

# 1 INTRODUCTION

This Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) has been prepared by Solano County (County), as lead agency, in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15132). This Final SEIR contains responses to comments received on the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for implementation of proposed amendments (Amendment No. 2) to the Recology Hay Road (RHR) Landfill Land Use Permit (LUP), hereafter referred to as the proposed project. The Final SEIR consists of the Draft SEIR and this document (response to comments document), which includes comments on the Draft SEIR, responses to those comments, and revisions to the Draft SEIR.

The County is serving as the lead agency under CEQA for consideration of certification of this EIR and has principal responsibility for approving the project.

## 1.1 PUBLIC REVIEW AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS

CEQA requires a lead agency that has prepared a Draft EIR to consult with and obtain comments from responsible and trustee agencies that have jurisdiction by law with respect to the project, and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on technical analysis of the Draft EIR. The Final EIR is the mechanism for responding to such comments. This Final SEIR has been prepared to respond to comments received on the Draft SEIR, which are reproduced in this document; and to present corrections, revisions, and other clarifications and amplifications to the Draft SEIR, including project updates, made in response to these comments and as a result of the applicant's ongoing planning and design efforts. The Final SEIR will be used to support the County's decision regarding whether to approve the project.

This Final SEIR will also be used by CEQA responsible and trustee agencies to ensure that they have met their requirements under CEQA before deciding whether to approve or permit project elements over which they have jurisdiction. It may also be used by other state, regional, and local agencies that may have an interest in resources that could be affected by the project or that have jurisdiction over portions of the project.

In accordance with Section 15205(d) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), public comment on the Draft SEIR was accepted for a minimum 45-day period (December 10, 2019 through January 23, 2020). The County also conducted a public hearing on January 16, 2020 during the Draft SEIR public review period. During the public review period, four state agencies and Recology commented on issues evaluated in the Draft SEIR. Written comment letters are provided in their entirety in Chapter 2, "Comments and Responses to Comments."

Written comments received on the Draft SEIR raised various issues. Responses to each of the comments are provided herein as part of the Final SEIR. Although some of the comments resulted in changes to the text of the Draft SEIR (see Chapter 4, "Corrections and Revisions to the Draft EIR"), none of the changes constitute "significant new information," which would require recirculation of the Draft SEIR. Significant new information is defined in Section 15088.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines as follows:

- (1) A new significant environmental impact would result from the project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented.
- (2) A substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact would result unless mitigation measures are adopted that reduce the impact to a level of insignificance.
- (3) A feasible project alternative or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed would clearly lessen the environmental impacts of the project, but the project's proponents decline to adopt it.
- (4) The Draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded.

None of these circumstances has arisen from comments on the Draft SEIR or related responses; therefore, no significant new information has been added to the Draft SEIR and recirculation is not required.

Electronic copies of the Draft EIR, Final EIR, and associated appendices are available for review online at the Department of Resource Management website: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/documents/eir/default.asp>.

Hard copies of the Public Draft EIR and appendices were made available at the Dixon Library; however, due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the Stay At Home Order issued by Solano County, the Final SEIR hard copy will be available for viewing by appointment at the Department of Resource Management, Solano County Government Center (675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield, CA 94533). To schedule an appointment, please contact Nedzlene Ferrario at 707-784-3170 or via email at [NNferrario@solanocounty.com](mailto:NNferrario@solanocounty.com).

As required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(b), the County provided each public agency that submitted written comments on the Draft SEIR with proposed written responses to that public agency's comments at least 10 days before certifying the Final SEIR.

## 1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE FINAL SEIR

This Final SEIR is organized as follows:

**Chapter 1, "Introduction,"** describes the purpose of the Final SEIR, provides an overview of the CEQA public review process, and describes the content of the Final SEIR.

**Chapter 2, "Comments and Responses to Comments,"** contains a list of all parties who submitted comments on the Draft SEIR during the public review period, copies of the comment letters received, and responses to the comments.

**Chapter 3, "Revisions to the Draft SEIR,"** presents revisions to the Draft SEIR text made in response to comments, or to amplify, clarify or make minor modifications or corrections. Changes in the text are signified by ~~strikeouts~~ where text is removed and by underline where text is added.

**Chapter 4, "References,"** identifies the documents used as sources for the analysis.

**Chapter 5, "List of Preparers,"** identifies the lead agency contacts as well as the preparers of this Final SEIR.