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Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed Edom Hill Compost Facility and Truck Climbing Lane

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff 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 CEQA Document.

SCAQMD Staff's Summary of Project Description

The Lead Agency proposes the construction of a 1,900 square-foot waste composting facility that would accept up to 500 tons of food and green waste, and up to 25,000 gallons of grease trap liquid per day, on 20 acres (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project includes moving an existing organics composting facility to a nearby site located approximately 1,200 feet west of the Edom Hill Transfer Station and existing composting facility. The proposed project also includes construction of an additional northbound truck climbing lane to Edom Hill Road, from Varner Road to the Edom Hill Road Terminus at the Edom Hill Transfer Station.

SCAQMD Staff's Review of Air Quality Analysis

In the air quality analysis, the Lead Agency quantified the Proposed Project's construction and operational air quality impacts and compared those impacts to SCAQMD's regional and localized air quality CEQA significance thresholds. Based on the analysis, the Lead Agency found that the Proposed Project would result in a less than significant air quality impact during construction

During the operational phase of the Proposed Project, emissions that could result from the compost process were not included in the operational emissions presented in the MND. Therefore, SCAQMD staff recommends the Lead Agency revise the air quality analysis to include these sources of emissions in the final CEQA Document. Should the Lead Agency conclude that the proposed project's operational air quality impacts exceed the SCAQMD daily significance thresholds, SCAQMD staff recommends that the lead agency consider feasible mitigation to address the significant air quality impacts.

SCAQMD Permits

If any subsequent development or activities implemented under the Proposed Project require a permit from SCAQMD, SCAQMD is a Responsible Agency. For more information on permits, please visit SCAQMD webpage at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>. Questions on permits can be directed to SCAQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385.

Conclusion

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the final CEQA Document. The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Robert Dalbeck, Assistant

Air Quality Specialist - CEQA IGR Section, at rdalbeck@aqmd.gov, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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