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TULARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE  
5961 SOUTH MOONEY BLVD.  
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RE: Emergency Waiver of Standards for the Visalia Disposal Site (54-AA-0009)

On August 11, 2020 this office has received a request from the County of Tulare Solid Waste Department for an Emergency Waiver of Standards for the Visalia Disposal Site.

California Governor Gavin Newsom in [Executive Order N-25-20](#) proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 as a result of the threat COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare proclaimed and declared a local health emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. The threat of COVID-19 may have direct and indirect impacts to Tulare County Landfills.

The Emergency Waiver of Standards was requested due to the spread of COVID-19 has caused Tulare County Solid Waste to experience a shortage of operations staff due to illness, quarantine, child care issues. Tulare County has also experienced an increased amount of tonnage and traffic at the landfills as a result of the Governor's stay-at-home orders.

Tulare County Solid Waste Department has requested the following to be waived as per 14 CCR section 17210.2(c):

1. Origin of waste;
2. Rate of inflow for storage, transfer, processing, or disposal of waste;
3. Type and moisture content of solid waste;
4. Hours of facility operation; and
5. Storage time before transfer, processing, or disposal of nonhazardous waste.
6. Enforcement Agency Conditions 17(b) and 17(g) on page 4 of the Solid Waste Facility Permit.

Tulare County Local Enforcement Agency grants the waiver request with the following conditions:

- The operator's use of the emergency waiver will not pose a threat to public health, safety, or the environment.
- The operator must provide written report to EA within 90 days of granting waiver (14 CCR section 17210.5 for contents of report).

- The operator shall comply with all reporting requirements as per Section 17210.5.
- Waiving of Enforcement Agency Conditions 17(b) and 17(g) on page 4 of the Solid Waste Facility Permit only as they pertain to items 1- 5 of the waiver items listed above.

Tulare County LEA finds that the Visalia Disposal Site has a valid Solid Waste Facility Permit and does not pose a threat to public health, safety, or the environment.

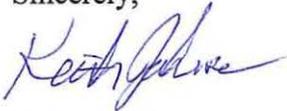
The effective period of the waiver would be for 60 days from the time the waiver.

Pursuant to 14CCR section 17210.2(f), this waiver may be modified, canceled, or revoked by Tulare County LEA without advance notice should the LEA determine that any of the following conditions occur:

1. The use of a waiver will cause or contribute to a public health and safety or environmental problem;
2. The terms of the waiver are not being used expressly to handle the state of emergency or local emergency and are not in the best interest of the public health and safety;
3. The waiver is no longer necessary; or
4. The operator is not utilizing disaster debris diversion programs to the extent feasible.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please call me.

Sincerely,



Keith Jahnke

CC: Joy Isaacson, CalRecycle