



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Notice of Availability of and Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

Date: March 4, 2015
Case No.: **2014.0653E**
Project Title: **Agreement for Disposal of San Francisco Municipal Solid Waste at Recology Hay Road Landfill in Solano County**
Zoning: Not Applicable – Agreement Citywide in Scope
Block/Lot: Not Applicable
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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed project as described below. The document is a preliminary negative declaration (PND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PND documents the determination of the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of a negative declaration does not indicate a decision by the City to carry out or not to carry out the proposed project.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of an Agreement between the City of San Francisco and Recology to change the disposal site for San Francisco's municipal solid waste (MSW). Currently, Recology, the company that collects San Francisco's waste, transports San Francisco's MSW to the Altamont Landfill, located in eastern Alameda County, for disposal. San Francisco's existing agreement with Waste Management, Inc., operator of the Altamont Landfill, will expire around 2016. The proposed project consists of an Agreement to authorize the transportation of MSW from San Francisco to the existing Recology Hay Road Landfill located in unincorporated Solano County, at 6426 Hay Road, near State Route 113, southeast of Vacaville, where it would be disposed. San Francisco and Recology would enter into an Agreement for the transportation and disposal of five million tons of San Francisco's MSW at the Recology Hay Road Landfill. MSW would be transported by long haul semi-trucks, primarily from the Recology San Francisco transfer station located at 501 Tunnel Avenue, with several additional trucks hauling residual wastes for disposal from Recology's Recycle Central facility, located at Pier 96 in San Francisco, as is presently the case. At current rates of disposal, it is estimated that the Agreement would have a term of approximately 13 – 15 years. No new construction or changes in current Recology operations within San Francisco are proposed. No new construction or change in existing permits would be required at the Recology Hay Road Landfill in Solano County. The proposed project would correspond with the cessation of transport of San Francisco's MSW to Altamont Landfill. The Agreement between San Francisco and Recology to authorize the proposed change in disposal sites would need to be approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

The PND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://www.sf-planning.org/sfceqadocs>). Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the ground floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

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If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the PND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on **April 3, 2015**, any person may:

- 1) Review the PND as an informational item and take no action;
- 2) Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done **without** the appeal described below; **OR**
- 3) Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$547 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.¹ An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. Send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Sarah B. Jones, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. **The letter must be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$547.00 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department, and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2015.** The appeal letter and check may also be presented in person at the PIC counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco.

In the absence of an appeal, the negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 30 days from the date of publication of the PND. If the PND is appealed, the final negative declaration (FND) may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The first approval action, as identified in the Initial Study, would establish the start of the 30-day appeal period for the FND pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.16(h).

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

¹ Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.