

**MEMORANDUM
WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

TO: **WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** DATE: **SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**
FROM: **KEN GREHM / ERIC ODDO** 
SUBJECT: **WASTE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. This report is for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

The following provides an update on the WPWMA's *Renewable Placer: Waste Action Plan* project including development of the environmental document and continued stakeholder engagement.

Environmental Impact Report Progress Overview

Jacobs continues to make progress on the Waste Action Plan draft environmental impact report (DEIR). An updated high-level project status matrix is attached identifying anticipated completion dates for key milestones and progression of major DEIR elements. The matrix completion bars are shaded darker to denote progress since the last update to your Board.

Technical Air Group

Staff and Jacobs have conducted two meetings with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) and have developed a comprehensive methodology for conducting the necessary air quality analysis for the two project concepts. The draft methodology was submitted to the PCAPCD for their review and comment in June and they agreed in concept with the methodology. To date, neither the WPWMA nor Jacobs have received comments from the PCAPCD on the methodology and Jacobs is proceeding with the air analysis consistent with the methodology.

Consultation with Native American Tribes

The WPWMA initiated the consultation process with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) consistent with the provisions of AB 52, including a preliminary meeting with the UAIC and conducting a site reconnaissance survey with Jacobs' Senior Archaeologist and two representatives from the UAIC. The final draft survey report was provided to the UAIC in August 2020 for their review and input and will ultimately become part of the DEIR.

Stakeholder Engagement

At the June 18, 2020 meeting, your Board approved an agreement with a firm to provide PIO services, including engagement with targeted audiences and identifying media opportunities to inform the public about the Waste Action Plan. Prior to CEQA initiation, staff presented the Waste Action Plan to Member Agency councils and the Board of Supervisors as well as local Chambers of Commerce and other interested groups and

intends to present an update to these groups later this year as the project continues to develop.

As reported to your Board in May, Jacobs has developed an interactive visualization tool that depicts what the facility may look like under each plan concept at key points in the future. The tool is built on a Google Earth-style platform that will allow the user to pan and zoom from defined viewpoints, and informational tags will provide details about the individual project components. The visualization tool is scheduled to be available on the WPWMA's website later this month.

Engagement with Sacramento State and the Carlsen Center

WPWMA and Jacobs staff have been in contact with representatives of Sacramento State University (CSUS) and the Carlsen Center regarding the potential to replicate the partnership between Arizona State University and the City of Phoenix surrounding the elements of a local circular economy. Staff have had several conversations with CSUS to identify potential partnership opportunities and shared interests; WPWMA and Jacobs will continue fostering this relationship with future meetings and will invite interested members of your Board to attend as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT: WASTE ACTION PLAN STATUS MATRIX