



Fw: Cold Canyon Landfill

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The proposed expansion of Cold Canyon Landfill has numerous Class I impacts. These impacts can be eliminated or mitigated with the use of transfer stations as described in the attached letter. The planning department needs to formulate a waste disposal plan which incorporates the use of transfer stations.



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To: Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo

Ref: Transfer Stations for Cold Canyon Landfill (CCL)

A plan for waste disposal, known as the 1991 Siting Study, was prepared for the County. The proposed expansion for CCL has numerous Class I environmental impacts, such as noise, odor, aesthetics and greenhouse gas emissions. These impacts violate the codes and ordinances of our County and can be eliminated or mitigated with the use of remotely located transfer stations as recommended in the 1991 Siting Study. Transfer stations are reasonable, feasible and commonly used landfill supplements which have not been evaluated in the EIR.

A transfer station is a location where waste is consolidated and transferred to larger trucks for delivery to the disposal facility (CCL). They can contain compost sites and material recovery facilities. The 1991 Siting Study recommended using a transfer station with a compaction facility of one acre in size located in the Morro Bay or Cayucos area, and a transfer station of four acres in size located near the waste production centroid of the southern part of the Coastal Region. All industrial operations could be located at the remote four acre site and CCL would continue to be used as the landfill for the Coastal Region. Advantages of using transfer stations are presented below.

Truck Traffic: Presently small, medium and large size trucks impact traffic at CCL. The remnants of transfer stations would be sent to CCL primarily in large trucks. With a 75% diversion rate (as mandated for 2020) the truck traffic at CCL would be reduced by more than 75%.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The County needs to design and implement a plan to reduce truck traffic from Cambria, Cayucos, Morro Bay, Nipomo and all local cities. The use of transfer stations will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Noise: With transfer stations truck traffic noise at CCL would be significantly reduced. With all industrial operations located at the remote four acre site, most industrial noise including the tub grinder noise at CCL would be eliminated.

Composting: A remote transfer station site would allow operation of composting which would increase the diversion rate.

Odor: Odor from stockpiles of green waste at CCL would be eliminated and landfill odor would be reduced. Leachate odor could be eliminated with the use of a leachate treatment plant.

Leachate Runoff: Inspection reports by the Water Quality Control Board in 2010, 2011 and again in 2012 have documented the release of leachate from CCL into neighboring properties, Pismo Creek and the ocean. Leachate contains toxic and cancer causing chemicals. The use of a leachate treatment plant at CCL would resolve this environmental impact.

Aesthetics:With a lower volume of input waste, the amount of visible active slopes could be reduced.

Economic Considerations: Transfer stations reduce the cost of transporting waste to the disposal facility. Additionally they reduce fuel consumption and collection vehicle maintenance, and they produce less overall traffic, air emissions and road wear.

An operator will need to purchase or obtain a long term property lease for each transfer station. The use of a portion of the oil fields off Price Canyon Road was recommended for the location of one of the transfer stations.

In conclusion, if the County is serious about reducing Class I environmental impacts, then transfer stations should be used. The 1991 Siting Study was performed by a global leader in engineering (CH2M Hill) specializing in the design of projects with the goal of no environmental impacts. The Planning Department has ignored recommendations of these professional engineering experts. Instead the Planning Department presented project alternatives with no chance of approval. The Planning Department needs to formulate a waste disposal plan which reduces Class I impacts prior to approval of the proposed plan for CCL. You are considering a plan that will last for 40 years. Let's spend the time to develop a plan which will comply with the codes and ordinances of our County.

I am willing to meet with each of you to discuss the transfer station concept.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion
Conditional Use Permit
ED06-126; DRC2005-00170**

Dear Chairperson Patterson and Supervisors:

On November 7, 2012 at a Special Meeting the Board of Directors of the Los Osos Community Services District voted to send a comment letter to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors regarding the Conditions of Approval attached to the Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion by the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission.

Although we certainly agree that any environmental impacts caused by this expansion project must be properly mitigated, we object to the imposition of discretionary measures placed on the project in addition to those required by the EIR to the extent they create additional costs for the applicant.

On behalf of our ratepayers, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors thoroughly review the discretionary measures included in the Conditions of Approval and before approving any of them consider the financial burden that will be imposed upon the ratepayers. Given the financial stress that the current economic times are placing on our residents, we hope that the Board would seriously consider eliminating any discretionary measures that add to the ratepayers' continuing financial burden.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to the financial well-being of the residents of San Luis Obispo County.

Sincerely,

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Board President

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