Permitting & Assistance Branch Staff Report
Modified Solid Waste Facilities Permit for the
Simi Valley Landfill & Recycling Center
SWIS No. 56-AA-0007
February 18, 2026

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

This report was developed in response to the Ventura County Resource Management Agency, Environmental Health Division, Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) request for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Department) concurrence on the issuance of a proposed modified Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP) for Simi Valley Landfill & Recycling Center, SWIS No. 56-AA-0007, located in Ventura County and owned and operated by Waste Management of California, Inc. A copy of the proposed SWFP is attached. This report contains Permitting & Assistance Branch (PAB) staff's analysis, findings, and recommendations.

The proposed SWFP was received on January 5, 2026. Action must be taken on this SWFP no later than March 6, 2026. If no action is taken by March 6, 2026, the Department will be deemed to have concurred with the issuance of the proposed modified SWFP.

Proposed Changes:

The following changes to the first page of the SWFP are being proposed:

Parameter	Current Permit (2020)	Proposed Permit
Name and Mailing Address of Operator	Waste Management of California, Inc. 2801 Madera Road Simi Valley, CA 93065	Waste Management of California, Inc. 9081 Tujunga Avenue Sun Valley, CA 91352
Name and Mailing Address of Owner	Waste Management of California, Inc. 2801 Madera Road Simi Valley, CA 93065	Waste Management of California, Inc. 9081 Tujunga Avenue Sun Valley, CA 91352
Permitted Maximum Tonnage	12,000 Tons per Day (TPD) with a weekly average not to exceed 64,750 Tons per Week. See LEA Condition Section 17(B)(5).	12,000 Tons per Day (TPD) with a weekly average not to exceed 64,750 Tons per Week.
Estimated Closure Year	2063	2056

Other Changes include:

1. Update section for "Legal Description of Facility";
2. Update section for "Findings";

3. Update section for “Prohibitions”;
4. Update section for “documents [that] describe and/or restrict the operation of the facility”;
5. Update section for “Self Monitoring”; and
6. Update section for “Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Conditions”.

Key Issues:

The proposed SWFP will allow for the following:

1. Update the mailing address of the owner and operator;
2. Update the estimated closure year from 2063 to 2056; and,
3. Incorporate an updated Joint Technical Document (JTD).

Background:

Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) is an existing Class III (nonhazardous) municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill located in an unincorporated area of Ventura County adjacent to the City of Simi Valley. The SVLRC also engages in recycling operations that include materials such as green material, wood waste, asphalt/concrete, white goods, tires, and scrap metal.

Findings:

Staff recommends concurrence in the issuance of the proposed modified SWFP. All of the required submittals and findings required by Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (27 CCR), Section 21685, have been provided and made. Staff has determined that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements have been met to support concurrence. The findings that are required to be made by the Department when reaching a determination are summarized in the following table. The documents on which staff’s findings are based have been provided to the Branch Chief with this Staff Report and are permanently maintained by the Waste Permitting, Compliance, and Mitigation Division.

27 CCR Sections	Finding
21685(b)(1) LEA Certified Complete and Correct Report of Facility Information	Acceptable: The LEA provided the required certification in their permit submittal letter dated January 5, 2026.
21685(b)(2) LEA Five Year Permit Review	Acceptable: A Permit Review Report (PRR) was prepared by the LEA on August 13, 2025. The LEA provided a copy to the Department on August 14, 2025. The changes identified in the PRR are reflected in the proposed modified SWFP.
21685(b)(3) Solid Waste Facilities Permit	Acceptable: Staff received a proposed Solid Waste Facilities Permit on January 5, 2026.
21685(b)(4)(A) Consistency with	Acceptable: The LEA provided a finding in the proposed SWFP received on January 5, 2026 that the facility is consistent with PRC 50001. Permitting and Assistance

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Public Resources Code (PRC) 50001	Branch (PAB) staff found the facility is identified in the Countywide Siting Element.
21685(b)(5) Preliminary or Final Closure Plan Consistency with State Minimum Standards	Acceptable: Engineering Support Branch staff in the Closure and Technical Support Section have found the Preliminary Closure/Postclosure Maintenance Plans to be approved as described in their memorandum dated February 2, 2026.
21685(b)(6) Known or Reasonably Foreseeable Corrective Action Cost Estimate	Acceptable: Engineering Support Branch staff in the Closure and Technical Support Section have found the written estimate to cover the cost of known or reasonable foreseeable corrective action to be approved as described in their memorandum dated February 2, 2026.
21685(b)(7)(A) Financial Assurances	Acceptable: PAB staff in the Financial Assurances Unit found the Financial Assurances for closure, postclosure and corrective action in compliance as described in their memorandum dated January 14, 2026.
21685(b)(7)(B) Operating Liability Insurance	Acceptable: PAB staff in the Financial Assurances Unit found the Operating Liability in compliance as described in their memorandum dated January 14, 2026.
21685(b)(8) Operations Consistent with State Minimum Standards	Acceptable: WEEB staff in the Inspections and Enforcement Agency Compliance Unit found that the facility was in compliance with all operating and design requirements during an inspection conducted on February 10, 2026. See Compliance History below for details.
21685(b)(9) LEA CEQA Finding	Acceptable: The LEA provided a finding in their permit submittal package received on January 5, 2026, that the proposed SWFP is consistent with and supported by the existing CEQA documentation. See Environmental Analysis below for details.
21650(g)(5) Public Notice and/or Meeting, Comments	Acceptable: A Public Informational Notice was posted by the LEA on November 13, 2025. No comments were received by LEA or Department staff.
21570(g) Disadvantaged Community Public Meeting	Acceptable: PAB staff determined that the facility is not located within one mile of a disadvantaged community as defined pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.
CEQA Determination to Support Responsible Agency's Findings	Acceptable: The Department is a responsible agency under CEQA with respect to this project. PAB staff has determined that the CEQA record can be used to support the Branch Chief's action on the proposed modified SWFP.

Compliance History:

WEEB staff in the Inspections and Enforcement Agency Compliance Unit conducted a pre-permit inspection on February 10, 2026 and found that the facility is in compliance with applicable state minimum standards and permit conditions.

Below are the details of the facility's compliance history based on the LEA's monthly inspection reports during the last five years:

Solid Waste Landfill

- 2026 (January) – 2025 (August) – No violations were noted.
- 2025 (July) – One violation of PRC 44014(b) – Operator Complies with Terms & Conditions.
- 2025 (June) – 2024 (August) – No violations were noted.
- 2024 (July) – One violation of 27 CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control.
- 2024 (June) – One violation of 27 CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control.
- 2024 (May) – 2023 (March) – No violations were noted.
- 2023 (February) – One violation of 27 CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control.
- 2023 (January) – 2021 (October) – No violations were noted.
- 2021 (September) - One violation of 27 CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control.
- 2021 (August) – 2021 (May) – No violations were noted.
- 2021 (April) – One violation of 27 CCR Section 20939 – Control Excessive Gas Concentrations.
- 2021 (March) - One violation of 27 CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control.
- 2021 (February) – 2021 (January) – No violations were noted.

Large Volume CDI Debris Processing Facility

- 2026 (January) – 2021 (January) – No violations were noted.

Chipping and Grinding Facility/Operation

- 2026 (January) – 2021 (January) – No violations were noted.

All violations were corrected to the satisfaction of the LEA.

Environmental Analysis:

Under CEQA, the Department must consider, and avoid or substantially lessen where possible, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed SWFP before the Department concurs in it. In this case, the Department is a Responsible Agency under CEQA and must utilize the environmental document prepared by the Ventura County Planning Division, acting as Lead Agency, absent changes in the project or the circumstances under which it will be carried out that justify the preparation

of additional environmental documents and absent significant new information about the project, its impacts and the mitigation measures imposed on it.

The changes that will be authorized by the issuance of the proposed SWFP include: updating the mailing address of the owner and operator, updating the estimated closure from 2063 to 2056, and incorporating an updated JTD.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR), State Clearinghouse No. 2007121148, was circulated for a comment period from September 28, 2009 to December 28, 2009. The Final EIR was certified by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on July 19, 2011.

Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, when an EIR has been certified or a negative declaration (ND) adopted for a project, no subsequent environmental document shall be prepared for that project unless the Lead Agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project, which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or ND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or ND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or

3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the ND was adopted, shows any of the following:

    (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or ND;
    (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
    (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
    (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

PRC Section 21068 defines “Significant effect on the environment” as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. CEQA Guidelines Section

15382 further defines, a “Significant effect on the environment” as meaning a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance. A lead or responsible agency may prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary and none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred, pursuant to Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Thus, Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines provides that an addendum to an EIR is the appropriate documentation when the Lead Agency or a Responsible Agency has determined that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 exist – specifically there are no new significant environmental effects as a result of the changed project.

An Addendum to the EIR, State Clearinghouse No. 2007121148, was prepared by the Lead Agency, dated February 10, 2020 and approved by the Lead Agency on March 23, 2020.

The LEA has provided a finding that the proposed modified SWFP is consistent with and supported by the cited environmental document.

Staff recommends that the Department, acting as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, utilize the EIR and Addendum as prepared by the Lead Agency in that there are no grounds under CEQA for the Department to prepare a subsequent or supplemental environmental document or assume the role of Lead Agency for its consideration of the proposed modified SWFP.

The administrative record for the decision to be made by the Department includes the administrative record before the LEA, the proposed modified SWFP and all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Addendum to the EIR approved by the Lead Agency, and other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision on concurrence in, or objection to, the proposed modified SWFP. The custodian of the Department’s administrative record is Ryan Egli, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

Public Comments:

The project document availability, hearings, and associated meetings were noticed consistent with the SWFP requirements. The LEA posted a public informational notice on November 13, 2025. No comments were received by the LEA or Department staff.

Department staff provided an opportunity for public comment during the CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting on January 20, 2026 and February 17, 2026. No comments were received by Department staff.

Attachment: Proposed Modified SWFP