

**Responses to Form Letters/Comments Received on  
Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements  
Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility  
Issued on October 28, 2009**

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) staff received signed copies of a form letter regarding objections to the proposed Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility (Facility). Responses to signed form letters **without** additional comments are shown in the initial "Form Letter" responses provided below by date received. Responses to form letters received **with** additional comments are provided following the form letter response for each submitted letter.

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Form Letter	I, (name inserted), along with members of the high desert community, object to the open air facility that will process sewage sludge into compost up wind of Hinkley and Barstow for these and other reasons:	Introductory statement; no response required.
	We object to the process that San Bernardino County is using in permitting and regulating this facility.	Comment noted.
	We object to the lack of our ability to partake in the process effectively.	Throughout the permitting process, Water Board staff has noticed the public regarding tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for the Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility in local newspapers. In addition, tentative Waste Discharge Requirements for this project have been available for public review on the internet at the Water Board's website ( <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda">www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda</a> ). All comments received on the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements have been considered. The Water Board will hold a public hearing at its March 2010 meeting.
	We object to the lack of representation from the County of San Bernardino and Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt.	Comment noted.
	We object to the lack of consideration of cost effective enclosure.	Comment noted.

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	We object to the lack of independent testing and monitoring on site.	The Waste Discharge Requirements and Monitoring and Reporting Program require that a construction quality assurance plan, a construction quality assurance report, monitoring reports, and other technical reports be certified and signed by a Professional Engineer, a Certified Engineering Geologist, or a Professional Geologist, as appropriate, and that all samples collected for analysis be submitted to a state-certified laboratory.
Form Letter (Continued)	We object to the lack of objection by permitting agencies on the applicant's past history.	Water Board staff may review the history of compliance at a given site, as appropriate. However, the applicant does not have a history of violations related to water quality issues. The Waste Discharge Requirements require Nursery Products to construct and operate the Facility in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 27, for a Class II Facility. This is appropriate for the protection of water quality in regards to the material proposed to be on-site.
	We object to lack of emission regulations of the MDAQMD due to our currently clean air and their ineffective regulations.	Comment noted.
	We object to a substandard level of protection for our area compared to where the sewage sludge is produced.	In order to protect water quality and the associated beneficial uses, the Waste Discharge Requirements require Nursery Products to construct and operate the Facility in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 27, for a Class II Facility designed to contain designated waste. As such, this Facility will provide the same or better levels of protection for water quality as any other composting facility in the State.
	We object to the price our town of 25,000 will have to pay if the sewage sludge of 2 million people is dumped on the ground up wind of our community.	Comment noted.

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Patricia A. Adair	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Katherine Allen	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Robert L. Berkman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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David Brockhurst	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Sydney Brockhurst	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Amber Buck	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Tom Budlong	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	I place <u>great</u> value on California's deserts. As designed this project will degrade unnecessarily our desert, and set a precedent for similar projects, further degrading the desert. Don't permit this project as designed. Require that it be environmentally responsible.	As proposed, the Facility will be constructed to provide the level of protection as specified in California Code of Regulations, title 27, for a Class II facility to contain designated waste.
John D. Coffey, J.D.	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Ingrid Crickmore	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Sewage sludge is hazardous waste. It should not be dumped into any open air facility near any living beings, or any facility where it has the potential of leaching into groundwater or riparian areas.	The material at the proposed Hawes Composting Facility has been classified as a designated waste. As such, the proposed surface impoundments and composting pad at the Nursery Products Hawes composting facility are required to meet the standards or the equivalent level of protection as specified in California Code of Regulations, title 27, for Class II facilities to contain designated waste, and will thus be protective of water quality.
Linda Demca	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Craig Deutsche	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Kristen Dickman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Nancy Dittman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Irene Dougherty	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
G. Early	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
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	Each community needs to manage their resources & waste, not come to the desert to dump what belongs to them. Elected representatives need to protect our desert.	Comment noted.
Coralene Fisher	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Pat Flanagan	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Kim Floyd	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We object to the price Hinkley & Barstow, a town of 25,000 will have to pay for the waste of 2 million people if sewage sludge is dumped on the ground up wind of our community.	Comment noted.

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Terry Frewin	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	As a regular visitor to the high desert for both recreation & business purposes, I find this project unacceptable.	Comment noted.
Michael Gavabedian	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Robert Glinn	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Working in Hinkley @ Aquarius Ranch	Comment noted.
Hillary Gordon	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Nicolette Grill	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Lloyd Gunn	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Stacy Halsey	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Andrea Harms	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	- volunteer @ Aquarius Ranch, outside of Hinkley	Comment noted.
Raymond Hokanson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Brendan Hughes	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Desiree Kilgore	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Maxine Kist	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Do you live within 6 miles of this did not think so put it in your yard.	Comment noted.
Robert Kline	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Doris E. Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
H. Alison Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
John Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Diana Lindsay	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Mary Anel Lockwood	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
B F Maharrey Jr.	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jessica Mata	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Darlene L. Mendez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Donna Mumford	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Janet Norman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We have lived in Hinkley for 50 years and are upset with the officials that want to sell us out.	Comment noted.
Joe J. Orawczyk	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Mark Orr	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Helena Quintana	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Barbara R. Reber	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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Cherie Schroeder	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Fred Seidler	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Wayne L. Snively	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
David Spink	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Donna Tisdale	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Alternatives that process sewage sludge, at or near the point of origin, into biofuel and or pellitize [SIC] the sludge for use as alternative fuel should take precedence over long-hauling to remote communities.	Comment noted.
Barbara Vinson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter, above.
	Do you care about anyone, Maybe the Turtles (endangered)? How about the desert?	Water Board staff's primary responsibility is to protect water quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the Lahontan Region in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, California Water Code, and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan).
Teresa R. Weiner	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	This proposed facility will create unacceptable air quality impacts in this part of the Mojave Desert. The volatile organic carbon emissions may cause adverse impacts to the health of human communities	Air quality concerns are within the regulatory purview of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and the County of San Bernardino.
Linda Wheeler	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	HelpHinkley.org Please go to & read.	Comment noted.
Carol A. Wiley	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Donald Williams	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
David A. Wood	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

**The following Form Letters were received by Water Board staff on November 30, 2009:**

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Robert L. Berkman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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Hillary Gordon	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Larry Halstead	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Any politicians that support Nursery Products and this project is [SIC] not representing the voice of the people and needs to be voted out.	Comment noted.
Doris E. Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
H. Alison Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
John Layne	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
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**The following Form Letter was received by Water Board staff on December 3, 2009:**

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
Katherine Allen	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

**The following Form Letters were received by Water Board staff on December 16, 2009:**

<b>Commenter</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
Robert Glinn	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Working in Hinkley @ Aquarius Ranch	Comment noted.
Maxine Kist	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	6 miles is in your back yard (mine.) Not yours, put it in your own yard.	Comment noted.
Barbara Vinson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	I am in direct line of this purpsed [SIC] dump. You try living here...	Comment noted.
Marsha Weasma	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

**The following Form Letters were received by Water Board staff on December 21, 2009:**

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Lupita Encinias	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Each community needs to manage their resources & waste not come to the Desert to dump what belongs to them! Our elected Representatives need to protect our desert.	Comment noted.
Larry D. Halstead	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Janet Norman	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We have lived in Hinkley for 50 years and are very upset with the ones that want to ruin our home.	Comment noted.

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David Alley	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Yesenia Armendariz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Cristina Autry	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Brandon Autry	
Rosa Avalos	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Ann Baca	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Brandy Bohaty	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Ezekiel Tripp	
	Michele Bohaty	
	Katina Kendrick	
	Corben Kendrick	
	Tatiana Kendrick	
Wilfredo Burrigos	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Misty Burns	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Lizzette Cardenas	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Kristy Childers	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Stacy Connelly	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jim Davis	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Haydn Diaz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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Peg Diaz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We ask that every agency just do their job in protecting the environment and the people and animals in it. Please do your job and go to bed knowing you did so!	Water Board staff's primary responsibility is to protect water quality and beneficial uses of the waters of the Lahontan Region in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act, California Water Code, and the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan).
Eva Gallardo	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Penny Gallegos	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Michelle Garrison	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Wesley Garrison	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
James Gutierrez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jorge Gutierrez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Maria Gutierrez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Nola Julianna Heggenberger	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Nelly Hernandez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Anjelica C Hill Johnson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	Clean air quality is important to my family and kids school is down the road from plant. The wind has no boundries [SIC] so please put the in your facility	Air quality concerns are within the regulatory purview of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and the County of San Bernardino.
Esthela Jacobo	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Crystal Johnson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Richard K. Johnson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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Sarah Kelley	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We object to the lack of objection by permitting agencies based on the applicant's past history.	Water Board staff may review the history of compliance at a given site, as appropriate. However, the applicant does not have a history of violations related to water quality issues. The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements require Nursery Products to construct and operate the Facility in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 27, for a Class II Facility. This is appropriate for the protection of water quality in regards to the material proposed to be on-site.
	Since the people who comprise the permitting agencies think the sludge composting facility will be no problem, why not put this facility in their neighborhoods? Let them convince their neighbors it's no problem, because the people in Hinkley and Barstow aren't buying it!	Comment noted.
Nancy Linebaugh	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Brianne Livingston	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
April Marcum	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	I agree with all of the above. The open air facility that will process sewage sludge will create problems for our community, the air we breathe and be toxic to our health.	
Lillian Melendez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	We object to the fact that we will not be able to sell or afford to move due to the odor & flies. We are already suffering due to the water contamination in other areas of Hinkley. Why can they not at least cover the facility? Why did supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt not leave it in his backyard Newberry. If this is such a great idea?	Enclosure of the Facility was evaluated in the Supplemental EIR. Implementation of the Odor Impact Minimization Plan will reduce odors to insignificance.
Michael Merritt	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Dennis Mitchell	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Nicole Mitchell	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Tracie Neish	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
	I agree with all objectives [SIC]	Comment noted.
Laura Olivares	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.

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Grace Ortiz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Tony Ortiz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Margaret Peterson	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Clairisa Proctor	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Lena Quass	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Maria Ramirez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Alice Reinhart	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Henry Roberts	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Stacy Roberts	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Amy Rodriguez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Sara Schultz	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Venessa Sibley	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Charisma Turner	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jayne Turner	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jennifer Turner	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Joe P. Turner, Jr.	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Joe P. Turner, Sr.	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Christopher Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Denise Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Joel Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Joely Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
JoJo Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Josey Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Victor Valenzuela	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Francisco J. Velasquez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Jenny Velasquez	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Shannon Williams	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
Maria E. Wright	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.
William Wright	Form Letter	Please see responses to Form Letter above.