

On December 30, 2016, Recology Hay Road filed an application to amend Land Use Permit U-11-09. The application proposed expanding the landfill capacity by increasing the municipal solid waste tonnage from a maximum of 2400 tons per day (tpd) to 2400 tpd averaged over 7 days with a peak of 3400 tpd and 16 acre landfill expansion into an area, located within the current approved footprint, designated as a mitigation site for the Delta Ground Beetle, as required by current permits. A two (2) acre transfer facility is proposed adjacent to the Fleet Shop to handle processing and sorting of organic waste, up to 200 tpd. Other proposed operational changes include a construction and debris sorting line, processing of friable asbestos such as sprayed insulation or fire retardant material on steel work; and deepening of the borrow pit by an additional 88 feet to allow for more soil to be used for landfill construction and operations.

Due to the potentially significant impacts associated with the scope of the proposed amendments relative to odors and biological resources, DRM solicited proposals for an EIR consultant. Seven consultants were solicited, two proposals were received and both firms were interviewed. Ascent Environmental was selected because their team brings over 50 years of CEQA preparation experience and knowledge that include landfill expansion projects, and proved to be the most qualified to prepare the project's EIR.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to approve the contract. This is not recommended because it would prevent DRM from processing the application.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

No other agencies have been involved.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION