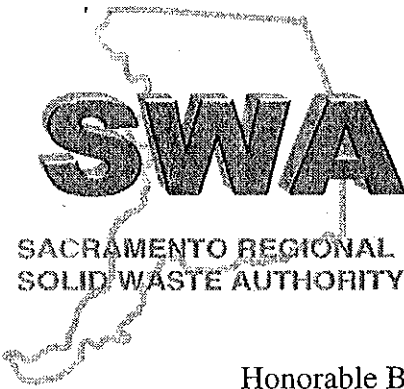


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**SUBJECT: GREENCYCLE STATUS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

**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 residential garden refuse collected by the City of Sacramento and the 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.

On June 9, 2005, the Board approved the following recommendations for moving forward with the GreenCycle project, including:

- 1) Receive and file the Facility Siting Report that documents the Project Advisory Committee's (PAC) recommendations for facility siting alternatives for the GreenCycle facility. Figure 1 attached shows the location of the four preferred siting alternatives resulting from the evaluation of 151 sites located throughout the county:
  - Site 4 -- Scott Road site, located near the north end of Scott Road, south of White Rock Road;
  - Site 7 -- Kiefer Landfill site, located in future landfill modules 8 and 9;
  - Site 18 -- Twin Cities Road East site, located northeast of the intersection of Highway 5 and Twin Cities Road; and

- Site 40 -- Twin Cities Road West site, located northwest of the intersection of Highway 5 and Twin Cities Road.
- 2) Acknowledge the PAC's participation in the facility siting and evaluation process and its considerable contribution to the development of the recommended siting alternatives by adopting a resolution of appreciation.
- 3) Authorize an amendment to the MMC Communications consulting agreement for continued public outreach during the environmental review process established by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 4) Authorize an amendment to the CH2M Hill consulting agreement for technical assistance during the CEQA process and to begin the procurement process for a vendor to operate the GreenCycle facility on behalf of the SWA.
- 5) Direct staff to begin the next phase of this project by beginning the environmental review and vendor procurement efforts.

## STATUS REPORT

Staff expects the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) to be available for public review and comment this summer. We expect that the DEIR will identify the environmentally preferred site as well as the preferred green waste processing technology or blend of technologies.

Since the GreenCycle CEQA process began, the following events have occurred that have affected the feasibility of some of the sites, increased the constraints on compost technology alternatives, and have delayed environmental review of the project:

- 1) The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issued new waste discharge requirements for green waste processing facilities that significantly impact the feasibility of sites located in floodplains. Both of the Twin Cities Road sites are located within floodplains.
- 2) There have been changes in the potential long-term land-use development picture that may affect both the Kiefer Landfill and Scott Road sites.
  - As part of its General Plan update, the County is considering development of the area north of Kiefer Landfill as part of the Grant Line East Visioning effort. In addition, a new university has been proposed north of the Kiefer Landfill.
  - In the Scott Road area, three new rock quarries have been proposed for development. The GreenCycle DEIR is expected to evaluate the cumulative impacts of the GreenCycle Scott Road siting alternative and the proposed new quarries.



In April of this year, the SWA General Manager/Engineer, acting under the authority granted by Board Resolution SWA-03-03 extended the term of the CH2M Hill consulting agreement for another year due to the delay in the CEQA process.

## **PLANNED EFFORTS**

In the near future staff plans outreach, procurement and facility permitting efforts.

### **Outreach**

Staff plans to reconvene the project advisory committee (PAC) that was so instrumental during the siting process. Staff will ask the PAC to have a public meeting as a forum for receiving public comments on the DEIR and to offer its own DEIR comments. The DEIR will also be circulated to the SWA Board, potentially concerned local governments and to the regulatory agencies that would eventually consider granting entitlements for facility development and operation. Staff also plans to once again hold community workshops at locations near the preferred siting alternatives and continued stakeholder outreach including individual, small group meetings, and civic group presentations. Eventually, the Final EIR will be brought to the SWA Board for its consideration.

### **Procurement**

Staff plans to begin the procurement process for the GreenCycle facility developer and operator once the DEIR is available. The first effort of the procurement process will be to issue a letter of interest.

### **Facility Permitting**

Entitlements will be needed from the County Planning Department since all four siting alternatives are located within the unincorporated area of the county as well as from the Local Enforcement Agency, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Air Quality Management District. All of these agencies were involved during the CEQA scoping process. Staff plans to once again meet with each agency to review their separate permit process requirements and to begin developing permit application materials.

### **SWAC**

The Cities/County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was briefed on the project status at its April 1 and April 29 meetings.

## **CONCLUSION**

The GreenCycle project has been in environmental review for over two years, but staff hopes the Draft EIR will be available this summer so that we may renew our community outreach efforts as well as begin the procurement process and permitting efforts. It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrator

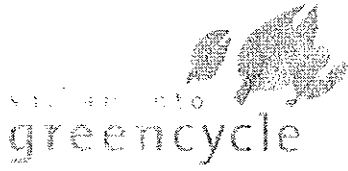
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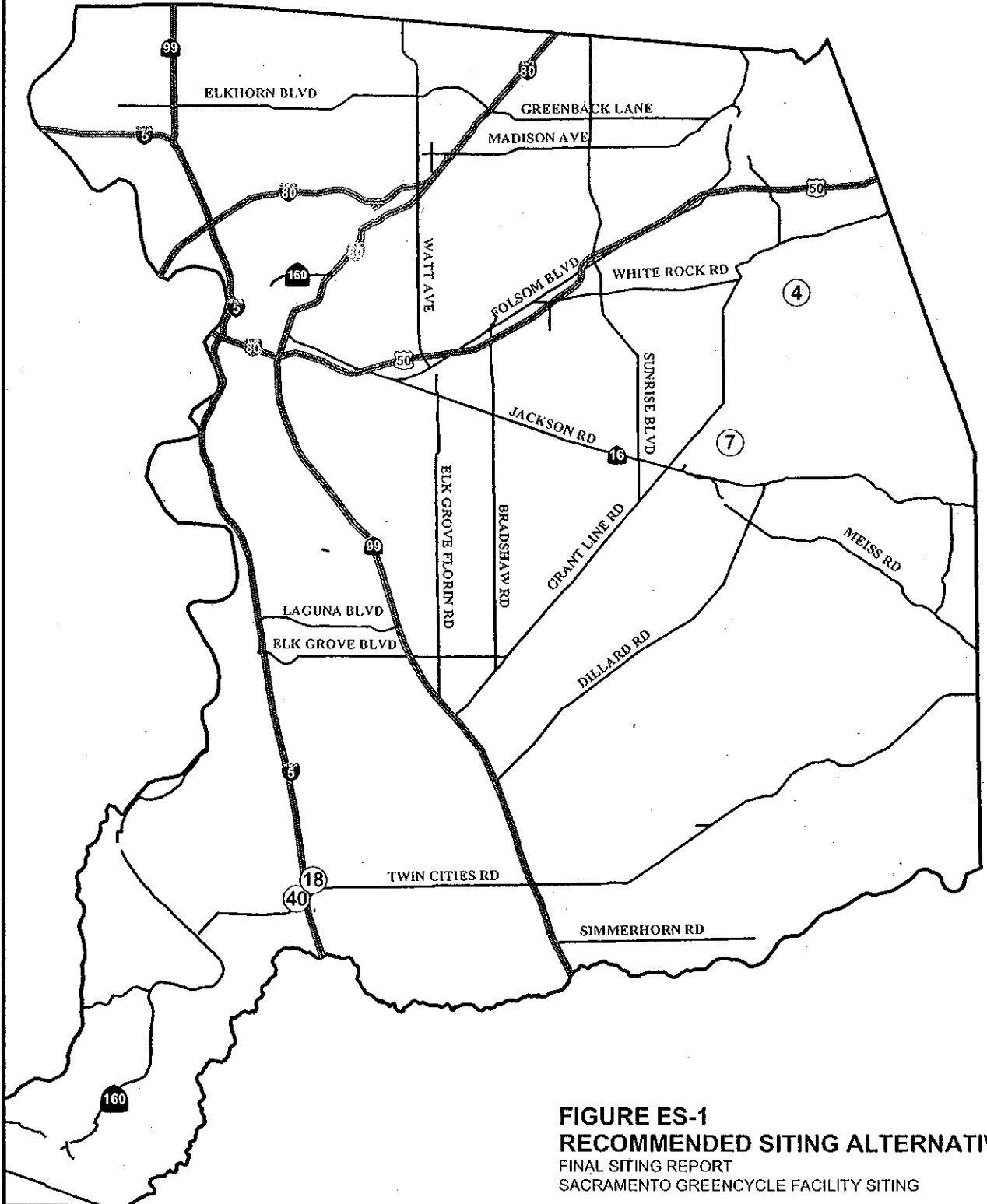
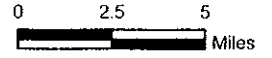
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**FIGURE ES-1**  
**RECOMMENDED SITING ALTERNATIVES**  
FINAL SITING REPORT  
SACRAMENTO GREENCYCLE FACILITY SITING