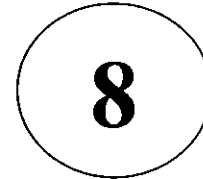




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**SUBJECT: GREENCYCLE REPORT - RECOMMENDATION TO
BEGIN PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Receive and file this report and
- 2) Direct staff to begin the procurement process for a private sector partner to develop and operate the GreenCycle facility under contract with the SWA.

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento GreenCycle project hopes to develop a local facility to recycle about 100,000 tons per year of residential garden refuse -- roughly half the annual garden refuse generated by the City of Sacramento and County. The facility would be operated through a public-private partnership, in which the public sector controls the site and holds the facility permits, and the private sector develops and operates the facility under a long-term contract with the SWA. A goal of the GreenCycle project is to bring a local facility on line that can be competitive with market rates for green waste processing and stabilize costs over the long term, in part by reducing the significant current costs incurred for transporting garden refuse out of county for processing.

The Sacramento GreenCycle project has been in the works for over seven years. SWA staff first brought the need for a local garden refuse recycling facility to the Board's attention in 2002, at which time the Board directed staff to move ahead with the project. An extensive siting and outreach process took place in 2004 and 2005. This included the formation of a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) that included community representatives and members of the Cities/County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). This process culminated in a Final Facility Siting Report that included recommendations from the PAC for the four preferred siting alternatives for the GreenCycle facility. The four siting alternatives are:

- Scott Road: near the north end of Scott Road, south of White Rock Road
- Kiefer Landfill: future landfill modules 8 and 9
- Twin Cities Road West: northwest of the intersection of Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road
- Twin Cities Road East: northeast of the intersection of Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road

These four siting alternatives are shown on the attached Figure 2-1 from the Final Siting Report. On June 9, 2005, the Board authorized environmental review of the four siting alternatives. The environmental review process has taken over four years, in part due to the need to evaluate the cumulative impacts of three new quarries that have since been proposed for development near the Scott Road GreenCycle siting alternative.

STATUS REPORT

The GreenCycle Draft EIR should be completed very soon and released for public review and comment. Now that this milestone is approaching, staff recommends that we begin the procurement process to select the private-sector partner that will develop and operate the GreenCycle facility under contract with the SWA. Moving forward, staff hopes to be able to return this winter recommending the Board certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and select the preferred facility site.

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The Draft EIR is expected to identify the Scott Road site as the environmentally preferred site. The Draft EIR is also expected to identify the aerated static pile (ASP) composting method as the preferred processing technology since ASP has less impact than the other composting methods evaluated in the Draft EIR. After the Draft EIR review and comment period, the Final EIR will be prepared. We hope to report back with a Final EIR for the Board's consideration this coming winter.

Scott Road Site and Road Impacts

The preferred GreenCycle facility site on Scott Road south of White Rock Road is near three new quarries proposed by Teichert, Granite, and DeSilva Gates. The GreenCycle project is estimated to have a traffic impact of roughly 130 trips per day. The traffic impact for the three quarry sites is estimated at roughly 6,000 trips per day. Cumulatively, these are very significant impacts to the roadways in the vicinity of Scott Road and White Rock Road. To develop and consider road improvement alternatives that would mitigate the impacts of this heavy volume of truck traffic, the County Department of Transportation (DOT) has been meeting for some months with the quarry proponents and representatives of the cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova, El Dorado County, CalTrans, nearby landowners and other interested parties to develop a truck management plan for the area. It is anticipated that this truck management plan will result in a comprehensive set of traffic mitigation measures for the area that will be funded by the various projects, including GreenCycle, on a fair-share basis.



Attachment 2 is a vicinity map for the Scott Road site showing the preferred GreenCycle facility location, the three new quarries, and the nearby State of California Off-Highway Vehicle Park.

Procurement

We recommend the Board direct staff to begin the procurement process to select the private sector partner that will develop and operate the GreenCycle facility under a long-term contract with the SWA. Our proposed first step of the procurement process is the release of a Request for Letters of Interest (RFLOI). The RFLOI will be a broadly distributed request that asks for interested companies to provide a short letter expressing their interest in developing and operating the GreenCycle project. Once the Board certifies the Final EIR and selects the preferred facility site, staff would begin the second phase of the procurement process, which will be to distribute a Request for Qualifications to those companies that submitted letters of interest. Next year, staff plans to report back to the Board for approval of a recommended short list of the most qualified companies who would be selected to receive a Request for Proposals.

CONCLUSION

Staff hopes to complete the environmental review phase of the GreenCycle project this winter and recommends that the Board receive and file this report and authorize the release of a Request for Letters of Interest to begin the vendor procurement process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Figure 2-1 from Final Siting Report, Scott Road Vicinity Map
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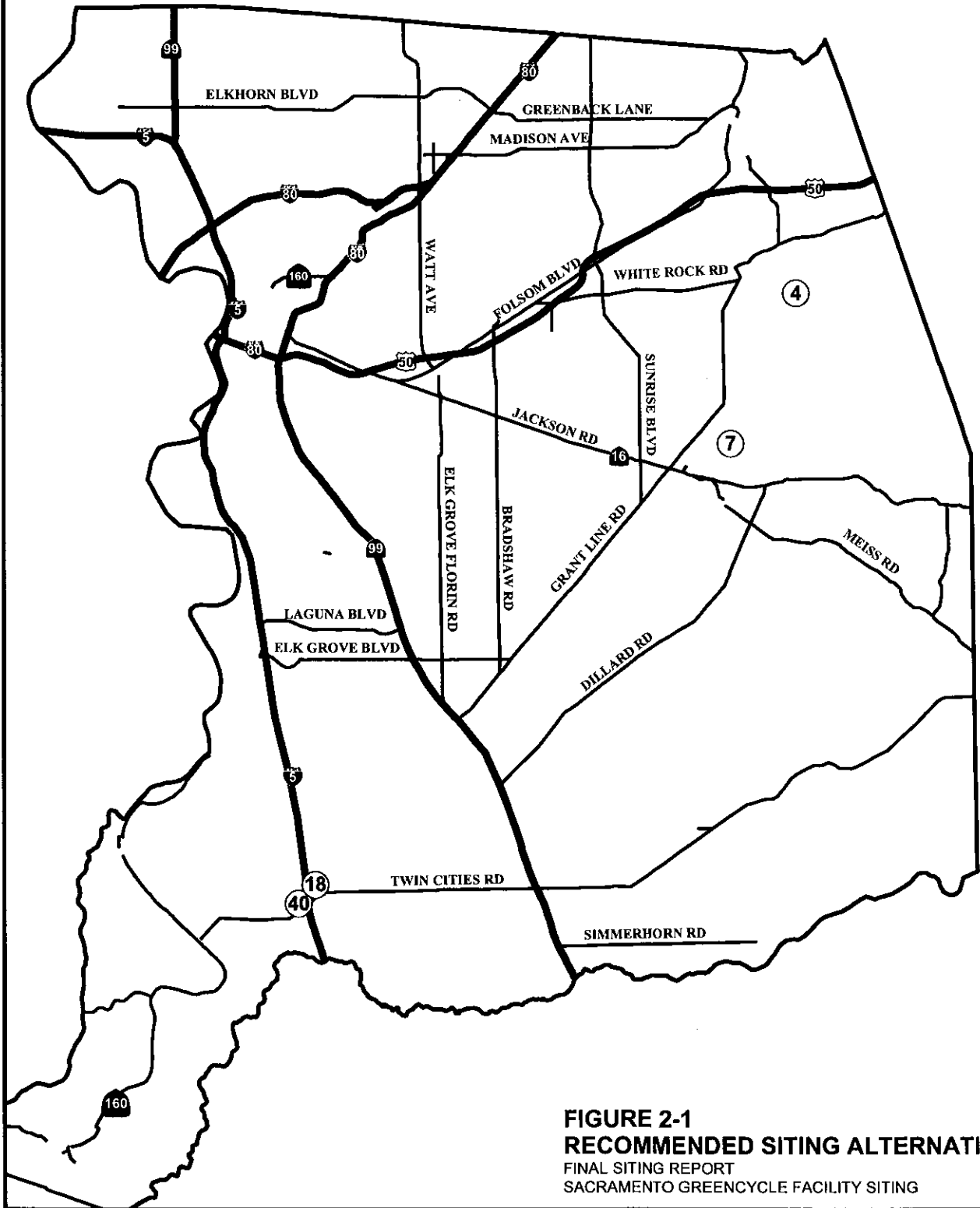
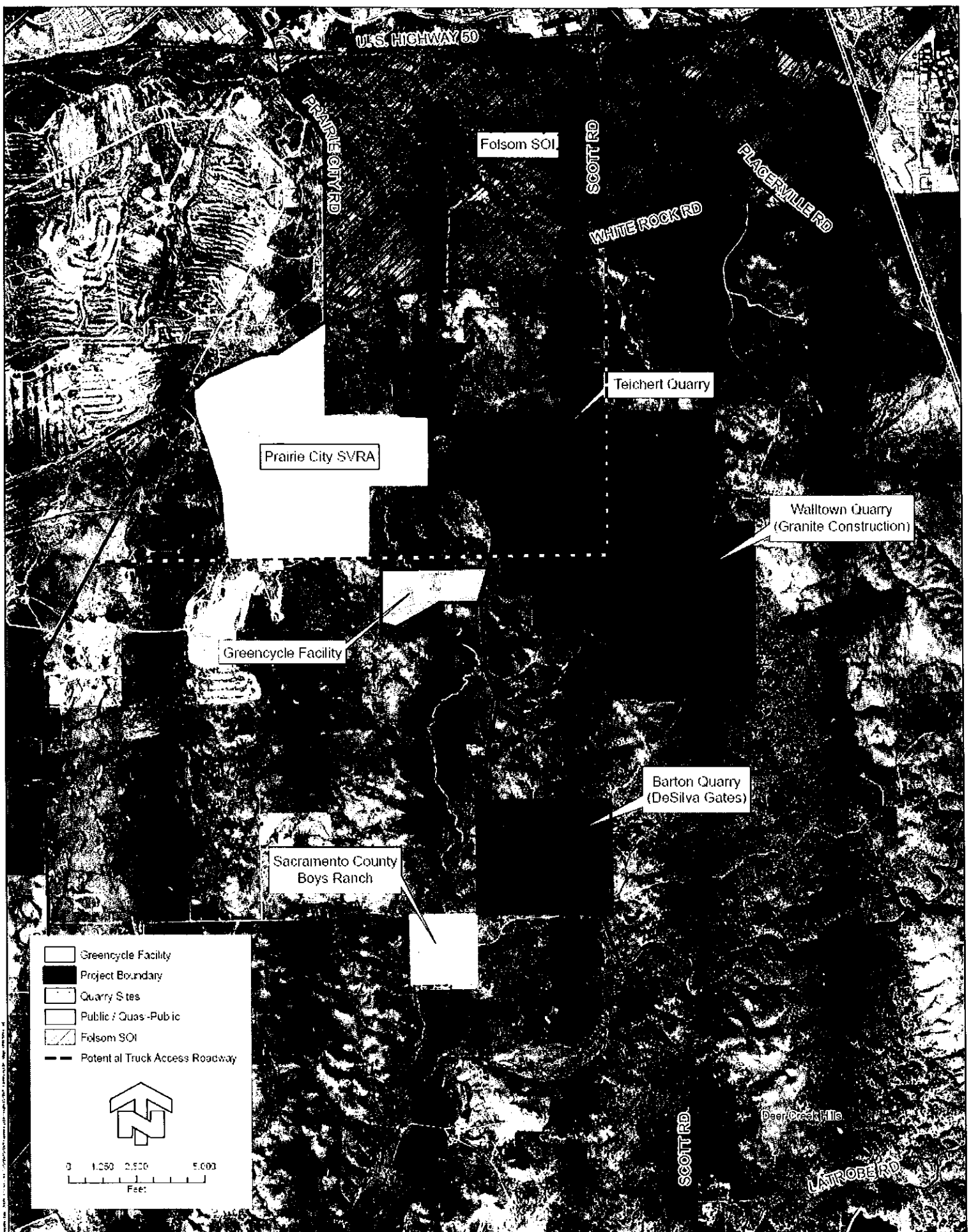


FIGURE 2-1
RECOMMENDED SITING ALTERNATIVES
FINAL SITING REPORT
SACRAMENTO GREENCYCLE FACILITY SITING



SWA Greencycle Project Scott Road Alternative Vicinity Map