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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

Project title: Change in Solid Waste Services Provider

Lead agency name and address:

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Project location: City of Fort Bragg (citywide)

Project sponsor's name and address:

City of Fort Bragg

416 N. Franklin St.

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General Plan Designation: Industrial

Zoning: Light Industrial

Surrounding land uses and setting: The City is served by one solid waste collection and transportation provider. The new franchise agreement will effect waste hauling for the whole City.

Other public agencies whose approval is required: none

Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, is there a plan for consultation that includes, for example, the determination of significance of impacts to tribal cultural resources, procedures regarding confidentiality, etc.?

Native Pomo lived along the Mendocino Coast for thousands of years prior to European settlement. The change in Franchise Agreement should not impact local tribes. That said, when a new site is reviewed for the transfer station, consultation will take place.

Description of project:

On June 14, 2021, the City Council approved issuing a Joint County of Mendocino and City of Fort Bragg RFP for Solid Waste Refuse Collections. On June 15, 2021, the Joint RFP was issued with a closing date of August 3, 2021. As expected, the City and the County received three responses from:

- C&S Waste Solutions of California, Inc. (C&S)
- Solid Waste of Willits, Inc. (SWOW)
- Waste Management Collection and Recycling, Inc. (WM)

The City Council Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Mayor Bernie Norvell, Councilmember Lindy Peters and the City Manager, reviewed the responses and rated each proposal based on predetermined criteria. On September 27th, the Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with C&S Waste Solutions of California, Inc. for residential and commercial garbage, recyclable materials and organic waste collection under an exclusive 10-year Franchise Agreement, which was approved.

The proposal from which the City will negotiate proposes the provision of “like-for-like” services for the collection, transportation, and management of solid waste for the City of Fort Bragg, with the exception that, the proposal selected for further negotiation and potential award includes the following changes:

- Provision of carts and bins made from 20% post-consumer recycled content
- Purchase of new CARB compliant vehicles including seven split-body design trucks that will reduce the number of trips to each neighborhood for the collection of waste.
- Outreach and education
- The siting of a new transfer station in the City limits

There is a proposed location for the new transfer station which will require a Use Permit. As the proposed franchise agreement is not contingent on the Use Permit approval. A Use Permit is a discretionary permit and there is no guarantee of approval, therefore the two activities are separate projects. A CEQA compliant environmental review of the proposed transfer site will take place when the application is complete.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project is **categorically exempt** from CEQA based on Section 15301(b) Class 1 Existing “Facilities,” Section 15308 Class 8 “Actions By Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment,” and 15061(b)(3) the common sense exemption because the change in Franchise Agreement is essentially a “like-for-like” service provided by a different organization which proposes practices that will reduce environmental impacts. There are no exceptions from the exemptions that apply.

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or

NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

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Aesthetics

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|---|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| I. AESTHETICS. Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The change in service provider for solid waste collection will not impact the aesthetics of the community. The community already uses waste bins and the company is not proposing a significant visual change to the waste bins. Additionally, there are already solid waste, recycling, and organic waste collection trucks and a new service provider will not impact that aesthetics of the area. As noted in the proposal from the proposed service provider, the only visible change to the public will be “the color of the trucks” and the project will not have aesthetic impacts.

Agricultural and Forestry Resources

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| <p>II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:</p> | | | | |
| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The scope of the project is to change service providers for the collection of solid waste including recyclables and organic waste. This is a mobile service and is not directly related to a specific site or location. Therefore it will not have farmland or forest land impacts.

Air Quality

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| III. AIR QUALITY. Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) [no criteria] | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed project is a change in the service provider for solid waste collection and transportation. All areas that will be served by the new provider are already served by the current provider. The services are essentially like for like, except that the new service provider is proposing two changes which will reduce environmental impacts:

- 1) The Company will purchase all new collection trucks with the highest tiered engines available to meet CARB compliance, increase fuel efficiency and lower emissions.
- 2) New trucks will be “split body” trucks that can collect both waste and recycling in one trip, which reduces the number of vehicle trips.

The proposed “split-body” vehicles will reduce the overall number of trips made to each neighborhood for residential collection of solid-waste and recycling. The current provider has nine solid waste routes, nine recycling routes, and nine green waste routes. The proposal is that the new trucks would only do one trip for solid waste and recycling which would reduce the number of collection trips from 27 by the current provider to 18 by the new provider.

The current provider estimates that they can collect 77 containers per hour. There are an estimated 1,851 accounts in Fort Bragg spread over an approximate 27 miles of roads. Based on these numbers it is possible to estimate that it takes the current provider an estimated 53 minutes to collect solid waste and 53 minutes to collect recycling on each of the nine routes which averages to 3 miles each. During that time, the trucks are either driving or idling which results in emissions. Because the trucks are running the whole time it makes more sense to look at time instead of vehicle miles traveled to calculate emissions the “split-body” trucks will reduce total trips from 27 to 18. Using the 77 containers/hour metric, it takes the current provider a total of 24 hours to cover the 1,851 residential accounts in the City of Fort Bragg. If the new provider covers the same 1,851 accounts with split body vehicles also collecting 77 containers/hour.

The change in service provider and the new Franchise Agreement would result in a reduction in time that waste hauling vehicles are operating and creating emissions by an estimated 30%. The new trucks will be CARB certified and are equally if not more efficient than the trucks of the current waste hauler. This provides sufficient evidence to conclude that the new service provider will have lower emissions and reduce air quality emissions relative to the existing waste collection service. Therefore, there will be no air quality impacts as a result of the new Franchise Agreement.

Biological Resources

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?

c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

Discussion

The proposed service provider will be using the same kind of covered waste, recycling, and organic waste bins as are currently used and will provide the same kind of collection service as is currently provided. The collection and transfer of waste, recycling, and organics by the new provider will have no impact on biological resources.

Cultural Resources

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| | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
| Potentially Significant Impact | | | |

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

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| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to § 15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed action is a change in service provider and will not have any impact on cultural resources.

Energy

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| VI. ENERGY. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed service provider will use fuel efficient split storage vehicles that will allow them to minimize the fuel used to collect and transport waste. This is an improvement from the current provider that only uses single collection vehicles. As noted in the analysis of air quality, there will be a reduction in the number of trips made and the total time spent collecting waste which will result in an overall reduction in the use of energy, therefore there will be a less than significant impact from the new Franchise Agreement.

Geology and Soils

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) Landslides? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land. A new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on geological or soil resources.

Greenhouse Gases

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. | | | | |
| Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed project is a change in the service provider for solid waste collection and transportation. As noted above in the review of "Air Quality," the proposed Franchise Agreement will reduce the use of fuel and energy and greenhouse gas emissions in the collection process. Therefore, there will be no impacts to energy as a result of the new Franchise Agreement.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. Would the project: | | | | |

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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed project is for a new Franchise Agreement. The new service provider will not handle hazardous waste. The management protocols outlined in their proposal states:

“Route collectors who observe hazardous waste (including u-waste and e-waste) in bins or carts will be instructed to leave containers unemptied, leave a notice for the customer indicating why it was not collected, and contact the Route Supervisor. The Route

Supervisor will attempt to determine the generator of the material and return these improper materials to the appropriate person.”

Additionally, the proposed service provider will offer a robust education and public outreach plan to help customers understand what can be disposed of in which type of bin. They currently offer an interactive, mobile-friendly, cloud-based diversion tool for Mendocino County and the City of Fort Bragg at RedwoodRecycles.com. The tool allows customers to look up the appropriate disposal option for the item in question and should reduce issues with improper placement of waste.

The proposed service provider is offering a service that is comparable as “like-for-like” to the existing service provider and has precautions in place to prevent impacts from hazards and hazardous waste. This is sufficient evidence to conclude that the change in service provider will have less than significant impacts on the environment in relation to hazards or hazardous material.

Hydrology and Water Quality

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| iv) impede or redirect flood flows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land. Therefore, a new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on hydrology or water quality.

Land Use and Planning

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Physically divide an established community? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land. Therefore, a new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on land use and planning.

Mineral Resources

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| XII. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land. Therefore, a new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on mineral resources.

Noise

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| XIII. NOISE. Would the project result in: | | | | |
| a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

Discussion

The proposed service is currently carried out by a fleet of diesel trucks that collect and transport solid waste. It is noted by the proposed service provider that the only noticeable change will be the “color of the trucks.” However, given that diesel waste hauling vehicles do generate noise, the change in service provider will likely reduce the current noise experience by the community because as noted above, there will be fewer trips and less time that the trucks are operating in each of the neighborhoods. This evidence suggests that the new Franchise Agreement will have a less than significant impact on noise.

Population and Housing

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING. | | | | |
| Would the project: | | | | |

a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

Discussion

The change in provider of solid waste collection and hauling services will not result in increased population growth or displacement of people. The proposed service provider is planning to recruit as many existing employees of the current provider as possible to prevent the displacement of local residents working for the current provider. The project is essentially a “like for like” service that will not induce any unplanned substantial growth either directly or indirectly. Therefore, the change in solid waste collection and

transportation service providers will have a less than significant impact on population or housing.

Public Services

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|---|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XV. PUBLIC SERVICES. | | | | |
| a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Police protection? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schools? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Parks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other public facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The current provision of solid waste collection and transportation is a critical function for schools, clean parks, and other public facilities. However, the change in who will provide these “like-for-like” services will have “less than significant” impacts on public facilities as the collection of refuse will still occur at the same frequency as the previous provider. Therefore, the new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on public facilities.

Recreation

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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| XVI. RECREATION. | | | | |
| a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land. Therefore, a new Franchise Agreement will have no impact on recreation or recreation facilities in or around the City of Fort Bragg.

Transportation

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XVII. TRANSPORTATION. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Result in inadequate emergency access? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed project is a change in service provider and will not result in changes to existing roads or circulation in the City. The use of the “split-body vehicles” will reduce the frequency of large diesel vehicles traveling on City streets, and as noted above will likely result in a 33% reduction in trips which should translate to a reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled.

This project does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land and therefore would not result in any changes to the environment or road system including any potential geometric design features or changes to emergency access. Therefore, the project would have no impact on transportation.

Tribal Cultural Resources

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is: | | | | |
| a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The new Franchise Agreement does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land and therefore will have no impact on tribal cultural resources.

Utilities and Service Systems

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The current franchise holder identifies the following facilities for the diversion of waste:

The proposal for the new Franchise Agreement states that the operator, C&S Waste Solutions already holds the California permits necessary for the collection, processing,

and marketing of materials including permits for volume transfer station, recycling processing, green waste composting, small volume wood debris chipping and grinding, construction and demolition waste processing, and compostable materials processing.

The same sites in Willits and Ukiah are used by both C&S Waste Solutions and the current service provider for waste diversion and inland transfer of waste. These sites include Solid Waste of Willits in Willits, Pacific Recycling Solutions in Ukiah, and Pacific Organic Solutions in Ukiah. Because they are the same sites and processors that will be used, the new Franchise Agreement will have a less than significant impact on utilities and service systems.

Wildfire

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XX. WILDFIRE. If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project: | | | | |
| a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The new Franchise Agreement does not involve construction, ground disturbance, or any physical changes to the land and the service provided will be the same as what is currently provided. Therefore it will have no impact on wildfire risk.

Mandatory Findings of Significance

| | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE. | | | | |
| a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Discussion

The proposed Franchise Agreement for solid waste collection and transportation services is essentially a “like for like” change from one service provider to another. The service area will be the same, the accounts will be the same, and the destination of the waste to diversion and processing centers will remain the same. The only proposed changes will be the new CARB compliant “split-body” trucks that will result in a reduction in emissions, and vehicle miles traveled.

There are no significant impacts to any of the areas referenced above individually or cumulatively. Therefore, the new franchise agreement will result in less than significant impact and the project is exempt under the following:

15301(b) of the Class 1 categorical exemption which includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electrical power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The project is a new Franchise Agreement for the collection and transfer of solid waste, recycling, and organic material for the City of Fort Bragg. It will be the same accounts as currently exist and the processing locations in Willits and Ukiah will be the same. Therefore, the awarding of the new Franchise Agreement to a different operator does not expand or materially change the current operation of solid waste collection and transportation and it is exempt as an existing “facility.”

The project also qualifies for the under Section 15308, actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment. Class 8 includes action by regulatory agencies, *“as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment.”*

The California Integrated Solid Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 9369) requires cities to permit and regulate solid waste handling and declares that there is an urgent need for regulation to avoid an adverse environmental impact from the amount of waste generated in the state. Several subsequent bills have been passed to address other environmental issues including AB 341, AB 1826, AB 1594, and SB 1383, and the California Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003. The Franchise Agreement requires the franchisee to comply with both State and local regulations for hauling and disposing of waste. The City’s action assures the protection of the environment since the Agreement contains several regulatory mandates for complying with state law for the disposal of multiple waste streams in a manner that ensures the protection of the environment.

Furthermore, the project is exempt under the “Common Sense” exemption as stated in the CEQA Guidelines in Section 15061(b)(3). The collection and disposal of solid waste is not only mandated and regulated by state law, but an essential service for the public health, safety, and welfare. The proposed change in service providers or awarding of a new franchise agreement for existing services. This change in service provider will not result in significant impacts on the environment and is eligible for the common sense exemption.

The City of Fort Bragg has reviewed the proposed change in service provider for solid waste collection and transportation. The awarding of a new Franchise Agreement will not result in significant environmental impacts and is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 Class 1 Existing “Facilities,” Section 15308 Class 8 “Actions By Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment,” and 15061(b)(3) the common

sense exemption because the change in Franchise Agreement is essentially a “like-for-like” service provided by a different organization.