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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FOR THE
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DSEIR)
FORWARD LANDFILL INFILL EXPANSION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin County Community Development Department, acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the above document is available for review and comment. The review period begins **September 5, 2018 and ends on October 19, 2018**. All comments regarding the Draft SEIR must be received by the ending date.

Application

The application being processed is Use-Permit Application No. PA-1800090 of Forward Inc. to increase the disposal footprint of the Forward Landfill locate near Stockton, California from approximately 355 acres to 372.3 acres.

The proposed additional development area includes two areas within the currently permitted landfill boundaries. (1) Approximately 8.7 acres in the northeast corner of the site; (2) Approximately 8.6 acres in the south area.

The acreage added in the south area is gained by shifting the existing disposal footprint north and realigning the South Fork of Littlejohns Creek to the southern and eastern boundaries of the site.

The proposed expansion areas are not under a Williamson Act Contract. All the additional expansion acreage is within the boundary facilities currently permitted under Use Permit application No. UP-00-0007. (Use Type: Major Impact Services)

Current Project

The major infill development and modifications being proposed are:

- Allow the construction of landfill disposal cells and landfilling operations within those cells on an 8.7-acre parcel that lies in the northeast portion of the site within the currently permitted landfill boundary. In addition, approximately 8.6 acres of landfill disposal area is proposed to be added in the south area by shifting the existing disposal footprint to the north and realigning the South Branch of the South Fork of Littlejohns Creek to the southern and eastern boundary of the site. A total of approximately 17.3 acres of disposal footprint is proposed to be added.
- Increase the remaining landfill capacity by approximately 8.12 million cubic yards (cy), from approximately 16.6 million cy currently permitted to approximately 24.7 million cy. All of the increase would be Class II landfill space, to allow the expansion area to accept both Class II and Class III waste.
- Relocate approximately 2,900 feet of the South Branch of the South Fork of Littlejohns Creek (which currently traverses the landfill) to the southeastern boundaries of the site to provide additional separation of the creek from the landfill. The relocated creek would be 3,300 feet in length.
- Add a bridge crossing on the east side of the South Branch of the South Fork of Littlejohn's Creek.

Previous Project (History)

In 2012 Forward proposed a previous expansion project of the landfilling operations onto an adjoining 184.0 acre parcel. This parcel was located within closer proximity to the Stockton Metropolitan Airport than the currently proposed expansion project area, and required a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors to override the County Airport Land Use Commission finding that this proposed expansion project was not in conformity with the 1993 San Joaquin County Airport Land Use Plan. This former project failed to achieve the required four-fifth override vote of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors did vote, however, to certify the Forward Landfill Expansion Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) as having been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (GC 15151) and adequate for use for decision-making purposes.

In 2014 a new project area for development was proposed within the permitted landfill area and did not include the previously proposed horizontal expansion of landfilling operations onto the adjacent 184.0 acre parcel and no cancellation of the Williamson Act Contract. As determined by the Environmental Review officer a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was to be prepared to review any potentially significant impacts. On March 27, 2015 the applicant "Forward Inc." requested that the Community Development Department place the proposed 2014 project on hold.

The applicant "Forward Inc." requested that the previous project request be reinitiated and is proposing an infill development project of 17.3 acres. The additional acreage (17.3 acres) being proposed is within the boundary of the 567-acres permitted under UP-00-0007. Additionally, the project area being proposed is not under a Williamson Act Contract and will not include landfilling operations onto the adjacent 184.0 acre parcel previously proposed in 2012.

Location

The project site is located on the west side of Austin Road, 1/2 mile north of Lynch Road, north of Manteca.

The Draft SEIR determined that the proposed project after mitigation, project implementation would have the following significant unavoidable adverse impacts:

- Project traffic would contribute to an unacceptable Level of Service under 2035 cumulative conditions at the intersection of Austin Road and Arch Road, SR 99 and Arch Road, and SR 99/Mariposa Road SB Ramp under cumulative conditions.
- The project would contribute to a cumulatively significant increase in air pollutant emissions.
- The increase in extent and mass of the proposed project would constitute a significant visual impact (per 2013 FEIR- not reevaluated in this SEIR).
- The project would result in significant and unavoidable project-generated traffic noise on Austin Road.
- The project's truck traffic would contribute to significant and unavoidable cumulative traffic noise on Austin Road.

The proposed project site is not present on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal sites, and others.

Copies of the DSEIR are available for review at the San Joaquin County Community Development Department, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, 95205. The DSEIR is also available at the Community Development Department website www.sjgov.org/commdev for download and review.

Reviewers should focus on the adequacy of the DSEIR in discussing possible impacts upon the environment, ways in which adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project. Reviewers who wish to comment on the DSEIR are urged to submit written comments no later than **October 19, 2018** to:

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The Community Development Department will be holding an Administrative hearing to take public comments on the DSEIR on **Wednesday October 17, 2018** from **5:30 p.m.–6:30p.m.** in the Public Health Auditorium at 1601 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton