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**TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED FINAL
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project)
08EIR-00000-00007 (State Clearinghouse #2008021052)
(March 27, 2009)**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a proposed Final Subsequent EIR has been prepared for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project. This proposed Final Subsequent EIR discusses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and suggests measures which could eliminate or reduce these impacts. As a result of this project, Class I and II significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following categories: Air Quality (cumulative), Biological Resources (project-specific and cumulative) and Cultural Resources (project-specific and cumulative). This Subsequent EIR is intended to serve as an informational document that informs the public, decision-makers and other interested agencies of the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project. The Subsequent EIR will be reviewed by the decisionmakers in their consideration of the proposed project. While CEQA requires that major consideration be given to avoiding environmental damage, the County of Santa Barbara and other responsible public agencies are obligated to balance the environmental effects of the project with other public objectives, including economic and social factors, in determining whether and in what manner, the project should be approved.

A Draft Subsequent EIR for the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project was released for public review on December 17, 2008. The public review period closed on January 30, 2009. An Environmental Hearing was held on January 15, 2009. **All comments received on the Draft Subsequent EIR have been responded to in the Response to Comments section of the proposed Final Subsequent EIR (Volume 1, Section 9.0).¹ Where appropriate, changes have been made to the Draft Subsequent EIR text in response to comments received, and have been incorporated into this proposed Final Subsequent EIR. The Final Subsequent EIR is comprised of Volume 1 (SEIR and Appendices A-J, dated March 2009) and Volume 2 (SEIR & Technical Appendices E-K, dated December 2008).**

Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) staff will prepare a staff report and forward it with the proposed Final Subsequent EIR and staff recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will review the environmental document and the staff report and will conduct a public hearing at a later date. Please contact Joddi Leipner, Senior Engineering Environmental Planner (805-882-3614) for additional project and hearing date information. Final action on the project and certification of the Subsequent EIR will be taken by the Board of Supervisors at their public hearing.

¹ Pursuant to PRC 21092, public agencies that commented on the draft EIR are herewith provided a copy of the Final Subsequent EIR or relevant portions and response to agency comments.

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If a copy of the proposed Final EIR is not attached, a copy may be obtained at RRWMD's offices at 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. All documents referenced in the EIR are also available for review at that location. Additionally, the proposed Final Subsequent EIR is available for review at the Santa Barbara Public library (Santa Barbara main branch and Goleta branch), the UCSB library and on-line at **<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/pwrrwm.aspx?id=3258>**.



Anne Almy, Environmental Hearing Officer

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