

APPENDIX 5.13

Solid Waste Response Letter

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Britt Fussel
Tulare County

Regarding: Riverwalk Marketplace Phase II Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Fussel,

Our firm is currently preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Riverwalk Marketplace Phase II Project located in the City of Porterville (please see attached figures). The 21 acre project site is located on the southeast corner of Indiana Street and Springville Drive, immediately northeast of the State Route 190/State Route 65 interchange. The project as proposed would contain a total of up to 256,471 sq. ft. of retail distributed among five building pads. The proposed project includes a total of up to 215,000 sq. ft. associated with a Wal-Mart Supercenter. The Wal-Mart Supercenter is proposed to consist of a 184,129 square foot store (which is anticipated to include, among other things, 30,907 sq. ft. of grocery sales area and 10,373 sq. ft. of grocery support areas); a 10,655 square foot indoor garden center and seasonal sales area, 2,823 square feet of vestibule area at store entries; and a 14,216 sq. ft. outdoor garden center area. While this amounts to a total of only 211,823 square feet, the EIR will conservatively assume for the sake of evaluating impacts a total of up to 215,000 sq. ft., with the extra 3,177 sq. ft. assumed to be general retail merchandize area. The project is consistent with the existing General Plan and Zoning designations.

Our interest is to provide as much detailed information concerning solid waste disposal service impacts in the Draft Environmental Impact Report as possible. In response to this objective, we would appreciate your input regarding the following questions:

What landfill(s) would serve the project site?

Teapot Dome Landfill or Woodville Landfill.

What is the current average daily volume at the landfill(s) serving the project site (in tons and / or compacted / non-compacted cubic yards)?

The average daily volume is 230 to 280 tons a day.

Is this for a five or six-day operating week?

The landfills operate six days a week -- Monday – Saturday.

What is the remaining permitted capacity of the landfill(s)?

As of 12/31/08, Teapot Dome's remaining net permitted capacity is 123,000 cy and Woodville Landfill's remaining net permitted capacity is 4,928,139 cy.

When will the permitted capacity be reached?

Teapot Dome's remaining capacity will be reached in approximately 1 ½ years based on current waste stream. Woodville's remaining site life, depending upon waste stream, is up to 38 years once the expansion is complete.

Are there any expansion plans for these landfill(s)?

There are no expansion plans for Teapot Dome, however, the County plans to convert to a Transfer Station. The County plans to expand the Woodville Landfill and is in the process of obtaining the necessary permits.

Have any permits been filed to expand these landfill(s) in the near future? If so, to what capacity?

The County is in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to expand the Woodville Landfill. The County is studying the possibility of building a transfer station at the Teapot Dome Landfill site.

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As of 12/31/08, Teapot Dome's remaining net permitted capacity is 123,000 cy and Woodville Landfill's remaining net permitted capacity is 4,928,139 cy.

Do you engage in any sort of recycling activities at the landfill(s)? If so, please describe and provide a percentage estimate of total material recovery compared to total inflow.

To help keep usable and recyclable materials out of our landfills, the Solid Waste Division of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency provides a landfill salvage program that helps keep recyclable items out of the landfill. The County recycles construction and demolition debris, metal and white goods, green and wood waste, and tires.

What potential solid waste service provision problems do you foresee for this proposed project?

The closure of the Teapot Dome Landfill.

Please identify any other areas of concern you may have in terms of your ability to serve this project, as well as future development in you service area.

The environmental document should consider these questions:

1. *Is the project designed to maximize solid waste reduction, recycling and composting of waste?*
2. *Is there evidence that there is adequate capacity in the solid waste system to handle the proposed development?*
3. *Does the project adequately provide for solid waste storage, recycling and handling and collection?*

Are there any unique or potential issues you see affecting the project.

The cumulative impacts should be addressed in the EIR, including any probable future projects within the area. You should quantify the projected waste generated from the project and provide evidence that there is adequate capacity within the solid waste for processing, recycling, transmission and disposal prior to approving the project.

You should promote the maximum feasible use of solid waste reduction, recycling and composting of wastes, strive to reduce the commercial and industrial waste on an annual basis, and pursue solid waste reduction programs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in answering these questions and providing the requested information. As there are time constraints in preparing the draft EIR, we would appreciate your responses no later than **Monday, January 26th**. You may respond to me by mail, email (esharp@impactsciences), or fax (805) 437-1901. Furthermore, if you have any additional concerns which I have not addressed, or need additional project description information; please feel free to call me at 805-437-1900 ex. 225.

Sincerely,

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