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Cal Recycle
Good Neighbor Agreement
Between
Recology
&
Committees for Better Arvin, Lamont and Weedpatch

December 2018
Overview

✓ Compost Facility History
✓ Recology Acquisition 2015
✓ Community Engagement Process 2015-17
✓ Good Neighbor Agreement 2017
✓ Conditional Use Permit 2018
✓ Next Steps
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<td><strong>Populations</strong></td>
<td>~17,500</td>
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<td><strong>Median Household Income:</strong></td>
<td>34,421</td>
<td>$36,524</td>
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<td><strong>People in poverty, percent:</strong></td>
<td>35.6%</td>
<td>28.4%</td>
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<td><strong>Education, % H.S Grad or higher</strong></td>
<td>40.3%</td>
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Environmental Pollution in Lamont, Arvin, and Weedpatch
Conditions Under Previous Ownership
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Ag Plastic and Irrigation Waste

Oct 28, 2014

Weeds and Irrigation Waste

Oct 28, 2014
Community Organizing
2011-Tragic Deaths of Ramirez Brothers
CONTROVERSAL LAMONT COMPOSTER BEING SOLD – The Bakersfield Californian

COMMUNITY RECYCLING, MIRED IN CONTROVERSY AFTER DEATHS, HAS BEEN SOLD – Bakersfield Now

LAMONT’S COMMUNITY RECYCLING UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT – KUZZ AM 55, FM 107.9

RECOLOGY SNAPS UP CONTROVERSAL, EMBATTLED COMMUNITY RECYCLING – Waste Dive
Recology Blossom Valley Organics

Site Overview

~480 AC long term lease with Lamont Public Utilities District
~300 AC open windrow compost operation and ancillary uses
~130 AC currently farmed
~60 AC fallow land to be remediated
### Pre-Conditional Use Permit Application
#### Allowable Feed stocks and Tonnage Limits

**Recology Blossom Valley Organics South**

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<td><strong>Green Materials</strong></td>
<td>Yard, grass &amp; tree trimmings, wood and wood fines from residences and businesses</td>
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<td><strong>Produce Materials</strong></td>
<td>Discarded trimmings &amp; spoiled fruits/vegetables from retail &amp; warehouse distribution centers</td>
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<td><strong>Soiled paper/sorted biomass</strong></td>
<td>Soiled pre &amp; post consumer paper products as generated at paper mills</td>
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<td><strong>Pre-Consumer Produce</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Packaging Shed Materials</strong></td>
<td>Trimmings &amp; cull fruits/vegetables from local packing plants, Liquid, semisolid, solid agricultural, wholesale/retail food process &amp; food residuals tin include restaurant waste</td>
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<td><strong>Street Sweeping Organics</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cow Manure</strong></td>
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**Total Maximum Daily Intake 3750 tons**
Good Neighbor Agreement Goals

- Minimize adverse impacts
- Promote safety & transparency through open lines of communications and responsiveness
- Encourage community investment
To minimize adverse impacts caused by Recology’s operations on local communities, economies, and the environment, if any.

**Commitments:**

1. Recology will develop an odor minimization plan.
2. Recology will make a good faith effort to reduce air quality impacts from composting operations. Permitting ASP at 80% reduction by weight in volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions.
3. Recology will make reasonable efforts to minimize litter near (1/4 mile) facility.
To establish and maintain open lines of communication between Recology and residents of Lamont, Weedpatch, and Arvin; and to provide residents with opportunities to express their concerns and complaints to Recology.

**Tactic:**

1. The Community Groups will establish a Stakeholder Committee to oversee and implement the GNA; to address areas of concerns, to maintain open lines of communication.
2. Recology and the Stakeholder Committee shall meet at least quarterly or as mutually agreed.
3. Recology will host regularly scheduled community meetings to meet with residents to hear concerns, and provide updates. Recology will provide English/Spanish translation.
4. Recology will post on its website an email address and phone number at which complaints can be sent.
5. Recology will prepare an annual report for community that summarizes inspection reports, violations and complaints.
To encourage community investments that will benefit residents of Lamont, Weedpatch and Arvin.

**Commitments:**

1. Recology will provide at least $.10 per ton of inbound material or $30,000 of cash support, whichever is greater to support local projects.
2. The parties will work collaboratively to develop guidelines for selecting community projects to receive support.
3. Recology will provide up to 100 tons per year of finished compost to community gardens and parks.
4. Recology will use reasonable efforts to hire residents of Lamont, Weedpatch and Arvin for any vacant position.
Recology project to provide additional revenue for Arvin and Lamont

“BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - Kern County District 4 Supervisor David Couch announced that the Kern County Board of Supervisors recently approved changes to the Conditional Use Permit to Recology's composting operation in Lamont that will create jobs, improve air quality, save Kern County taxpayers money and add revenues to the Arvin/Lamont Economic Opportunity Area he recently established.

This comes after the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed CUP changes with specific provisions designed to benefit the Arvin and Lamont area”
## Post-Conditional Use Permit Application
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#### Recology Blossom Valley Organics South

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<td>Food Material</td>
<td>Waste material of plant or animal origin that results from the preparation or processing of food for animal or human consumption. Includes but not limited to food waste from food facilities (including restaurants), grocery stores, cafeterias (prisons, schools, hospitals) and residential food scrap collection.</td>
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