

**15/16 OCTOBER 2020 BOARD MEETING
CONTESTED AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 8

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Board Resolution – Approving an Initial Study and Adopting a Negative Declaration for Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit Project

BOARD ACTION:

Adopt Board Resolution

BACKGROUND:

Aerojet Rocketdyne has proposed to construct a 1 million cubic yard waste consolidation unit on top of a portion of the former White Rock North Dump (WRND) adjacent to the Aerojet Superfund Site in eastern Sacramento County near the cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom. The Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit (AWCU) would receive waste soils from removal of an existing closed solid waste landfill and from cleanup of contaminated sites associated with the Superfund site. The soils are classified as non-hazardous designated wastes and the AWCU designed and operated as a Class II waste management unit. Filling and capping of the AWCU would provide a cap for approximately one-half of the WRND, which operated from 1957-1963 as a solid waste municipal landfill. The WRND was never given waste discharge requirements nor was it ever capped. Capping of the remainder of the WRND would take place after closure and capping of the AWCU and no later than 2035.

Waste discharge requirements for the AWCU and capping of the WRND have been drafted and received public comment. CEQA needs to be completed prior to adoption of the waste discharge requirements. This Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was developed in close coordination with Sacramento County Agencies and Cal Recycle. The proposed AWCU significantly reduces the pollutant load to the environment due to a reduction in truck mileage to dispose of the waste soils at existing solid waste landfills and reduces the impact on those landfills that have been stressed by the large amount of fire-related debris being taken to them. Air emissions are reduced by over 90%.

ISSUES:

The IS/MND and associated appendices was circulated for public review. The only public comments received were from three nearby Native American tribes. Their main concerns were on the potential presence of cultural resources associated with historical tribal activities and wanting to have tribal presence during soil disturbing activities. The CEQA document was developed to provide that opportunity and arrangements will be made to accommodate the request.

Concerns from the agencies from Sacramento County and the State of California were addressed during development of the IS/MND prior to public review and no comments were provided by them during the public review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Resolution finalizing the IS/MND and proceed with issuing a Notice of Determination completing the CEQA process.

REVIEWS:

Management Review:	
Legal Review	

BOARD MEETING LOCATION:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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