



# County of San Luis Obispo

## Department of Planning and Building Environmental Division

**TO:** Interested Party

**DATE:** January 15, 2009

**FROM:** John McKenzie, EIR Manager

**SUBJECT:** Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion Conditional Use Permit -- Notice of Availability of Draft EIR

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion is complete and available for public review and comment. The DEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the request to expand the Landfill footprint; increase permitted tonnage limits; increase Landfill disposal capacity; expand and relocate the Resource Recovery Park, Compost Operation, and the Materials Recovery Facility; change the hours of operation; add staff; and, construct a new entrance.

The proposed project is located at 2268 Carpenter Canyon Road (Highway 227), approximately 1.25 miles south of Price Canyon Road and approximately six miles south of the city of San Luis Obispo. The proposed project would be located on four parcels totaling approximately 209 acres.

The existing Landfill consists of an approximately 121 acre parcel designated Public Facilities (PF) by the County of San Luis Obispo Land Use Map. The expansion area is composed of three parcels, all located within the Agriculture (AG) land use category.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations: City/County Library of San Luis Obispo. Copies are also available on loan and for review at the Environmental Division of the Department of Planning and Building, located at the 976 Osos Street, Room 200, San Luis Obispo, 93408-2040. The EIR is on the Department of Planning and Building's web site at: [www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org) under "Environmental Information and Natural Resources", then "Environmental Notices, Proposed Negative Declarations, EIRs and other Documents".

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The EIR focuses on the following issues: aesthetic resources, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources climate change/greenhouse gas emissions, cultural resources (including historic and pale ontological resources), geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation and circulation, water resources, and growth inducing impacts. The EIR also considers three alternatives in addition to the "No Project" alternative.

**HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:**

Anyone interested in commenting on the draft EIR should **submit a written statement by 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2009**, to:

John McKenzie, Project Manager  
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If you need more information about this project, please contact John McKenzie at (805) 781-5452 (or e-mail: [jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us)).

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The public hearing before the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission to certify the EIR and consider the project for approval has been tentatively scheduled for **May 28, 2009**, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. If you plan to attend, please call two weeks before this date to verify.