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SECOND ADDENDUM TO FINAL INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

South Los Angeles Community Plan Area

Active Recycling Company, Inc.
2000 W. Slauson Avenue
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90047

CASE NUMBER: SWIS 19-AR-1250
SCH# 2013111058

Project Location: 2000 W. Slauson Avenue
Council District: 8

Project Description: This document serves as the Second Amendment to the Active Recycling MRF and Transfer Station Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) adopted on May 30, 2017. The First Addendum was approved on April 18, 2023. The subject of the current addendum entails an increase in the solid waste facility permit area from 0.88 acres (38,330 +/- square feet) to 2.3 acres (101,500 +/- square feet). The solid waste facility permit area is being increased to include an existing baler which will be used to process solid waste material and a third load-out ramp. No increase in the maximum overall throughput of 800 tons per day is proposed.

This addendum analyzes the potential impacts associated with the increased solid waste facility permit area, the impacts associated with processing solid waste through a baler, and the impacts associated with adding a third load-out ramp.

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

In 2017 Active Recycling obtained a Large Volume Transfer/Processing Solid Waste Facility Permit from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) which is part of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Environmental Affairs Division to process and transfer up to 500 tons of mixed solid waste per day and C&D material, and up to 300 tons of scrap metal within a 38,330 square foot processing area (referred to as the "Approved Project"). A Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2013111058) for the Approved Project was adopted by the City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Local Enforcement Agency on May 30, 2017, and a Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on May 30, 2017. The first Addendum to the MND was approved in April of 2023 to replace 300 tons per day of scrap metal processing and storage area within the permitted solid waste facility with 300 tons per day of processing and storage of source separated curbside recyclables.

This Second Addendum has been prepared to assess the proposed minor technical changes and modifications to the MND and associated solid waste facility permit. All information presented below is merely a minor change to the Approved Project, or helps clarify, amplify, or make insignificant minor technical modifications to the MND. As discussed in the following sections, the new information is not considered "significant" pursuant to CEQA, and circulation or preparation of a new formal environmental document is not required (see Guidelines Section 15164). Aside from the proposed modifications described below, all other impact analyses and associated mitigation measures proposed within the MND would remain unchanged. This Addendum to the MND analyzes proposed modifications (the Modified Project) to the Approved Project) and demonstrates that the Modified Project does not meet the standards for a Supplemental or Subsequent EIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15163.

1.2 Project Information

Project Title:	Active Recycling MRF and Transfer Station Permit Area Expansion.
Project Location:	2000 W. Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047
Project Applicant:	Active Recycling Company, Inc.
Lead Agency:	City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency

1.3 Organization of Addendum

1. **Introduction**: This section provides introductory information such as the Project title, the Project applicant, and the lead agency for the Revised Project.

2. **Project Description**: This section provides a detailed description of the Revised Project, including Project characteristics and environmental review requirements.

3. **Rationale for Addendum**: This section contains the rationale for preparing an Addendum pursuant to Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

4. **Environmental Impact Analysis**: This section contains a summary of the environmental impacts disclosed in the prior MND for each environmental issue area. The evaluation includes an analysis of how any of the environmental factors may be altered because of the Revised Project.

5 **CEQA Determination:** This section contains the lead agency's CEQA determination pursuant to Sections 15162 and 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Location

The project site is located at 2000 W. Slauson Avenue between Wilton Place and Western Avenue in the City of Los Angeles within the South Los Angeles Community Plan area. **Figure 1** shows the location of the subject property.

The project site is occupied by Active Recycling Co., Inc. which includes a scrap metal and cardboard buy-back facility, scrap metal processing yard and solid waste transfer station with the following ancillary improvements: a one-story/13.5-foot tall, 8,100 +/- square foot warehouse building that contains offices, a break room, restrooms, and metal buy-back/recycling operations, three in-ground truck scales, a one-story 12-foot tall, 100 square foot scale house, a 20-foot tall metal canopy covering the paper, cardboard and plastics baler, mixed waste material tipping, processing and load-out areas and material storage bunkers. Surface parking for 29 vehicles, and a 7-foot wide by 100-foot long landscape area is located adjacent to the Slauson Street property frontage. The entire site is surrounded by solid walls with gates at all access points.

2.2 Project Background

On May 30, 2017, the City of Los Angeles, Department of Building and Safety, Local Enforcement Agency approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) (reference SCH #2013111058) for Active Recycling to operate a Large Volume Transfer/Processing Solid Waste Facility with a maximum throughput of 500 tons per day (TPD) of mixed solid waste and C&D material in conjunction with a 300 TPD scrap metal processing operation (the "Approved Project"). A Notice of Determination was filed with the County Clerk on May 30, 2017. A large volume solid waste facility permit (reference Facility Permit Number 19-AR-1250) was subsequently issued by the LEA on October 12, 2017, and concurred by CalRecycle on October 11, 2017. The first Addendum to the MND was approved in April of 2023 to replace 300 tons per day of scrap metal processing and storage area within the permitted solid waste facility with 300 tons per day of processing and storage of source separated curbside recyclables.

2.3 Project Description

The proposed project entails a request for a revision of the Active Recycling Large Volume Transfer/Processing Solid Waste Facility Permit to increase the solid waste facility permit area from 0.88 acres (38,330 square feet) to 2.3 acres (101,500 square feet). The solid waste facility permit area is being increased to allow the use of an existing baler for solid waste processing. The increased permit area will also include a third load-out ramp. **Figures 2** and 3 shows the additional permit area to be included in the revised solid waste facility permit area.

Under the revised large volume transfer/processing solid waste facility permit, solid waste material from commercial and industrial/manufacturing waste generators will be delivered to Active Recycling in collection or roll off trucks which will weigh in and unloaded in a designated bunker as is currently the practice for all incoming solid waste and which is shown in **Figures 3 and 4**. Material will be transported from the bunker to the baler using a front-end loader and the baled

MSW material will be staged on the ground as well as the existing loading dock and loaded into shipping containers within 48 hours of being processed. Once a shipping container is full, a tractor trailer truck will transport the shipping containers to a local rail yard for transport to the end user.

Under the revised solid waste facility permit, a third load-out ramp will also be included in the expanded permit area which will allow a third transfer truck to be loaded simultaneously thereby increasing load out capacity by approximately 46 tons per hour.

2.4 Surrounding Land Uses

Surrounding land uses include offices, retail commercial and residential to the north (zoned C2-1VL-CPIO), warehouse, commercial and residential to the south (zoned M1-2D-CPIO and R1), the Chesterfield Square shopping mall which includes a Home Depot warehouse, Food4Less supermarket, Walgreens drug store, restaurants and retail businesses to the east (zoned C2-2D-CPIO), and a City of Los Angeles Street Services public yard that also functions as municipal disposal yard solid waste transfer facility (zoned M1-2D-CPIO) and single-family residences (zoned R1) to the west. Major roads providing access to the site include Slauson Avenue, Western Avenue Crenshaw Boulevard, and Florence Avenue.

2.5 Requested Permits and Approvals

- Approval of a Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision and Report of Facility Information Amendment by the City Local Enforcement Agency with concurrence by CalRecycle.

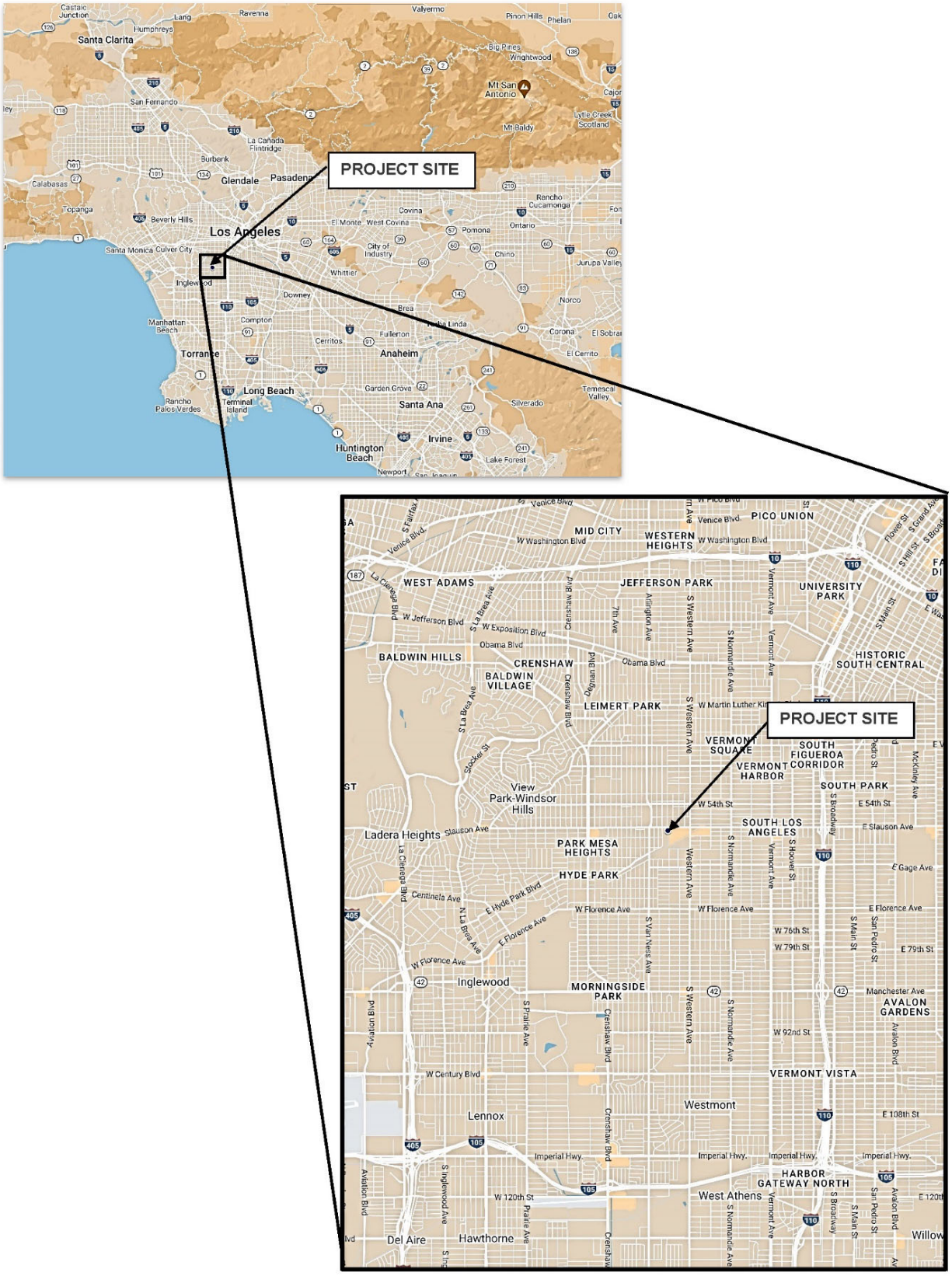
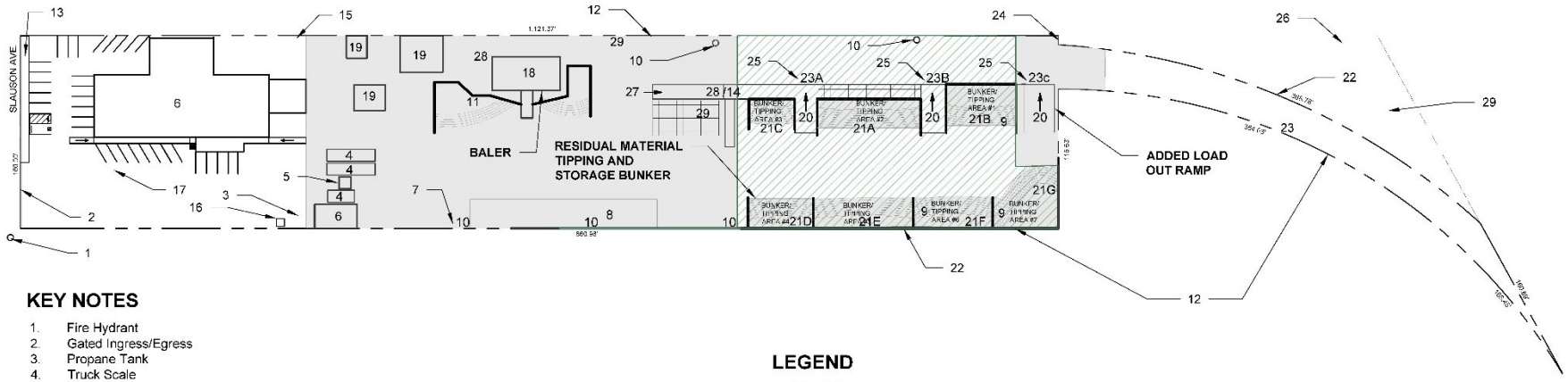


Figure 1- Vicinity Map



KEY NOTES

1. Fire Hydrant
2. Gated Ingress/Egress
3. Propane Tank
4. Truck Scale
5. Scale House
6. Metal Building
7. Diesel Tank
8. Roll-Off Bin Storage for Recyclables
9. Curbside Recyclables Storage
10. Fire Hose
11. Pre-Bale Piles/Bunkers
12. Perimeter Security Fence (Min. 8' tall galvanized metal and chain link.)
13. Landscape Area
14. Loading Dock
15. Not Used
16. Restroom
17. Accessible Parking Space
18. Metal Canopy Cover Baler
19. Metal Canopy
20. Load-Out Ramp
21A. Waste Storage Bunker "A" - (86' w x 26' d x 15'h)
21B. Waste Storage Bunker "B" - (58' w x 35' d x 15' h)
21C. Waste Storage Bunker "C"- (38' w x 26' d x 15' h)
21D. Waste Storage Bunker "D" - (60' w x 26' d x 15' h)
21E. Waste Storage Bunker "E" - (65' w x 25' d x 15' h)
21F. Waste Storage Bunker "F" - (135' w x 25' d x 15' h)
21G. Waste Storage Bunker "G" - (50' w x 55' d x 15' h)
22. Solid Perimeter Wall
23A. Transfer Truck Load-Out Space #1
23B. Transfer Truck Load-Out Space #2
23C. Transfer Truck Load-Out Space #3
23. Hazmat Storage Locker
24. Not Used
25. Load Out Truck Scale
26. Steel Cap Processing
27. Loading Dock Ramp
28. Baled Material Storage
29. Storm water treatment system
30. Baled MSW Load out

LEGEND

- Existing Solid Waste Facility Permit Area - 38,330 SF (.88 Acres).
- Proposed New Solid Waste Facility Permit Area - 63,170 SF (1.45 Acres)

NOTE: Material Storage Shall Not Exceed the Height of Push-Walls (15')

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GRAPHIC SCALE

0' 100' 150' 250'

Figure 2 - Site Plan

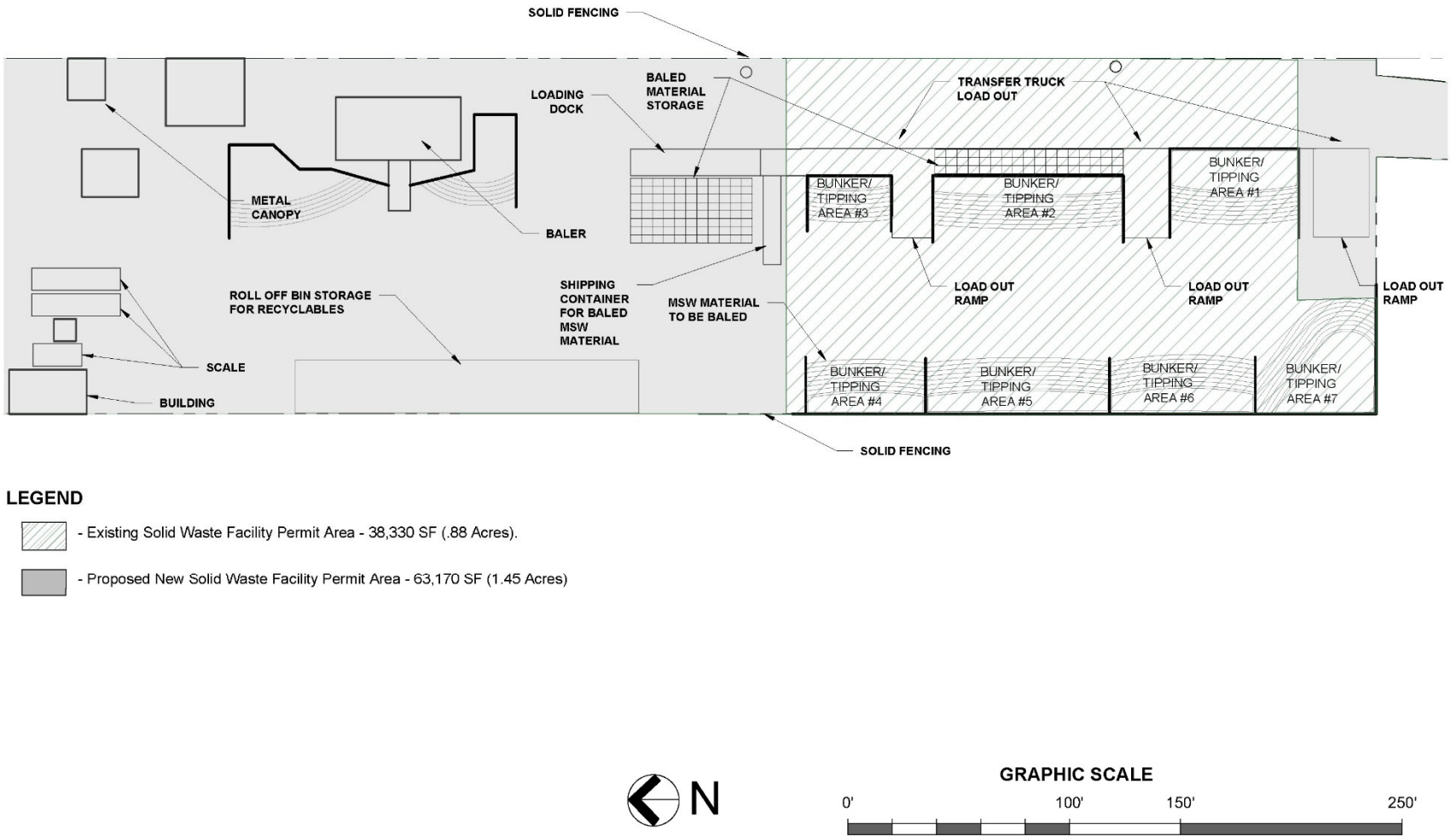


Figure 3 - Site Plan (Enlarged)

SECTION 3. RATIONALE FOR ADDENDUM

Section 15160 of the CEQA Guidelines provides that there are several mechanisms, and variations in environmental documents, that can be tailored to different situations and intended uses of environmental review. Specifically, Section 15160 states that the" ... variations listed [including Subsequent EIRs, Supplemental EIRs, and Addendums] are not exclusive. Lead agencies may use other variations consistent with the Guidelines to meet the needs of other circumstances." This provision allows Lead agencies to tailor the use of CEQA mechanisms (such as this Addendum) to fit the circumstances presented to the Lead agency by a project. Here, the City LEA has opted to prepare an Addendum to assess the minor modifications of the Project that have transpired since preparation of the MND.

Specifically, Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines states:

(a) The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
(b) An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.
(c) An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the final EIR or adopted negative declaration.
(d) The decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the final EIR or adopted negative declaration prior to making a decision on the project.
(e) A brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in an addendum to an EIR, the lead agency‘s findings on the project, or elsewhere in the record. The explanation must be supported by substantial evidence.

Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines provides the criteria for preparing a Subsequent EIR or new Negative Declaration. Specifically, a Subsequent EIR or new Negative Declaration is required when there are substantial changes to a project that involve new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previously approved MND; or new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with reasonable diligence at the time the previous MND was certified, show more or more severe significant effects, new feasible mitigation measures or alternatives are available but not adopted.

As provided in subsection (e) of Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, substantial evidence supporting the Lead agency's decision not to prepare a Subsequent EIR or new Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 is provided in Section 4, Environmental Impact Analysis, of this Addendum. The environmental analysis presented in Section 4 evaluates the potential impacts of the result from the increased solid waste facility permit area and use of the baler to process solid waste in relation to the current environmental conditions and in consideration of the environmental findings for the Project.

As summarized in Section 2, Project Description, and further analyzed in greater detail in Section 4, Environmental Impact Analysis, the changes proposed are relatively minor and would not result in any

significant new environmental impacts. The analysis contained herein demonstrates that all the impact issues previously examined in the approved MND would remain unchanged with the proposed modifications. The increased solid waste permit area will allow approximately 100 tons of incoming solid waste material per week to be baled as well as allow use of a third load out ramp. The increased solid waste facility permit area will result in little to no changes with respect to the environmental impacts previously analyzed adding three truck trips per day but reducing overall vehicle miles travelled.

Therefore, as described in further detail in Section 4, the analysis of the proposed increase in the solid waste permit area to allow baling of MSW and to permit a third load out ramp supports the determination that the proposed changes would not involve new significant environmental effects or result in a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects which would call for, as provided in Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the preparation of a Subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration. Therefore, the City has elected to prepare this variation of an Addendum to the approved MND as the appropriate form of documentation to meet the statutory requirements of CEQA.

SECTION 4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

The subject of the current addendum entails an increase in the solid waste facility permit area from 0,88 acres (38,330 square feet) to 2.3 acres (101,500 square feet). The solid waste facility permit area is being increased to include an existing baler and a third load-out ramp. Initially, plans call for approximately 100 tons per week of MSW to be processed through the baler. No increase in the maximum overall throughput of 800 tons per day is proposed.

- **Aesthetics.** The revised project will allow processing of solid waste through the baler which is approximately 390 feet from Slauson Avenue and an additional loadout ramp which will be located over 800 feet from Slauson Avenue. The project site is located in an industrial, urbanized, setting, and walls and fences will screen onsite operations from view. A 7-ft wide landscaped berm runs between the highway frontage security fence and a 7.5-ft solid fence that runs parallel to the frontage. A 20-ft high wall made up of a combination of a brick wall topped by chain link fence surrounds the remainder of the site.

  Since the site is located in an industrial, urbanized area, and all operations are conducted within a screened area, no aesthetic impacts would result from the expanded solid waste facility permit area and additional load out ramp.

- **Air Quality.** The First Addendum to the Active Recycling MND found that replacing 300 tons per day of scrap metal processing with 300 tons per day of processing and storage of source separated curbside recyclables and Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) with a maximum of 800 tons per day of permitted would not result in an increase in emissions or violation of air quality standards. Under the proposed project, there would not be any increase in the permitted tonnage, no additional mobile processing equipment required, and based on the reduced traffic associated with delivering the material to be baled in transfer trucks, the project would not result in an increase in emissions or violation of air quality standards.

  The material to be baled is high BTU MSW from industrial/manufacturing businesses and consists of plastics, wood, dirt, glass and unrecoverable MSW. Due to the dry nature of the material, odors should not be an issue. Implementation of the existing Alternative Odor Management Plan will ensure that there are not any adverse air quality or odor impacts associated with baling MSW material.

- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials.** Hazardous waste materials are not accepted at the Active Recycling facility. The material to be processed through the baler is residual material from a permitted material recovery facility, which has already been screened for the presence of hazardous materials. The facility personnel loading material into the baler will be trained in hazardous material recognition and handling and will monitor the material during the baling process. No new impacts from hazards or hazardous materials would result from the increased permit area to include the baler or by adding a third load out ramp.

- **Hydrology and Water Quality.** Active Recycling is subject to the State Water Resource Control Board Industrial General Permit Order 2014-0057-DWQ as Amended in 2015 and 2018. As a recycling facility Active Recycling conducts stormwater sampling and reporting under the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS). Active

Recycling provides laboratory reporting of pH, total suspended solids, oil and grease, iron, lead, aluminum, zinc, and chemical oxygen demand.

Stormwater falling on the site's travel ways and stored material piles and running off the site could contain contamination and create adverse impacts and potentially result in exceedances of water quality standards. Stormwater is directed toward a trench drain and the existing landscape area with an infiltration trench. An Aquip 110S stormwater treatment system has also been installed to provide additional storm water pollution protection. In addition, the facility has and will continue to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) contained in a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) in order to minimize the potential for stormwater contamination from runoff.

Existing non-structural BMPs include:

1. Right of refusal of entry to any leaking truck
2. Regularly scheduled preventative maintenance of facility vehicles
3. General housekeeping
   - use of absorbent material to soak-up spots of leaked fluids
   - regular cleaning of area using street sweeper, brooms or pressure washing

- **Noise.** The proposed revision to the Solid Waste Facility Permit involves expanding the permit boundary from 0.88 acre (38,330 square feet) to 2.3 acres (101,500 square feet) to incorporate an existing baler and add a third load-out ramp. The modified operations include baling up to 20 tons per day (approximately 100 tons per week) of dry, high-BTU Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).

  Baseline sound surveys conducted at the project site and vicinity established on-site operational noise levels ranging from 69.9 to 73.3 dBA L_{eq} and an off-site ambient level of 60.5 dBA L_{eq} at the nearest residential receptor along South Wilton Place (ST3). 24-hour long-term ambient monitoring on-site ranged between 42 dBA and 82 dBA L_{eq}, with an overall level of 77 dBA CNEL.

  The baler exists and is currently utilized for standard paper, cardboard, and plastics processing during business hours. Processing MSW within the baler replaces portions of existing baling cycles rather than increasing the overall hours, duration, or acoustic intensity of equipment operation.

  Third Load-Out Ramp & Site Screening: The third load-out ramp is located within the interior yard more than 800 feet south of Slauson Avenue and functions to facilitate logistical efficiency rather than expand the facility's overall permitted capacity of 800 TPD. Operational noise continues to be attenuated by the site's existing perimeter masonry walls (up to 20 feet) and solid fencing.

  The proposed modifications will not generate excessive operational or traffic-related noise exceeding local standards or baseline levels. No new or substantially more severe noise impacts will occur, and no mitigation measures are required.

- **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Analysis.** The proposed modifications will not increase the overall permitted facility throughput, which remains at the previously approved maximum of 800 tons per day.

  As shown in Table 1 (Traffic Analysis), total daily vehicular traffic will adjust marginally from 476 to 477 total vehicles per day — a net addition of only 1 vehicle trip (resulting from replacing 1 outbound transfer truck with 2 outbound cargo container trucks).

  Because the overall facility processing cap of 800 TPD remains unchanged and no new mobile processing equipment or physical building expansions are proposed, operational energy usage will remain consistent with baseline conditions. Transporting baled MSW consolidated into shipping containers to a local rail yard reduces long-haul truck miles and overall vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

  The net addition of a single daily truck trip generates a negligible volume of greenhouse gas emissions. The project will not generate GHG emissions that significantly affect the environment or conflict with applicable plans, policies, or regulations adopted to reduce GHG emissions. Impacts remain less than significant, requiring no new mitigation measures.

- **Land Use and Planning.** Active recycling operates under a Certificate of Occupancy which allows sorting and processing of mixed waste and recycling. As with the Approved Project, no land use impacts would result from the increased permit area.

- **Traffic.** The proposed project will slightly increase the total number of vehicles using the facility each day from 476 to 477 as shown in **Table 1**. Under current operations, material is delivered to the facility in collection trucks, roll-off trucks and pick-up trucks/trailers. Under the proposed project, inbound material will continue to be delivered in the same types of vehicles. The baled material will, under the proposed project, be transported to the end user via cargo containers which have a lower capacity (15 tons per container) than transfer trucks (23 tons per container). Based on 20 tons of baled MSW per day, a total of two (2) shipping containers will be used and one less transfer truck will be required for the curbside recyclables and MSW. While the number of truck trips will increase under the proposed project, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will remain similar when compared to the existing project as the baled MSW in the cargo containers will be transported to a local rail terminal instead of being transported to a local landfill.

TABLE 1 – EXISTING AND PROPOSED PROJECT TRAFFIC		
VEHICLE TYPE	**EXISTING OPERATIONS**	**PROPOSED OPERATIONS**
Inbound Material Vehicles		
Collection Trucks	58	58
Heavy Duty Trucks	44	44
Light Duty Trucks	329	329
Outbound Material Vehicles		
Transfer Trucks	35	34
Cargo Container Trucks	0	2
Employees/Visitors	10	10
TOTAL VEHICLES	476	477

(1) Collection trucks: 8 tons per load; Inbound Transfer Trucks: 23 tons per load; Inbound Heavy Duty Trucks: 4 tons per load; Light Duty Trucks: 0.5 tons per load; Outbound Transfer Trucks: 23 tons per load; and Outbound Cargo Container Trucks: 15 tons per load.

SECTION 5. CEQA DETERMINATION

Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states the following:

> The lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified MND if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a Subsequent MND have occurred.

The Revised Project would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects due to substantial project changes or a substantial change in circumstances beyond those evaluated in the 2017 MND and the Second Addendum to the Active Recycling MRF and Transfer Station Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) adopted on April 18, 2023. Furthermore, no new information has been discovered to indicate that the Revised Project would have one or more significant effects not discussed in those previous documents; that significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe; that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible; or that mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those previously analyzed would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternative. This Second Addendum was prepared to comply with CEQA, and as the Lead Agency for the proposed Revised Project, the City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency is issuing this Second Addendum in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Signature: _____ 10/30/2026

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