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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT¹ FOR THE
PROPOSED TAJIGUAS LANDFILL RECONFIGURATION AND
BARON RANCH RESTORATION PROJECT**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) proposes to reconfigure a portion of the approved and permitted Tajiguas Landfill waste footprint and conduct biological restoration on Baron Ranch. No change in the permitted waste disposal capacity is proposed.

SOLID WASTE FACILITIES PERMIT (SWFP): The proposed reconfiguration will require approval from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division, the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the California Integrated Waste Management Board. On December 8, 2008, the LEA received an application for a permit revision regarding the Tajiguas Landfill (Solid Waste Information System No. 42-AA-0015). A determination will be made by the LEA as to whether a SWFP modification or revision is required.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project sites are located at the Tajiguas Landfill and the County-owned Baron Ranch approximately 26 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara, north of Highway 101, commonly known as 14470 and 14550 Calle Real, APN 081-150-026 and 081-150-032, in the Gaviota Coast area, 3rd Supervisorial District.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: Santa Barbara County RRWMD is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in 08EIR-00000-00007. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on **January 15, 2009, 6:00 pm, Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street** and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on January 30, 2009 at 5 p.m.

PROJECT DETAILS: The proposed project involves a redesign of a portion of the approved waste footprint at the Tajiguas Landfill. The proposed waste footprint design change (reconfiguration) would not modify any of the existing operational parameters (e.g., waste disposal capacity, hours of operation, personnel requirements, waste handling procedures, etc.) but would involve physical changes to a portion of the approved location of the waste footprint and associated disturbances for construction activities and equipment operations in the back canyon area of the site. The key project components include:

- Removal of the in-channel sedimentation basins;
- Reconfiguration of the waste footprint and associated disturbance to extend the waste footprint west across Pila Creek (within Cañada de la Pila) to the west side of the canyon;
- Reconfiguration (reduction) of the waste footprint on the east side of Pila Creek in the back canyon area;

¹ The Notice of Preparation (NOP) issued on February 7, 2008 indicated that a Supplemental EIR was proposed to be prepared for the project. Based on comments received on the NOP, and further review of EIR issue areas, a decision was made to prepare a Subsequent EIR pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15162.

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- Drainage modifications within Pila Creek upstream of, and around, the reconfigured waste footprint; and
- Implementation of native plant restoration activities and comprehensive relocation and habitat enhancement plan for the California red-legged frog on Baron Ranch to compensate/mitigate for impacts at Tajiguas.

The additional disposal capacity provided by crossing Pila Creek would be offset by reductions in disposal capacity that was to be provided in the back canyon area on the east side of Pila Creek under the current permit. Therefore, no change in total design (permitted) capacity is proposed.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: RRWMD has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (08EIR-00000-00007) to the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR [01-EIR-05, SCH#98041003, certified August 13, 2002] pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. RRWMD has prepared a Subsequent EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **Biological Resources and Cultural Resources**. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the Draft Subsequent EIR is not attached, the Draft Subsequent EIR may be obtained and all documents referenced in the EIR may be reviewed at RRWMD offices located at 130 E. Victoria Street Suite 100, Santa Barbara. Draft documents are also available for review at the Santa Barbara Public Library, Central Branch located at 40 E. Anapamu Street. The Draft Subsequent EIR and the Final Certified EIR (01-EIR-05) for the approved Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project is also posted at the following website address: http://countyofsb.org/pwd/rrwmd/TJReconfig_BaronRanchRestor.htm.

A copy of the SWFP revision application is on file and available for public review in the LEA office located at 225 Camino Del Remedio Santa Barbara, CA 93110 during normal business hours.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to Joddi Leipner, Senior Engineering Environmental Planner at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, 805-882-3614 (Phone), 805-882-3633 (Fax) or electronically to JLeipner@COSBPW.net prior to the close of public comment on January 30, 2009 at 5 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as water resources, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings before the Board of Supervisors to consider project approval or denial, which is estimated in spring 2009.

Comments regarding the LEA determination on the SWFP may be provided to Environmental Health Specialist Lisa Sloan, 225 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, (805)681-4900 (Phone) or by Email at LSloan@sbcphd.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact RRWMD staff (805) 882-3600. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.