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**Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed San Mateo Sanitary Landfill 5-Year Permit Review and Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision Project**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration. In the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration's (Draft MND) project description, the lead agency proposes operational changes to the existing sanitary landfill including an increase in maximum permitted tonnage from 1,000 tons per day to 2,000 tons per day and an increase in maximum permitted daily vehicle trips from 1,052 to 1,092 trips per day.

In the project description, the landfill is allowed to receive digested sewage sludge. Due to limited land conversion technologies, the project site may receive more waste in the future. Those increased deposits of sewage sludge will likely also increase the generation of sulfur compounds in the landfill gas and liquids, which may require modification of the existing allowable limit for emissions of oxides of sulfur in the flare permit to operate. The landfill also operates a gas collection system, a condensate/leachate collection system, and one permitted flare under a Title V permit that is currently being processed by AQMD staff for renewal. At some time in the future, these equipment-based permits will need to be modified in terms of their capacity to accommodate the additional gas and liquid generation due to the increased refuse in place. Should the lead agency have questions concerning permit requirements, please contact AQMD staff at (909) 396-2684.

Please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff would be available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may

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arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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