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WPWMA Enters into Negotiations for New Landfill and Materials Recovery Facility Operator

PLACER COUNTY — The Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) Board of Directors authorized staff to initiate formal contract negotiations with FCC Environmental Services, LLC (FCC) for the future operation of the WPWMA’s Materials Recovery Facility and the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill.

The new operating agreements are anticipated to be effective July 1, 2022. The Board made the decision at their Nov. 29 Board meeting.

The FCC selection was the result of a competitive procurement undertaking that began in September 2020. As part of the request-for-proposal process, firms submitted conceptual designs for facility improvements and modified operations to meet the WPWMA’s goal of complying with new state requirements for diverting organic materials from landfill disposal. FCC was deemed the top-ranked firm and invited to negotiate terms with WPWMA.

“The new MRF operating agreement will include upgrades to the facility that will enable it to receive and process organic material regardless of how each jurisdiction collects the material or how they deliver it to the facility,” says Eric Oddo, WPWMA Program Manager. “We’re excited that the next evolution of our facility will be able to handle our part of California’s call for a 75% reduction in organic material from landfills by 2025.”

The mission to keep organic materials and food scraps out of landfills was imposed by the California Legislature through SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). Acknowledging the significance of SB 1383, the Materials Recovery Facility’s request for proposals required firms to guarantee and to demonstrate how they would meet CalRecycle’s “high diversion organic processing facility” performance requirements.

The facility upgrade for organics is in conjunction with the WPWMA’s proposed Renewable Placer Waste Action Plan to expand facility operations to meet residents' and businesses' future waste management needs, comply with a changing regulatory environment, support planned regional growth, increase material diversion from the landfill, and create opportunities for innovation.

The Waste Action Plan Notice of Availability and EIR documents are available for review at RenewablePlacer.com. For instructions on how to submit comments, please see the Notice of Availability.

FCC Environmental Services, LLC is one of the largest and oldest waste management companies in the world, providing environmental services across the United States, the United Kingdom and Spain, and is present in 37 countries, servicing over 60 million citizens in 5,000 municipalities. The company is known for tailoring to the needs of its partners using the latest technologies and environmentally-friendly equipment.

The WPWMA is a regional agency established in 1978 through a joint exercise of powers agreement between Placer County and the cities of Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville (member agencies). The WPWMA's facilities consist of the Western Regional Sanitary Landfill and a Materials Recovery Facility, including composting, household hazardous waste and recycling buyback facilities.

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