

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA)**

Date of Notice: 3/10/2023

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FOR NEW SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT FOR
CIRCLE GREEN TECH PARK COMPOSTING
FACILITY (36-AA-0500)**

DATE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Thursday, March 23, 2023

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OPTION: <http://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 824 1922 7140
Passcode: TL04ZA

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

LOCATION OF MEETING: Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility
17900 Sheep Creek Road
El Mirage, CA 92301

PROJECT TYPE/NUMBER: Solid Waste Facility Permit Compostable Materials Handling Facility SWIS No. 36-AA-0500

PROJECT NAME: Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility (36-AA-0500) –Application for a new Compostable Materials Handling Facility

PROJECT LOCATION: 17900 Sheep Creek Road El Mirage CA, 92301

FACILITY CONTACT: Kevin Sutton, Owner Circle Green (310) 466-8114

APPLICANT: Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility

DATE LEA ACCEPTED APPLICATION: February 22, 2023

ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: San Bernardino County Public Health Environmental Health Services (LEA)

LEA CONTACT: Kimberly Tra, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist (800) 442-2283

Purpose of the Meeting

As a property owner, tenant or person who has requested notice, please be advised that the San Bernardino County, Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services – Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) will be holding a joint meeting with the Applicant of Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility (Facility), Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) # 36-AA-0500, to the public or interested parties regarding the proposed composting activities at the Facility. The joint meeting is for an informational meeting by the LEA to provide information pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 27 Section 21660.2 and a public meeting by the Applicant to address public comments pursuant to 27 CCR § 21570(g). The informational meeting is also used to incorporate comments from the public or interested parties for the purposes of consideration when drafting the proposed Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the Facility. The comments may also be used in consideration of the Facility. The LEA will make a determination regarding the proposed SWFP and must be made by the LEA within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete as required by Statute. Prior to issuance of the SWFP, the LEA must request and receive concurrence from CalRecycle.

The LEA is certified by CalRecycle to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste sites within San Bernardino County, including all composting facilities.

Description of Project

The Facility is located at 17900 Sheep Creek Road, El Mirage CA, 92301 within the unincorporated portion of San Bernardino County and within the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District's (PPHCSD) service area. The Facility is on 72.2 acres within the 160-acre property owned by PPHCSD which was formerly Meadowbrook Dairy. On January 23, 2023, the LEA received, from the Applicant, an application for a Compostable Materials Handling Facility (CMHF) Permit in a CalRecycle E-1-77 Form (rev. 11/15). The Facility intends to compost and will primarily source compost feedstocks from the Inland Empire and High Desert regions within San Bernardino County. This Facility does not compost biosolids.

The proposed permit allows the Facility the following design and operation:

- Operate a Compostable Materials Handling Facility
- Receive and process up to 1,800 tons per day of mixed material containing a combination of green material, food material, animal manure, digestate, and non-hazardous liquid material.
- Allow up to 95 vehicle trips per day plus an additional 20 non-truck vehicle trips per day.
- Operate during the following hours for operations, maintenance, processing and receipt and transfer of materials:
 - Monday – Sunday 24 hours per day
- Activities at the Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility will include material receiving, load checking, processing, composting, post-processing, and monitoring and testing.

State law requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act either through the preparation, circulation and adoption/certification of an environmental document and mitigation reporting or monitoring program or by determining that the proposal is categorically or statutorily exempt. The Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District, acting as Lead Agency, has prepared the following environmental documents for the Circle Green Tech Park Composting Facility located in El Mirage.

- An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Phelan Pinon Hills Community

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Services District's Circle Green "Green Tech" Project State Clearinghouse No. (SCH # 2019049127) was circulated for a 45-day review period from April 22, 2019 to May 21, 2019. The Final MND package was certified by the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District Board on August 7, 2019.

- The documents above support the limits of the proposed permit as follows:
 - Operating Hours: 7 Days per week, 24 hours per day.
 - Permitted Tons Per Operating Day: 1800 tons per day.
 - Permitted Traffic Volume: 95 vehicles per day plus 20 non-truck vehicles per day.

The LEA finds that the proposed SWFP is consistent with and is supported by the environmental documents cited above, and information contained in the Facility's Report of Composting Site Information.

Options for Submitting Comments and LEA Contact Information

Contact the LEA for the following:

- ✓ Questions, comments, or concerns regarding this composting facility;
- ✓ Require additional information;
- ✓ Require alternative formats for accessibility including sign language or oral interpreter for the meeting (must contact the LEA at least five working days prior to the meeting to insure availability);
- ✓ Schedule an appointment to review the SWFP application package;
- ✓ For information on the appeals process pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 44307 to challenge the LEA's acceptance and proposed issuance of the SWFP; or
- ✓ For any other reason.

The LEA Supervising Environmental Health Specialist is Kimberly Tra.

You may submit questions, comments, or concerns about the Facility no later than 14 days after this informational meeting (**April 6, 2023**) in the following:

1. Email the LEA at Kimberly.Tra@dph.sbcounty.gov;
2. Call or text the LEA at (800) 442-2283;
3. Fax the LEA at (909) 387-4323;
4. Submit a comment or question for the LEA at <https://ehs.sbcounty.gov/contact-ehs/>; or
5. Visit our offices from Monday – Friday between 8 AM to 5 PM at:

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