

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING ADEQUACY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (ON THE REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO LAND USE PERMIT (LUP) # 2054-92 (AS AMENDED BY LUP 2043-94) BY WEST CONTRA COSTA SANITARY LANDFILL, INC. (APPLICANT) AND WEST COUNTY LANDFILL, INC. (OWNER) (COUNTY FILE #LP022026) IN THE NORTH RICHMOND AREA OF SAID COUNTY.

WHEREAS, an application by West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (Applicant) and West County Landfill, Inc. (Owner) to amend existing Land Use Permit (LUP) # 2054-92 (as amended by LUP 2043-94) to allow expansion of existing resource recovery operations and new resource recovery operations at the existing landfill site was received by the Community Development Department on March 13, 2002; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was sent on October 10, 2002 by the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2002 the County held a scoping session on the project in North Richmond; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA Guidelines, a Draft EIR was prepared and circulated for review and comments between November 6, 2003 and December 22, 2003 and the Zoning Administrator held a public hearing in North Richmond on November 25, 2003 to provide further opportunity for public comments on the DEIR; and

WHEREAS, following the close of comment period on the Draft EIR, the County prepared written responses to the comments received; and

WHEREAS, the County published the Response to Comments Document, on June 25, 2004, which provides a reasoned response to all comments received during the comment period that raised significant environmental issues; and

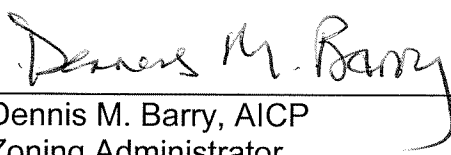
WHEREAS, the Response to Comments Document was distributed as required by the California Environmental Quality Act and the State and County CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, the County Zoning Administrator having fully reviewed, considered and evaluated all the testimony and evidence submitted in this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Zoning Administrator makes the following Findings required by CEQA (CEQA Guidelines § 15090) related to the certification of the Final EIR:

1. The Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and with the State and County CEQA Guidelines; and
2. The Final EIR was presented to the Zoning Administrator, and the Zoning Administrator has reviewed the document and considers the information contained therein to be complete and adequate for the purposes of making a decision on the project; and
3. The Final EIR reflects the County's independent judgment and analysis.

ATTEST:



Dennis M. Barry, AICP
Zoning Administrator
County of Contra Costa
State of California