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## San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**In reply refer to:**  
**259845:AGrove**

### **Subject: Initiating the Discharge of Waste to the Stage IV-D Expansion Area**

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Republic Services Inc. has reported that it needs to keep Sycamore Landfill open by expanding landfilling operations into the recently constructed Stage IV-D expansion area. The Stage IV-D expansion area increases the existing capacity of the landfill by approximately 2,130,000 cubic yards (or 1,640,000 tons), increases the footprint of the landfill by approximately 5.9 acres, and extends the service life of the landfill for approximately 2 years.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has not issued waste discharge requirements for the Stage IV-D expansion area. Republic Services, Inc. is not precluded from initiating a discharge of waste into the Stage IV-D expansion area, however, provided the following conditions have been met in conformance with Water Code section 13264, and provided the waste to be discharged does not create or threaten to create a condition of pollution or nuisance.

- **Republic Services, Inc. must file the report required by section 13260 of the Water Code.** A complete revised final Joint Technical Document (JTD) for the Sycamore Landfill Master Planned Expansion Project, was received by the San Diego Water Board on August 31, 2017. The revised JTD, which substitutes for the Report of Waste Discharge required by section 13260, included information for the construction and operation of the Stage IV-D expansion area.
- **140 days must have expired after compliance with section 13260.** Republic Services, Inc. has fully complied with Water Code section 13260 with respect to the Stage IV-D expansion area by submitting the complete JTD and paying the application fee. As of January 18, 2018, 140 days have expired since Republic Services, Inc. achieved compliance with section 13260.
- **The San Diego Water Board is a responsible agency for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act, and at least 90 days have expired since certification or approval of environmental documents by the lead agency.** An Environmental Impact Report for the Master Planned Expansion Project was certified by the City of San Diego (the lead agency), on September 20, 2012. For the purpose of



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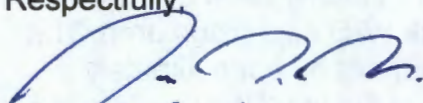
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compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the San Diego Water Board is a responsible agency for this project.

Pursuant to Water Code section 13264, Republic Services, Inc. is not precluded from initiating a discharge of waste to the Stage IV-D expansion area in accordance with specifications in the JTD, provided the waste to be discharged does not create or threaten to create a condition of pollution or nuisance. The San Diego Water Board continues to develop tentative waste discharge requirements for the Sycamore Canyon Master Planned Expansion Project based on information in the JTD. Staff plan to bring the tentative waste discharge requirements to the Board for consideration as soon as possible.

In the subject line of any response, please include the reference code **259845:AGrove**. Please contact Ms. Amy Grove at (619) 521-3920, or vial email to [Amy.Grove@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Amy.Grove@waterboards.ca.gov) if you have any questions or comments.

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