

LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND PUBLIC SERVICES GROUP

MICHAEL E. HAYS
Director

Date: June 6, 2006

NOTE: The Review Period has been extended to July 5, 2006.

To: Interested Individuals and Organizations

Subject: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EXTENDED TO JULY 5, 2006 FOR NURSERY PRODUCTS LLC. APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A SITE FOR CO-COMPOSTING OF BIO-SOLIDS AND GREENWASTE ON APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HINKLEY.

The San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Nursery Products Composting Facility. The project site is located south of State Route 58, approximately 12.3 miles east of Kramer Junction and 8 miles west of Hinkley, in the County of San Bernardino.

The proposed project includes:

- Development of a biosolids / green waste composting facility on a 160 acre parcel located south of State Route 58 approximately 12.3 miles east of Kramer Junction and 8 miles west of Hinkley.
- The composting facility would be used to produce agricultural grade compost. Intended usages of the proposed project site include an office space approximately up to 720 square feet in size, parking, scale, composting windrows, screening area, equipment / finished product storage area and a 2,000 gallon (7'x15') above ground fuel tank. Limited signage is proposed.
- The facility would store a maximum of 7 days of green waste feedstock on site (7,000 cubic yards). The maximum amount of biosolids that will be stored in the facility will also be limited to 2,000 cubic yards. The Facility will process approximately 400,000 tons per year of compostable material.
- The total amount of "active" compost is not expected to exceed 250,000 tons.

The Environmental Checklist Form (Initial Study), completed May 2, 2006, identified the potential for significant impacts relative to the issue areas as follows: Air Quality, Biology, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology. A copy of the Initial Study may be viewed at the following locations:

Land Use Services Department
Advance Planning Division
385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

San Bernardino County Library
Barstow Branch
304 East Buena Vista
Barstow, CA 92392

This letter is a request for environmental information that you or your organization believes should be addressed in the EIR. Due to time limits, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), your response should be sent at the earliest possible date. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JULY 5, 2006.** Comments and questions may be directed to Carrie Hyke, Supervising Planner, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182.

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The text of the Initial Study is posted on the County Land Use Services Department web page at www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices. Click on “Public Notices-Projects” and then scroll down to the Nursery Products documents, including the Initial Study and site map. Comments and questions may be directed to the address listed above or by calling (909) 387-4147.

Sincerely,

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