The Contra Costa Environmental Health Division of the Contra Costa County Health Services Department, acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), is certified by the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste sites within its jurisdiction. The West County Integrated Resource Recovery Facility: Central Processing Facility (“Facility”) operates under Solid Waste Facility Permit No. 07-AA-0034, issued by the LEA on December 30, 1996. On October 31, 2016, the LEA received an application from the Facility operator for a permit modification. The LEA determined that supplemental material was required for the application. The additional documentation was submitted on January 17, 2017.

As required by Section 21660.1 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, the LEA is distributing this notice for the purpose of noticing its approval of a permit change for the Facility. As a
property owner, tenant, or person who has requested notice, this notification is being provided to you for your information.

**Description of Project and LEA’s Preliminary Determination**

The operator proposes to change the operation of the Facility by modifying the stated hours of operation for the public recycle buy back operation. The current permit stipulated hours are: “The Buy Back Center will be open 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday Through Friday – closed noon – 1:00 p.m. There will be no public self-haul waste received in the Central Processing Facility (CPF) building during the Phase 1, Stage 2 Operation.” The change would allow for adjustment of the facility’s hours of operation meet their minimum requirements and also allow for some flexibility to provide service to meet the community needs. The new hours would be: “Buy Back Center hours are 8:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, closed 12 noon – 1:00 pm. The Buy Back Center hours may be expanded, as needed, to accommodate peak fluctuations and to better serve the community needs. Expanded hours of operation could include Saturdays, Sundays, and evening hours. The possible expanded hours would fall between 6:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday through Sunday. The Buy Back Center hours of operation and any amended or expanded hours will be prominently posted at the facility. If the hours are changed, the LEA will be notified of the amended or expanded hours and the effective date of the change.”

The application also includes replacement pages for the facility’s TPR to update contact information and other non-material information and text.

The LEA finds that the proposed change is a non-material change pursuant to Title 27 §21665 and qualifies as a permit modification. The LEA has determined that the proposed changes are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, §§15060 and 15061. The LEA’s preliminary determination is that the proposed permit modification be approved.

The decision to issue or not to issue the SWFP (revision, Modified, new) must be made by the LEA within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete as required by Statute. Prior to issuance of the SWFP, the LEA must request and receive concurrence from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

**Where to get additional information**

A copy of the modified permit application is available for public review by appointment in the LEA office located at 2120 Diamond Blvd, Suite 200, Concord, California 94520.

**Options for Submitting Comments and LEA Contact Information**

If you have any questions after reviewing the above information or would like to schedule an appointment to review the modified permit application, please contact Eric Fung at (925) 692-2538. You may also e-mail the LEA regarding this matter at eric.fung@dhs.cccounty.us. If you would like to comment on this project you may send your written comments via e-mail or fax to Eric Fung within 14 days of the date of this notice. Fax number is (925) 692-2503 or e-mail the above e-mail address.

**Operator Contact Information**

The Facility operator, West County Resource Recovery, Inc., may be contacted by calling Peter Nuti at (510) 412-4500 or emailing him at pnuti@republicservices.com.

**Appeals Process Information**

For information on the appeals process pursuant to PRC §44307 after the decision to issue or deny the permit modification has occurred, you may contact Eric Fung at (925) 692-2538.