

# **SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT**

**SWIS Number: 35-AA-0001**

- 1. Name and Street Address of Facility:** John Smith Road Landfill, 2650 John Smith Road, Hollister, CA 95023
- 2. Name and Mailing Address of Operator:** Waste Solutions Group of San Benito, LLC, 3 Waterway Square Place, The Woodlands, TX 77380
- 3. Name and Mailing Address of Property Owner:** San Benito County, 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, CA 95023
- 4. Specifications:**
  - a. Permitted Operations:** Solid Waste Disposal Site
  - b. Permitted Hours of Operation:** Public: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday  
Commercial: Sunrise to Sunset
  - c. Permitted Maximum Tonnage:** 1,000 Tons Per Day Disposal  
Diverted/Beneficial Reuse: see Condition 17.d
  - d. Permitted Traffic Volume:** 600 Vehicles per Day
  - e. Key Design Parameters:**

Total Permitted Area (in acres): 90.36  
Permitted Disposal Area (in acres): 58  
Design Capacity (cubic yards): 9,797,000  
Maximum Elevation (Feet Mean Sea Level): 920  
Maximum Depth (Feet Mean Sea Level): 665  
Estimated Closure Year: August 2025
- 5. Approval:**

Paulina Lawrence, Chief  
Permitting & Assistance Branch  
Waste Permitting, Compliance & Mitigation Division
- 6. Enforcement Agency Name and Address:** Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025
- 7. Date Received by CalRecycle:** July 28, 2021
- 8. CalRecycle Concurrence Date:**
- 9. Permit Issued Date:**
- 10. Permit Review Due Date:** March 2, 2023
- 11. Owner/Operator Transfer Date:** February 5, 2015
- 12. Legal Description of Facility:** The legal description of this facility is contained in Appendix B of the Joint Technical Document, dated May 2012 (Amendment No. 5 May 2021).

**13. Findings:**

- a. This permit is consistent with the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Plan, which was approved by CalRecycle (formerly the CIWMB) in March 1996. The location of the facility is identified in the Countywide Siting Element, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 50001(a).
- b. This permit is consistent with the standards adopted by CalRecycle, pursuant to PRC 44010.
- c. The design and operation of the facility is consistent with the State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal as determined by the enforcement agency, pursuant to PRC 44009.
- d. Upon a significant change in design or operation from that described herein, this permit is subject to revocation or suspension. The permit findings and conditions are integral parts of this permit and supersede the conditions of any previously issued solid waste facility permit.
- e. The City of Hollister Fire Department has determined that the facility is in conformance with the applicable fire standards, pursuant to PRC 44151.
- f. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH #2012061081) on June 25, 2012, and adopted by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2012. A Notice of Determination was filed with the State Clearinghouse on September 7, 2012. An Addendum, dated May 20, 2021, to the Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2021. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum describe and support the design and operation which will be authorized by the issuance of this permit.

**14. Prohibitions:** The permittee is prohibited from accepting the following wastes:

Hazardous, radioactive, medical, liquid, designated, or other wastes requiring special treatment or handling, except as identified in the Joint Technical Document and approved amendments thereto and as approved by the Enforcement Agency.

**15. The following documents describe and/or restrict the operation of this facility:**

Joint Technical Document (JTD): 5/12

Amendment No. 5: 5/21

Waste Discharge Requirements #R3-2013-0047: 12/5/13

Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #1991083121): 11/2/01

Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2012061081): 9/6/12

Addendum: 5/20/21

Preliminary Closure/Postclosure Maintenance Plan: 4/21

**16. Self-Monitoring:** The owner/operator shall submit the results of all self-monitoring programs to the Enforcement Agency within 30 days of the end of the reporting period. Information required on an annual basis shall be submitted with the December monthly monitoring report or as otherwise stated.

- a. The types and quantities (in tons) of waste, including source separated or commingled recyclables, entering the facility per day. Reporting Frequency – Monthly – See EA condition 17.d.

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- b. The total number and types of vehicles using the facility per day. Reporting Frequency – Monthly
- c. Results of the hazardous waste load checking program, including the quantities and types of hazardous wastes, medical wastes or otherwise prohibited wastes found in the waste stream and the disposition of these materials. Reporting Frequency – Monthly
- d. Notification to the enforcement agency via telephone or electronic mail of any special occurrences, such as fires, explosions, earthquakes, significant injuries, accidents or property damage, and all measures taken to address the incident. Reporting Frequency – Within 24 hours of the Event
- e. Copies of all written complaints regarding this facility and the operator's actions taken to resolve these complaints. Reporting Frequency – Monthly
- f. Results of landfill gas monitoring program, pursuant to Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Article 6, Sections 20917-20939. Reporting Frequency – Quarterly
- g. Wet weather preparedness report/winter operations plan. Reporting Frequency – Annual - due by October 1
- h. Fill sequencing plan for the forthcoming year. Reporting Frequency – Annual – due by January 30
- i. Remaining site capacity. Reporting Frequency – Annual – due by January 30
- j. Report of receipt of any Notice of Violation from any other regulatory agency. Reporting Frequency – Within 24 hours of receipt
- k. Record the time that the first load of waste is received each day. Reporting Frequency – Upon Request

## **17. Enforcement Agency (EA) Conditions:**

- a. The operator shall comply with all State Minimum Standards for solid waste handling and disposal as specified in Title 14 and Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR).
- b. The operator shall maintain a log of special/unusual occurrences. This log shall include, but is not limited to, fires, explosions, the discharge and disposition of hazardous or unpermitted wastes, and significant injuries, accidents, or property damage. Each log entry shall be accompanied by a summary of any actions taken by the operator to mitigate the occurrence. The log shall be available to site personnel and the EA at all times.
- c. Additional information concerning the design and operation of the facility shall be furnished upon request and within the time frame specified by the EA.
- d. The vehicle count will be limited to and shall not exceed 600 vehicles per day (for both disposal and recyclable materials). The permitted daily maximum disposal tonnage for this facility is 1,000 tons per day and shall not receive more than this amount for disposal without a revision of this permit. The 1,000 tons per day limit pertains to all waste destined for disposal and does not pertain to materials that are recycled or put to beneficial use either at the facility or exported for the purpose of resource recovery.
- e. Salvaging and receipt of beneficial reuse materials shall be conducted in a planned and controlled manner and shall not interfere with other aspects of site operations, including the expeditious entry and egress of vehicles at the site. Salvaged and beneficial reuse materials generated on-site or imported shall be placed for storage in specified, clearly identifiable

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areas segregated from the working face, and arranged so as to minimize the risk of fire, health and safety hazards, vector harborage, or other hazard or nuisance.

- f.** This permit is subject to review by the EA and may be temporarily suspended or revoked at any time by the EA for sufficient cause, in accordance with Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, Part 4, Chapter 4, Article 2, Sections 44305 et seq. and associated regulations.
- g.** The EA reserves the right to suspend or modify waste receiving and handling operations due to an emergency, a potential health hazard, or the creation of a public nuisance.
- h.** Any change that would cause the design or operation of the facility not to conform to the terms and conditions of this permit is prohibited. Such a change may be considered a significant change, requiring a permit revision. In no case shall the operator implement any change without first submitting a written notice of the proposed change, in the form of a Report of Facility Information (RFI) amendment, to the EA at least 180 days in advance of the change.
- i.** A copy of this permit and the most current approved JTD, and any approved amendments, shall be maintained at the facility and readily available to site personnel and EA upon request.
- j.** Waste shall only be accepted at the facility during daylight hours, meaning that portion of the day between sunrise and sunset. Ancillary hours for personnel, maintenance, and cover operations are limited to the hours as described in the JTD and any approved amendments.
- k.** Any owner or operator of this facility who plans to encumber, sell, transfer, or convey the ownership or operations of this facility shall notify the EA and CalRecycle at least 45 days prior to the anticipated date of transfer.