

## **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

**To:** Zoe Heller, Deputy Director

**From:** Cara Morgan, Branch Chief  
Local Assistance and Market Development Branch

**Request Date:** June 24, 2022

**Decision Subject:** Amended Countywide Siting Element for Sacramento County

**Action By:** August 16, 2022

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### **Summary of Request:**

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41700-41721.5 require counties to prepare a Countywide Site Element (CSE) that describes areas that may be used for developing new disposal facilities. PRC Section 50001 requires that after a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) has been approved, no person shall establish or expand a solid waste facility, as defined in PRC Section 40194, in the County unless the solid waste facility is identified in the CSE or amendment thereto, which has been approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721 or 41721.5, respectively. In addition, PRC Section 40912 (e) requires a CSE amended after January 1, 2003, to include a description of the actions taken by the county to solicit public participation by the affected communities, including, but not limited to, minority and low-income populations.

The County of Sacramento has amended its CSE by adding the Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit (AWCU).

### **Recommendation:**

Based on staff's review of the amended CSE, staff found that all of the requirements have been satisfied and the amended CSE substantially complies with PRC Sections 41700-41721.5 and 40912 (e). Staff further found that the amended CSE was adopted in substantial compliance with the procedures set forth in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Sections 18780 and 18781. Finally, staff reviewed the environmental documents provided by the county pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC Sections 21000-21189.70.10) and concluded that the amended CSE would result in no new significant impacts. The Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the amended Countywide Siting Element for Sacramento.

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### **Branch Chief Action:**

On the basis of the information and analysis cited in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the amended Countywide Siting Element for Sacramento County.

Dated:

Zoe

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Zoe Heller, Deputy Director  
Local Assistance and Market Development

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### Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The County of Sacramento has adequately addressed all requirements for amending the County's CSE by submitting the information noted below:

<b>Sacramento County Amended Countywide Siting Element Adequacy</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Local Task Force comments received	X		
CEQA documentation provided	X		
Meets 15-year disposal capacity requirement	X		
Meets General Plan consistency requirement	X		
30-day notice in newspaper of general circulation of local hearings to adopt	X		
County and majority/majority of cities adopted amendment	X		
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and cities	X		
Provided description of actions taken to solicit public participation by the affected communities	X		

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC Sections 21000-21189.70.10), the Department is a Responsible Agency with respect to the amended Countywide Siting Element (Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit). The County of Sacramento served as Lead Agency and prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (SCH # 96062070) (the Environmental Document) in August 1997 and an EIR Addendum on March 15, 2022 in connection with its approval of the Project. In addition, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board prepared and adopted an initial study and mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) specifically for the Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit on December 10, 2020. The 2022 Addendum considered the proposed CSE amendment in light of the prior EIR and IS/MND and concluded that the amendment would result in no new significant impacts. All potential impacts were addressed by previously adopted mitigation measures. (Addendum, page AD 8.) The Department has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for its purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Document prepared by the Lead Agency. The Department finds that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The administrative record for the Department's decision to approve the Project includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Document adopted by the Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the

Department in reaching its decision to approve the proposed Project. The custodian of the Department's administrative record is: Custodian of Records, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

The Department will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.