

APPENDIX D.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

This appendix presents the Community Relations Plan (Plan) for clean closure activities at the Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill (Site) located at 1300 Leidesdorff Street in Folsom, California. Positive community relations and public participation are integral parts of a successful project. The Plan describes the activities that will be conducted throughout the project to inform the community and provide opportunities for public participation. The Plan is considered dynamic in that the types and frequency of community outreach activities can be updated to meet the needs of the public throughout the project. The Plan is limited to the clean closure project and does not include future land use activities. There are a variety of community outreach efforts planned for this project including: a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and public comment period, neighborhood meetings, information repository, mailing list, fact sheets, and newspaper ads. Several outreach activities have already been conducted at the time this document was prepared.

CEQA Initial Study / Public Comment Period

A CEQA Initial Study was prepared in January 2008 to identify potential environmental impacts resulting from the project. Mitigation measures were included to reduce the impacts to less than significant levels. Mitigation measures included air monitoring, dust control, biological/cultural monitoring during excavation, complying with the City of Folsom (City) noise ordinance, relocating the City employee parking lot, and traffic planning. The 30-day public comment period for the Initial Study began on January 7, 2008 and ended on February 17, 2008. The City of Folsom's web site provided a direct link to e-mail inquires or comments for individuals that prefer e-mail. The public hearing on the Clean Closure was held on February 26, 2008 and the City Council adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration. A notice of determination was filed with the County of Sacramento Clerk on March 12, 2008.

Neighborhood Meetings

Neighborhood meetings provide residents and interested persons with the opportunity to obtain information about the project, provide comments, and ask questions. Typical meetings will consist of technical presentations, fact sheets, posters boards, and question/answer period. Comment cards are available for individuals that prefer questions to be read by the facilitator or as a formal means for recording public comment.

The City intends to host multiple neighborhood community meetings during the project. The initial neighborhood meeting was held at the Folsom Veterans Hall on January 17, 2008 during the CEQA public comment period. This facility was chosen because of its proximity to the Site and convenience to the local

community. A second meeting was held on April 29, 2008 to discuss the results of the pre-design investigation and to provide additional details on air monitoring and the excavation plan. The next neighborhood meeting will be scheduled prior to construction and the final meeting will be held during construction. Copies of all presentations and related handout material will be posted to the project website.

Information Repository / Project Website

During the public comment period, the Initial Study will be available for review at the project information repository:

- Folsom Public Library, Georgia Murray Building, 411 Stafford Street, Folsom (916) 355-7374.

Information on the project will also be posted on the project website at:

- <http://www.folsom.ca.us>

Mailing List

The City, with assistance from MMC Communications, has compiled a mailing list for the project. The list includes individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, and other known parties. The list is maintained by MCC Communications and will be updated as needed. The City prepared and distributed letters to the community to provide information about the initial neighborhood meeting and where to obtain a copy of the Initial Study.

Fact Sheets

The City will prepare multiple fact sheets to inform the public of meetings and comment opportunities and important site activities. An electronic version of fact sheets will be posted to the project website. Fact Sheet #1 informed the community about the project and preparation of the Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Fact Sheet #2 described the investigation of the landfill and the nature and extent of waste.

Newspaper Ads

The City will place ads in the *Folsom Telegraph* and *Folsom Life* to announce the public comment period, public hearing, and neighborhood meetings.

Responding to Complaints

Any complaints during construction will be received by Jennifer Tencati, MMC Communications, at (916) 567-6309 or jennifer@mmcpr.com. The complaint will be forwarded to the City of Folsom to formulate a response. The comment and response will be provided to the individual filing the complaint and the LEA within two business days of receiving the complaint. If appropriate, construction practices will be modified to resolve the complaint.