed on the east side of the MRF in two locations adjacent to the former biofilter site. The proposed vent stacks will disperse the MRF building air collected and treated by the baghouse filters. Both stacks will be approximately 50-feet in height above existing grade. One new 54-inch diameter stack will be erected at the north end of the existing biofilter area. One new 66-inch diameter stack will be erected at the south end of the biofilter area.

Other Project Description Elements. Other modified project description elements include: addition of a new compost irrigations and dust control misting system; new diesel-powered CMU organics screen; CMU and ADF odor misting system; modified project water demand; and new back-up diesel-fueled electrical generator.

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors considered the Addendum dated August 15, 2023 with the prior Addendum dated 10/26/17 and Final SEIR and approved the Gore Membrane Cover System revision to the above described project on September 19, 2023.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment, as prior approved and noted in the Certified SEIR on July 12, 2016, Addendum dated revised October 26, 2017 and the following findings are made for the revised project, as addressed in the Addendum dated August 15, 2023:

(1) No substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

(2) No substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

(3) No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

(A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;

(B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;

(C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or

(D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 two Addendums to the SEIR were prepared to address the project revisions. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project, and no new mitigation measures or changes to previously adopted mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the revised project.

4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project, and no new mitigation measures or changes to previously adopted mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the revised project; therefore, no revisions to the mitigation reporting or monitoring plan are required.

5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for the project, and no additional statement of Overriding Considerations were required or adopted for the revised project.

6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Revisions to those findings are not required.

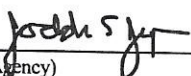
This is to certify that the Addendums to the Final SEIR, the Final SEIR with comments and responses, and record of project approval is available to the general public at the address below, as well as electronically at the links provided below:

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

and

<https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>

Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division
130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

	October 3, 2023	Senior Engineering Environmental Planner
Signature (Public Agency)	Date	Title



2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Carlyle Johnston/Joddi Leipner		Phone 805-882-3617/3614	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Public Work RRWMD		Lead Agency Email cjohnston@countyofsb.org/jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Award Contract for Maintenance and Installation of Compost Management Unit Proprietary Aerated Static Pile System at the Tajiguas ReSource Center			
Project Applicant Carlyle Johnston	Email cjohnston@countyofsb.org	Phone (805) 882-3617	
Project Applicant Address 130 E Victoria Street, Suite 100	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .. CEQA Addendum and Notice of Determination	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$3,839.25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached)	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$2,764.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached)	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption	\$0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)	\$50.00

TOTAL: **\$ 50.00**

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References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

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			Total	100.00	100.00								

Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Kyle Houchens		054-Public Works	9/5/2023 2:41:31 PM	Y
Uzair Shakoor	Fund/Department	054-Resource Recovery	9/21/2023 10:44:26 AM	Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 12/20/2023 — 361
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County Public Works RRWMD		LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE 12/20/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara			DOCUMENT NUMBER
PROJECT TITLE			

Award Contract for Maintenance & Installation of Compost Management Unit Proprietary Aerated Static Pile System @ Tajiguas

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Carlyle Johnston	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL cjohnston@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 882-3617
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 130 E Victoria Street, Suite 100	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
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 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Department

Date 7/12/2016

Received from SB County Public Works

In Payment of Fish and Wildlife Fees

Three thousand seventy and 0 Dollars \$ 3,070.00

Received original of the above numbered receipt

CREDIT CARD	
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SIGNATURE OF PAYOR

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2016 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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LEAD AGENCY County of Santa Barbara		LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 7/13/2016
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PROJECT TITLE
Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME County of Santa Barbara- Public Works- Jodi Leipner	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (805) 882-3614
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 105 E Anapamu St	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93101
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,043.75	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
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SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Deputy Clerk
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