RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No X)

The Public Works Department recommends that the Board adopt a Negative Declaration for the Don Pedro Transfer Station. Also recommended for Board approval is the adoption of the Initial Study and the Plan of Operation for this Transfer Station. This action is necessary in order for the Public Works Department to apply for an Operating Permit with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for the aforementioned Transfer Station.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Don Pedro Transfer Station has been open and operational for a number of years. At the present time it does not have an Operating Permit from the State. The Don Pedro facility is on County property and is used heavily by residents of the Lake Don Pedro area. It is the highest volume transfer station in the County.

Notice of this pending action has been published and neighbors of the facility were notified in writing. The Public Works Department received one written public comment. This was responded to, in writing, by the County's Waste Management Specialist. The comments made are not new or significant issues and were previously addressed in the Initial Study.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

No Action - Be subject to possible closure of the Transfer Station by the CIWMB and/or be subject to possible fines by the CIWMB.
I. BACKGROUND

1. Name of Project Proponent: Mariposa County Public Works Department

2. Address and Phone Number of Proponent: 4619 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA 95338 (209) 966-5356

3. Lead Agency: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

4. Project Title: Lake Don Pedro Solid Waste Transfer Station

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Lake Don Pedro Solid Waste Transfer Station is located on the west side of Merced Falls Road approximately 2.75 miles south of State Highway 132 and 0.15 miles south of the Mariposa/Tuolumne County line (APN 001-230-012). The facility is located adjacent to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Northside Substation. In order to finalize the Solid Waste Facilities Permit process, a finding that the project is in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) must be made. An Initial Study has not previously been prepared for this project and as such an environmental determination must be made by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.

The site consists of a ramp built up over a bulwarked area which is behind a fifty foot (50') long and nine inch thick concrete retaining wall where seven (7) individual bins each with a capacity of eight (8) cubic yards are located. The bins are on a concrete pad and trash is placed into the bins from the elevated ramp adjacent to the entrance gate. A larger gate to the west of the main entrance allows vehicles to back up to and empty waste into the bins. This entrance is also used by the front-end loader garbage trucks which empty the bins and transport the waste to the Mariposa County landfill twice a week, or as needed. The maximum daily load capacity of the seven (7) bins is 56 total cubic yards per operating day.
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Lake Don Pedro
Waste Transfer Station

Other household hazardous wastes which may potentially be dumped at the Waste Transfer Station include latex and oil based paints, used lead-acid batteries, solvents, cleansers, antifreeze, asbestos, garden chemicals, herbicides and other chemical substances. Waste oil and used automobile batteries are not accepted at the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station, but are accepted at the County landfill for recycling.

No containers are available on the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station site for used motor oil or any other household hazardous wastes (bleach, ammonia, cleaning solvents, lye, etc...). These household hazardous wastes are not accepted at the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station at this time and individuals are directed to the County landfill for locations accepting household hazardous wastes. The Mariposa County Health Department and the Mariposa County Public Works Department are actively working with local agencies, local industries, and the general population on the identification of, safe storage, and the disposal of household hazardous wastes.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors recently agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Merced County to participate in that County's household hazardous waste disposal program. This program is slated to become active by 1993, and it is anticipated that Mariposa County will contract with Merced County for at least one household hazardous waste pickup event each calendar year from a central point in Mariposa County. If suspected hazardous or unidentified materials or liquid wastes are discovered in the bins, the current practice is to close the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station and to safely set the material aside, if possible, and to notify the Mariposa County Public Works Department. The Public Works Department is responsible for contacting the Mariposa County Health Department for any disposal recommendations.

At present there is no demonstrated need for additional waste bins at the site based upon the small volume of waste deposited at the site. Any need for greater capacity may be offset by increasing the number of operating days or hours of operation along with increasing the frequency of emptying the bins by the contract hauler, Total Waste Systems. This may avoid exceeding the daily capacity of 56 cubic yards which is the current maximum daily load for the station.
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Page 1D

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The Lake Don Pedro Solid Waste Transfer Station is located on a 2.06 acre parcel (APN 001-230-011) owned by Mariposa County and the Transfer Station site covers an area which is approximately 150 feet wide by 360 feet long. The Transfer Station was constructed to provide residents of the Lake Don Pedro Subdivision in Mariposa County and the surrounding area with a local site to dispose of residential waste materials.

The Transfer Station is located in the Foothill-Woodland habitat at an approximate elevation of 1,100 feet. Vegetation surrounding the site consists of Valley Oak, Live Oak, scattered Chamise and assorted annual shrubs and grasses. There is no vegetation on the Waste Transfer Station site due the on-site grading to prepare and accommodate the present uses (Transfer Station and the Sheriff's Northside Sub-Station). Slope on the site is negligible, also because of the grading that was completed.

An intermittent drainage course is located off-site to the south of the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station and which flows under Merced Falls Road through a 24 inch diameter corrugated metal culvert. There are several rock stockpiles located in the southwest corner of the Transfer Station. This material is used to maintain the driveway leading to the bins and the area around the concrete pad below the bulwarked ramp.

According to the Mariposa County Soil Survey the predominant soil type underlying the site is Auburn loam (Ahd-2 to 15% slope). This soil type is characterized as having less than 2 percent rock outcrop on the surface and has slow runoff with a low erosion hazard.

The Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station is located in the Rural Residential Land Use Classification. The area located to the east and across the road is also partially in the Rural Residential Land Use Classification (2 1/2 acre minimum parcels size) and in the Mountain Home Land Use Classification (5 acre minimum parcel size). The area to the north and west is partially located within Tuolumne County and also contains a portion of the Lake Don Pedro Subdivision.
IV. Environmental Effects Checklist:

(Explanations of all "Yes" or "Maybe" answers are required on attached sheets)

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V. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FINDINGS

5: The decomposition of organic waste materials left at the Transfer Station may rot and create objectionable odors. The control of decomposition of organic waste materials and the reduction of any objectionable odors will be accomplished by the frequency of removal of the materials from the site, use of lidded water tight bins, the rural nature of the area and limited residential development, the regular clean up of the site by the attendant, and the limiting of access to animals into the site area. These operational activities will reduce and limit the potential for objectionable odors to an acceptable level.

9: Activity on the site may have the potential to allow for hazardous materials and wastes to contaminate both surface and subsurface water supplies. Surface runoff from the site may flow into surface drainages and waters creating a potentially significant impact to surface and subsurface water quality. The relatively flat terrain, lack of surface disturbance on the site, the existence of a fence surrounding the site, and the checking of loads, and the non-acceptance of hazardous waste materials will limit the potential for significant degradation of surface and subsurface water quality.

11, 12, 13 and 14: This project will have a "De Minimis" or non-significant impact upon wildlife resources on or adjacent to the project site based upon the following findings:

* The Department of Fish and Game's Natural Diversity Database for Mariposa County and the Areas of Special Biological Importance Map No. 22 for Mariposa County indicates that there are no rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species within, or adjacent to the project area, nor has the site been identified as a key wildlife area.

* There is no substantial evidence that the project will have an adverse affect upon wildlife resources based on the exiting structures on the site, lack of vegetation and wildlife habitat, the current density of development and size of the surrounding parcels, and the number of residences within the adjacent area.
29: Mariposa County owns the land and operates the Lake Don Pedro Waste Transfer Station and is responsible for the maintenance of the site and the County Road (Merced Falls Road) which provides access to the site. Based upon the number of average daily trips (ADT) generated along Merced Falls Road it has been determined that a Rural Class IV Road is the current level of improvement appropriate for the current level of traffic. A Rural Class IV road consists of two (2) twelve foot (12') wide paved travel lanes along with shoulder and drainage improvements. Merced Falls Road is currently a 24' wide paved road with two (2) twelve foot wide travel lanes and the level of maintenance and upkeep is adequate to offset any potential increase in traffic to the site. The existing driveway leading onto the site has a safe and adequate encroachment for the current level of activity at the Transfer Station.

31 and 32: Although the site is posted notifying users that hazardous waste is not accepted, the possibility of illegal dumping of hazardous materials at the site does exist. Hazardous materials and infectious waste are not currently accepted at the Transfer Station but a potentially significant impact to human health, or the potential for human exposure to hazardous materials does exist. The site attendant is currently responsible for checking the bins and the site to insure that hazardous materials have not been illegally dumped at the site.

If suspected hazardous waste or unidentifiable liquid wastes are discovered in the bins, or in a load, the current practice is to safely set the suspected liquid or material aside and the attendant immediately contacts the Public Works Department or appropriate emergency authority.

In addition, organic waste deposited at the site attracts various animal and insect vectors which have the potential to transmit several serious diseases which may significantly threaten human health. The existence of the fence should inhibit access to the site to animal vectors, and the frequency of removal of the waste materials, the lidded and water proof bins, and the site clean-up performed by the attendant on the site will reduce insect vectors, and effectively reduce any potential threat to human health to an acceptable level.
IX. DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial study:

A. It is found on the basis of this initial study that the proposed project WILL NOT have a significant effect on the environment and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.

B. It is found on the basis of this initial study that the potential environmental effects of this project WILL NOT be significant in this case because the mitigation measures described in Section VI will be added to the project proposal as conditions of approval and will mitigate environmental effects entirely or to an acceptable level. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

C. It is found on the basis of this initial study, that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Report is required. (This determination may be based upon Section VII, Analysis of Significance or Section VIII, Mandatory Findings of Significance)

D. It is found that it can be argued on the basis of substantial evidence that the project may have a significant environmental impact. An Environmental Impact Report is required.

E. It is found that there is a serious public controversy concerning the potential environmental effects of the project and an Environmental Impact Report is required.

F. It is found that the project cannot be approved or conditionally approved and no further action is required under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

X. ACTIONS:

A. Section "A" of this Initial Study was:

Prepared by Roger Evans Date __________________

Assisted by ________________________________

Reviewed by Tim Evans Date __________________

Reviewed by Duane Hall Date __________________

B. Section "B" of this Initial Study was:

Prepared by Roger Evans Date __________________

at the direction of Tony Lashbrook

Approved by Tony Lashbrook Date __________________

C. Authority:

Signature ____________________________ Date OCTOBER 26, 1992

DIRECTOR
Title

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEGEND

1. SIGN: DON PEDRO HM SERVICE AREA
   SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION
   HOUSEHOLD REFUSE ONLY
   CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION,
   AUTOMOTIVE REFUSE NOT ACCEPTED
   FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF DON PEDRO
   SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS ONLY
   Open Sun, Mon & Wed
   IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED
   10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

2. Three recycling bins for Plastic, Newspaper, & Aluminum

3. Gate House Building

4. SIGN: FEE SCHEDULE
   OPERATING HOURS
   Sun., Mon. & Wed. 10AM-5PM
   NOTE: Recyclable Materials
   Accepted By The Recycling Contractor At This Yard Will
   Not Be Assessed A Gate Fee

5. Glass Recycling Bin

6. Portable Toilet

JAMES A. WYSE, INC.
230 Manchester Street
Danville, California 94506

DON PEDRO TRANSFER STATION
MARIPOSA COUNTY

SITE MAP

FIGURE 2

PROJECT NO. 108-1.3
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

TO ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS:

Mariposa County is completing the environmental review process as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a Solid Waste Facility Permit for the Lake Don Pedro Solid Waste Transfer Station. The Lake Don Pedro Solid Waste Transfer Station is located on the west side of Merced Falls Road adjacent to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Northside Sub-Station, approximately 2.8 miles south of State Highway 132.

To address any environmental concerns associated with the project, the County has prepared an Initial Study. Based upon the Initial Study, County Staff is recommending the adoption of a Negative Declaration (statement of no significant environmental effects) for the project.

The County will accept written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration from all interested persons. Such comments must be received by the Mariposa County Department of Public Works, 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA 95338, on or before Tuesday, December 1, 1992.

A copy of the Initial Study and other information is available for public review at the office of the Mariposa County Department of Public Works, 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA (209) 966-5356.

Laurence F. Pollard, Director
Department of Public Works
CERTIFIED AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS' LIST

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA )

Pursuant to the Mariposa County Environmental Review Procedures, I, Laurence F. Pollard, hereby certify that the list attached hereto contains the names and addresses of property owners as they appear on the most recent available assessment roll: (1) Within a minimum distance of six hundred (600) feet from the exterior boundaries of the property as described in the attached application; and (2) Adjacent to or utilizing, as primary access, any road, street or easement of record (as described on a recorded subdivision map) not included in the Mariposa County Road System or State of Federal highway system as described in the attached application.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signed) Laurence F. Pollard
Date October 26, 1992

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Send copy of Initial Study and notices to the following agencies for comments:

Lake Don Pedro Community Services District

Tuolumne County Planning Dept.  
2 South Green Street  
Sonora CA 95370
PLAN OF OPERATION
DON PEDRO TRANSFER STATION
MARIPOSA COUNTY

JULY 1992

Prepared By
Mariposa County
Public Works Department
4639 Ben Hur Road
Mariposa, Ca 95338

Thomas J. Starling
Waste Management Specialist

July 27, 1992
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**FIGURES**

- Figure 1 - Site Location Map
- Figure 2 - Site Plan
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**APPENDICES**

- Appendix A - Prohibited Waste Control Program
INTRODUCTION

The Don Pedro Transfer Station is an integral part of Mariposa County's solid waste management program. The County plans on the Don Pedro Transfer Station being a long-term solid waste facility in the County and therefore wishes the facility to be properly permitted. As a result, the Plan of Operation is presented as one component of the permitting documents which summarizes procedures for handling complaints, maintenance, health and safety, site controls, and frequency of removal of wastes from the transfer station. This plan of Operation is presented as required by Section 17423 of Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

1. STATION OPERATION
   a. STATE NAME OF STATION

   Response

   This small volume transfer station's name is Don Pedro Transfer station.

   b. STATE LOCATION OR ADDRESS OF STATION

   Response

   The Don Pedro Transfer Station is located on Merced Falls Road, 2.75 miles south of the Tuolumne County border. This facility is located adjacent to the Mariposa County's Sheriff's Department Northside Substation. See Figure 1 for location.

   c. PROVIDE A DELINEATION OF THE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY; A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY (1:2400 SCALE); AND A DETAILED MAP SHOWING ALL ON-SITE STRUCTURES AND STRUCTURES WITHIN 1000 FEET AND DISTANCES OF THOSE STRUCTURES FROM THE SITE BOUNDARY. INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL ACCESS ROADS. THE TOTAL ACREAGE OF THE FACILITY MUST BE SPECIFIED.
Response

The Don Pedro Transfer Station location is shown on Figure 1. A site plan of this facility is shown in Figure 2 which shows the boundaries of the facility, on-site structures and the one structure within 1,000 feet of the site boundary. The metes and bounds description of the parcel which Don Pedro Transfer Station occupies is provided in the attached "Corporation Grant Deed". The property description is for the full parcel of which the Don Pedro Transfer Station fenced area encompasses 1.5 acres.

d. STATE HOURS OF OPERATION

Response

The Don Pedro Transfer Station, as authorized by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors in August of 1989 is open to the public and attended on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The refuse in the bins may be picked up by the hauling contractor, Total Waste Systems, at any time but no less than once per week.

e. DESCRIBE THE TYPE AND NATURE OF WASTES ACCEPTED. ALSO LIST TYPES OF WASTES NOT ACCEPTED.

Response

Wastes which can be received at the Don Pedro Transfer Station include:

- Residential refuse
- Commercial refuse
- Bulky items, such as: appliances, mattresses and furniture (size and number variable)
- Tires (passenger car and pickup only)
- Recyclable Materials (Aluminum, Glass, Plastic and Newsprint)

Waste not to be accepted at this facility includes:

- Hazardous or Prohibited Wastes
- Sewer Sludge
- Liquids and/or Septic Tank Pumpings
- Asbestos (including non-friable asbestos)
- Infectious Wastes
h. PROVIDE A SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF SITE SHOWING ALL BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES, SITE ACCESS AND ON-SITE TRAFFIC PATTERNS, LAYOUT FOR PARKING, UNLOADING AREA, BINS OR WASTE HOLDING AREA, COMPACTION AREA (IF ANY), SALVAGE AREA, AND TRANSFER VEHICLE LOADING AREA. INDICATE THE SITE SURFACING MATERIAL USED AND ANY RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS.

Response

The site plan, Figure 2, presents a schematic drawing with all of the requested information.

i. DESCRIBE TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND TYPES OF VEHICLES USING THE SITE.

Response

As described previously, the types of vehicles using the site are primarily automobiles, pickup trucks, and other slightly larger trucks. On the average each vehicle using the site will contain 3/4 to 1 cubic yard of waste materials. A portion of each load may be recyclable materials (aluminum, glass, plastic and newsprint) that is placed in separate bins from normal wastes to be landfilled. For traffic volume estimating purposes, the maximum 56 yard or 3.5 tons per operating day of waste would equate to 75 vehicle trips (10 vehicle trips per operating hour). Over the year, approximately 600 tons or 9600 loose cubic yards are estimated to be disposed at the Don Pedro Transfer Station which equates to approximately 12,800 vehicle trips.

j. DESCRIBE SALVAGE OPERATIONS

Response

There are no salvage operations occurring at the Don Pedro Transfer Station. No salvaging operations will be allowed in the future. Recyclable materials may be placed by site users in the recycling bins prior to disposal into the waste bins.

Response

The landowner of the Don Pedro Transfer Station is Mariposa County Service Area 1-M, a political subdivision of the County of Mariposa. The landowner's name, address and phone number are listed below:

Mariposa County Service Area 1-M
c/o Department of Public Works
Mariposa County 4639 Ben Hur Road
Mariposa, Ca 95338
(209)966-5356

The Mariposa County Department of Public Works is responsible for managing this facility. The responsible individuals within the Department of Public Works for the Don Pedro Transfer Station are listed below:

Laurence F. Pollard, P.E.  Michael D. Edwards, P.E.
Director  Assistant Director
Department of Public Works  Department of Public Works
Mariposa County  Mariposa County
4639 Ben Hur Road  4639 Ben Hur Road
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(209) 966-5356  (209) 966-5356

Thomas J. Starling
Waste Management Specialist
Department of Public Works
Mariposa County
4639 Ben Hur Road
Mariposa, CA 95338
(209) 966-5356
The Don Pedro Transfer Station's operation, and waste removal and hauling is contracted by Mariposa County to Total Waste Systems. Total Waste System's contact names, addresses and phone numbers are listed below.

Stu Katte or Jim Ratto
Total Waste Systems
P.O. Box 768
Novato, Ca 94948
(707) 765-2028

Fred Youngren
Total Waste Systems
P.O. Box 1881
Mariposa, Ca 95338
(209) 966-3190 - Office
(209) 966-2293 - Home

2. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

a. DESCRIBE METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING OR RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE OPERATION OF THE TRANSFER STATION.

Response

Complaints regarding the operation of the transfer station may be directed by the public directly to the gate attendant at the facility. Additionally, complaints may be directed to the local manager of Total Waste Systems, to Mariposa County Department of Public Works, or to the Mariposa County Health Department. Complaints shall be recorded on a "Request for Investigation" form (Figure 3) and copies sent to Thomas J. Starling, Department of Public Works.

All complaints will be reviewed and discussed with the involved party. A resolution of the complaint will be documented and placed in the complaint file which will be located at the office of the Mariposa County’s Department of Public Works located at 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa.

3. MAINTENANCE

A. DESCRIBE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING SITE SECURITY, LITTER CONTROL, FOR MAINTAINING THE SITE EQUIPMENT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, AND FOR MAINTAINING THE FENCING, STRUCTURES, AND SANITARY FACILITIES, IF ANY.
Response

The Don Pedro Transfer Station's site security is maintained by discouraging entrance with complete site fencing using 6 foot high chain link with barb-wire along the top. Additional security is provided by the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department which has an office immediately adjacent to the site.

Litter is controlled by a combination of on-site fencing and regular litter policing by the gate attendant or front-end loader operator(s). The attendant also directs site users not to unload into full bins which helps reduce the potential for wind to pick up litter off the top of the bins and blow it to areas which must be picked up.

There is no special site equipment, such as compaction equipment, at this facility. Loose filled bins are used at this facility for holding the solid waste before it is loaded and hauled to the disposal site.

A gate house structure and portable sanitary facilities are provided by Total Waste Systems at this facility. Total Waste Systems provides maintenance of these facilities.

Fencing and gates around the facility are maintained by the Mariposa County Department of Public Works.

4. HEALTH AND SAFETY

a. DESCRIBE ALL MEASURE EMPLOYED AT THE SITE TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF SITE USERS AND THE ATTENDANT, IF ANY. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO WHEEL STOPS OR RAILINGS OR ANY MEANS OF KEEPING ITS USERS FROM FALLING INTO THE PIT OR BIN, ACCESS, PARKING AND SANITARY FACILITIES.

Response

The Don Pedro Transfer Station's design, maintenance and operation provides the site users and gate attendant with a healthy and safe method of solid waste disposal. Wheel stop are provided along the unloading area to keep site users from backing or falling into the bins. Access to the unloading area is adequate. Extra parking is also available a very short walk from the bins for those site users who only have a few bags or are uncomfortable backing up a gradual ramp. Sanitary facilities are available at the site if needed by site users.
b. IF THERE IS A SITE ATTENDANT, DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING: SANITARY FACILITIES, SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLY, SHELTER, AND MEANS OF CALLING FOR HELP IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Response

During operating days and hours at the Don Pedro Transfer Station, a site attendant is on-site to collect gate fees, direct site users to bins and encourage recycling. The site attendant is provided with a gate house structure to provide shelter from hot, wet and cold weather conditions. Either bottled water or a cooler is provided for the site attendant. Sanitary facilities are also provided for the site attendant. Adjacent to the site is the Mariposa County Sheriff's office, Northside Substation and the District's Water Plant both of which have a means for calling for help in case of an emergency.

5. SITE CONTROLS

a. IF ANY SPECIAL WASTES ARE RECEIVED SUCH AS BATTERIES, INFECTIOUS WASTES, DEAD ANIMALS, ASH SLUDGE, ETC., DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING THEM.

Response

Special wastes such as batteries, infectious wastes, dead animals, ash, sludge, septic wastes or hazardous wastes are not accepted at this site. The site attendant will direct the person attempting to dispose of such special, unacceptable wastes to the Mariposa County Landfill or to other appropriate permitted sites (hazardous wastes). The site attendant visually inspects each load for such unacceptable materials before collecting the gate fee and allowing the wastes to be unloaded at the site. The close proximity of the gate house structure with the unloading area also allows the site attendant the opportunity to view the wastes being unloaded. If any special or unacceptable wastes are observed during the unloading process, such wastes will be loaded back into the site users' vehicle for proper disposal. If special or unacceptable wastes are observed in the bin, they will be set aside for proper handling and disposal.

b. DESCRIBE THE HAZARDOUS WASTE SCREENING PROGRAM. THE SCREENING PROGRAM SHOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: INSPECTION OF RANDOM INCOMING LOADS; REGULAR VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE WASTES DEPOSITED AT THE FACILITY; TRAINING OF FACILITY PERSONNEL IN HAZARDOUS WASTE RECOGNITION
AND PROPER HAZARDOUS WASTE HANDLING PROCEDURES; REPORTING INCIDENTS OF UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL TO SPECIFIC AGENCIES (THE NAMES AND NUMBER SHOULD BE STATED); AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNS AT THE FACILITY ENTRY INDICATING THAT NO HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE ACCEPTED (A LIST OF COMMONLY UNACCEPTABLE WASTES MAY BE IDENTIFIED).

Response

The Prohibited Waste Control Program developed for the Mariposa County Landfill is utilized also at this facility for observation, handling and disposal of prohibited wastes. Total Waste Systems is the contract operator of all Mariposa County transfer stations, contract hauler of all transfer station wastes, contract operator of the Mariposa County Landfill, and only commercial garbage collection company in Mariposa County. Such an involvement with Mariposa County's solid waste management combined with the company's experience, allows Total Waste Systems to be aware of procedures for handling special and prohibited wastes. A training program of key employees has been implemented and will continue.

The Mariposa County Landfill Prohibited Waste Control Program is attached in Appendix A of this document for further reference.

As described in the response to Site Controls (5a), the site attendant inspects the loads before collecting the gate fee and allowing them to unload at the facility as well as observing the wastes as they are being unloaded in the vehicle.

The Don Pedro Transfer Station has a sign specifying that no hazardous or special types of wastes are accepted at this facility including a list of commonly unacceptable wastes.

c. PROVIDE A LIST OR A COPY OF ALL OTHER PERMITS OR DOCUMENTS WHICH CONTROL OR LIMIT THE OPERATION OF THIS FACILITY SUCH AS LAND USE APPROVAL (IF REQUIRED) FOR THE STATION.

Response

The Don Pedro Transfer Station does not have a Solid Waste Facilities Permit for small volume transfer stations due to a previous belief that the facility was permitted. The operation and pickup of wastes from the Don Pedro Transfer Station is controlled by an agreement between Mariposa County and the contractor, Total Waste Systems. The transfer station is located on a large parcel shared by the special district water plant and the Sheriff's Department Northside Substation. The parcel is zoned rural residential
which allows such occupying types of public facilities. No special county land use approvals are required for this facility.

6. WASTE REMOVAL FREQUENCY


Response

The current waste removal contract with Total Waste Systems for the Don Pedro Transfer Station requires only one waste removal per week. Based on Total Waste Systems experience, the Don Pedro Transfer Station requires waste removal as little as once per week during winter months to as high as three (3) per week during the summer months. As noted, summer months have more waste being disposed due to the summer season recreation nature of the service area.

b. STATE THE MINIMUM FREQUENCY BY WHICH EACH TYPE OF SALVAGED MATERIAL, IF ANY, WILL BE REMOVED.

Response

There are no salvaged material at this facility other than the recyclable materials; aluminum, glass, plastic and newsprint. These recycled materials are removed from the site once the bins are nearly full but at least once every two months. If vector become a problem with the recyclables, they will be removed more frequently.
MARIPOSA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

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Findings: _______________________________________________________________________

Recommendation: __________________________________________________________________

Action taken: _____________________________________________________________________

Initiating Party notified: Date __/__/____ By __________________ Means ____________________

Department of Public Works
4639 Ben Hur Road
Mariposa, CA 95338

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Figure 3
APPENDIX A

DON PEDRO TRANSFER STATION

PROHIBITED WASTE CONTROL PROGRAM

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROHIBITED WASTES

This section describes types of wastes that are prohibited at the Don Pedro Transfer Station. In addition, the characteristics of hazardous and designated wastes are described.

PROHIBITED WASTES

Common examples of prohibited waste include: paints, solvents, other flammables, pesticides, asbestos, acid and alkaline solutions, PCB's, inks, photographic and pool chemicals, oxidizers, gasoline, explosives, and water actives\(^1\). Compressed gas cylinders, pharmaceuticals, and radioactive wastes also are examples of prohibited wastes. The Don Pedro Transfer Station is prohibited from accepting certain wastes, as described in the RWQCB's Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs). The prohibited wastes for this facility are listed below.

- Hazardous wastes, as defined in Title 23, Subchapter 15, Section 2521 of the CAC, and as specified in Sections 66680 and 66685 of Title 22 of the CAC.

- Waste solvents, dry cleaning fluids, paint sludges, pesticides, phenols, brines, and acids and alkaline solutions.

- Oils or other liquid petroleum products.

- Chemical, biological, or radiological warfare wastes.

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1. Wastes that react vigorously with water. Examples include aluminum chloride and sodium hydride compounds.
CHARACTERISTICS OF HAZARDOUS AND DESIGNATED WASTES

Hazardous Wastes

Hazardous wastes are defined as those wastes that exhibit any of the criteria set forth in Article 11, Title 22 of the CAC. As presented in Article 11, hazardous waste criteria include toxicity (Sections 66696 and 66699), ignitability (Section 66702), reactivity (Section 66705), and corrosivity (Section 66708). In addition, those materials considered hazardous wastes according to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., also are considered hazardous wastes under state law (California Health and Safety Code, Sections 25143.2 and 25159.5).

Common examples of hazardous wastes include the following:

- Toxic Wastes
  - Pesticides
  - PCB's
  - Disinfectants
  - Arsenic

- Ignitable Wastes
  - Solvents
  - Oil-based paints
  - Gasoline
  - Brake fluid

- Reactive Wastes
  - Pyrophorics
  - Cyanides
  - Explosives
  - Sulfides

2. Section 66680 of Title 22 or the CAC presents a list of chemicals and common wastes and their potential hazardous properties.
3. Materials that ignite spontaneously or emit sparks when scratched or struck.
- Corrosive Wastes

- Car batteries
- Ammonia and ammonia based cleaners
- Oven cleaners
- Drain Openers
- Pool acid
- Sulfuric and hydrochloric acid

Designated Wastes

Designated wastes include certain nonhazardous wastes which, under ambient environmental conditions at the waste management unit, could be released at concentrations in excess of applicable water quality objectives, or which could cause degradation of waters of the state. Some examples of designated wastes include oil-field drilling fluid and incinerator ash that does not pass the DHS waste extraction test. Pursuant to Section 2522 of Subchapter 15 of Title 23 of the CAC, designated wastes must be landfilled at special facilities classified by the RWQCB as Class I or II disposal site facilities. They cannot be disposed of at a transfer station such as the Don Pedro facility.

II. LOAD-CHECKING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the load-checking program is to detect and deter attempts to dispose of prohibited wastes. The program developed for the Don Pedro Transfer Station has been structured to meet the requirements of Section 2523 (b) (2) of Subchapter 15, Title 23. In accordance with the RWQCB’s WDRs, the load-checking program entails an average of one load check per working week. The load check are of "variable frequency." The varying schedule serves to make the load checks unpredictable to facility users and therefore deters attempts to conceal prohibited wastes in their loads.

The procedures for the load checking program at the Don Pedro Transfer Station are described as follows:
INITIAL SCREENING

At the Don Pedro Transfer Station, the initial step in the load-checking program is to review incoming loads at the gate house. The gate attendant observes these incoming loads for any indication of prohibited wastes. If prohibited wastes are identified during the inspection of a load, the driver will be notified that the wastes must be removed from the facility premises and arrangements made for their proper disposal. A handout on hazardous waste is provided to the users of the Don Pedro Transfer Station (Attachment IV).

LOAD CHECKING

A trained load checker will randomly select loads for inspection. The driver is asked to unload wastes a designated location. The load checker then tears down the waste using a rake. The discharged material is carefully observed for the presence of any prohibited wastes in the load. The methods by which acceptability of wastes are determined as described in section V. Observations are recorded on the data sheet for the load (Attachment I).

The load checker records as much of the following information as needed to identify the responsible party: (1) date, (2) time, (3) the vehicle owner's name, (4) the driver's name, (5) vehicle's license plate number, and (7) the source of the waste as stated by the vehicle driver. This information is recorded on the data form shown in Attachment I. The form is to be signed by both the driver and the load checker.

FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES

One of the primary objectives of the prohibited waste control program is to deter attempts by generators to dispose of prohibited wastes in the Don Pedro Transfer Station. A key element is to identify the generators and to enlist their assistance in proper management and disposal of these wastes. In cases wherein prohibited wastes are identified after the generator has left the transfer station, the load checker will notify the landfill manager or the Mariposa County Public Works Department. They will in turn contact the generator either by telephone, letter or in person. The landfill manager or the Public Works Department will notify the Mariposa County Health Department, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) of the improper attempt at disposal and request appropriate follow-up. The purpose of contacting the generator is to engage his or her assistance in arranging for proper transportation and disposition of the prohibited waste(s).
Records are maintained at the Mariposa County Public Works Department of generators who attempt to deliver prohibited wastes to the Don Pedro Transfer Station. Wastes delivered to this facility by these generators will be subject to increased surveillance by the gate keeper. In the event there are repeat offenders, the Mariposa County Health Department will be notified of the need for further action.

V. METHODS FOR DETERMINING WASTE ACCEPTABILITY

PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

One practical mean for determining the acceptability of a suspicious waste is to examine a product label. In some cases, the label may identify the chemical content of the waste. Warning labels such as "harmful if inhaled," "flammable" or "use only in a well-ventilated area" are often useful in identifying the waste type. In some cases, physical signs (odor, color) of a prohibited waste are detected. This observation, coupled with a customer's response to questions, often provides sufficient data to identify a prohibited waste.

In physically assessing a waste load, the inspector may note an incompatibility in waste type that draws attention to the part of the load that seems out of place; an example would be one or more 55-gallon drums within a load of residential refuse. Once noted, the customer would be questioned, and, if needed, additional assessment undertaken.

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT

In some cases the steps outlined above may be insufficient to identify whether the waste can be accepted at the Don Pedro Transfer Station. Since it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that a waste is permissible, the load checker may require that additional measures be undertaken by the customer at the customer's expense before accepting the waste. When this occurs, the customer will be advised to exercise one or more of the following options:

- Written clarification by regulatory agencies.
- Analysis by a state-certified hazardous waste laboratory.
- Written approval from the Mariposa County Public Works Department, owner of the transfer station.
Ultimately, the responsibility for obtaining any laboratory analysis and the related costs lies with the customer.

DISPOSITION OF PROHIBITED WASTES

If prohibited wastes are discovered as a result of any of the waste identification activities listed above, the customer is informed that such wastes cannot be accepted at the Don Pedro Transfer Station. In addition, the customer is informed that these prohibited wastes must be removed from the facility and arrangements must be made for their proper disposal.

VI. ADDITIONAL CONTROL METHODS

SIGNS

A sign is currently posted at the entrance to the Don Pedro Transfer Station that clearly states the types of waste that are not taken at the facility. In addition to stating that hazardous wastes are not accepted at the site, the sign cites examples of such materials in non-technical language. The sign further states the penalty for illegal transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

In Mariposa County, there has never been an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. These types of programs provide residents with an opportunity for the proper disposal of household hazardous wastes. As a result, Mariposa County is in the process of completing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Merced County to provide annual household hazardous waste collection. It is anticipated that this program will begin in the first quarter of 1993. As Mariposa County is widespread it is anticipated that two locations will be provided in order to make the disposal for the residents of Mariposa County as convenient as possible. To further deter the improper disposal of prohibited wastes additional programs are being considered. They may include:

- Preparing an educational booklet on proper management methods for household wastes.

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Including in the primary and secondary school curriculum educational materials describing the safe use and disposal of household hazardous wastes.

EXISTING COUNTY PROGRAMS

Though not collected at the Don Pedro Transfer Station, County residents are encouraged to take their used motor oil and filters to the Mariposa Landfill for proper disposal.

The Don Pedro Transfer Station does accept white goods (appliances). Those white goods containing refrigerant, Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), are transported by the contract hauler to the Mariposa Landfill where the refrigerant is removed by a certified refrigerant recycler.

VII. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

All transfer station employees play a role in preventing prohibited wastes from entering the Don Pedro Transfer Station. An alert, well-trained transfer station employee is the foundation of a successful prohibited waste control program. For example, the gatekeeper is in an excellent position to scan all incoming loads. Periodic formal inspections of selected loads is the responsibility of the gate keeper (load checker). Basic components of a prohibited waste control training course are (1) methods of recognizing prohibited waste and (2) proper handling and record keeping procedures.

The following elements are included in a training course:

- Definitions and examples of prohibited wastes.
- Methods for identifying prohibited wastes.
- In-field load-checking procedures.
- Recommended actions if prohibited wastes are identified.
- Hazardous waste handling.
- Manifesting.
- Lab packing.
- Safety.
- Emergency response.
- Record keeping requirements.

Consideration is be given to providing yearly training for transfer station employees.
RECORD KEEPING

Given the liabilities associated with the improper disposal of prohibited wastes, a record keeping program is implemented at each transfer station. Documentation of the results of inspecting incoming loads is particularly important, since both state and federal regulations are placing increasing emphasis on the control of incoming wastes. Data sheets are used to (1) summarize the results of each load check, (2) describe the discovery of any prohibited wastes, and (3) document any incidents (spills, fires, etc.) that might result from attempts to dispose of prohibited wastes at the transfer station (see Attachments I and II).

The load-checking data sheets list at least the following: (1) date, (2) time, (3) location, (4) vehicle identification, (5) type of work, and (6) employee signature. A separate form is used for any emergency or special incident. The "incident log" typically records (1) date of accident, (2) time, (3) location, (4) vehicle identification, (5) type of incident (spill, fire, explosion, etc.), and (6) action taken (Attachment II). Incident logs are generally completed monthly and summarized annually. The load checking data sheets and the incident logs are kept on file at the Mariposa County Public Works Department for three years.

Another important component of the record keeping program is the manifest that accompanies prohibited wastes shipped to hazardous waste treatment or disposal facilities. In accordance with regulatory requirements, copies of manifests will be maintained for 3 years.

A record of training courses taken by each employee is also maintained (Attachment III). Included on this form is the date of the course, the topic covered, the trainer's signature, and the supervisor's signature. The form also includes a brief description of any relevant seminars, conferences, or workshops. Training records are maintained at the Mariposa County Public Works Department for a period of three years.

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

The following basic items are suggested to support the program:

- Brooms
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Absorbent material
- Safety glasses
- First aid kit
- Protective coveralls, gloves, and boots
Attachment I

SOLID WASTE LOAD-CHECKING DATA SHEET

1. Date: ____________________________

2. Time: ____________________________

3. Hauling Firm or Vehicle Owners: _______________________________________

4. Driver's Name: _______________________________________________________

5. Telephone Number for Contacting: _______________________________________

6. Vehicle License Plate: _________________________________________________

7. Source of Waste: ______________________________________________________

8. Observation Notes: _____________________________________________________

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Driver's Signature: ____________________________

Employee's Signature: ____________________________
Attachment II

INCIDENT LOG

Name of Hauler or Vehicle Owner

Address

City

Telephone

Name of Driver

Contact Person  Title

Vehicle License No.

Type of Incident

( ) Improper Disposal
( ) Spill
( ) Fire
( ) Explosion
( ) Other (explain)

Description of Incident


Action Taken


Employee's Signature: ______________________

Driver's Signature: ______________________
Attachment III
EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

Name of Facility ___________________________________________
Name of Employee __________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________
City _________________________________________________________
Telephone ___________________________________________________
Year of Hire _________________________________________________
Job Function _________________________________________________

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Supervisor’s Signature: _______________________________________
Training Instructor’s Signature: ________________________________
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS LANDFILL

- Federal and State laws make it YOUR responsibility to ensure proper disposal of hazardous waste at specially licensed disposal facilities ONLY.

- Many home, garden, car, and hobby products contain potentially harmful chemicals. These products are considered "household toxics" and can harm both you and the environment if not used and disposed of properly. Refuse workers have been injured, often seriously, when unknowingly collected trash containing household toxics. In addition, soil and water can be contaminated by dumping these products improperly.

- Examples of Household Hazardous Waste include many chemicals, pesticides, cleaning compounds, degreasing solvents, paint, paint thinners, acid and alkali solutions, pool chemicals, asbestos, motor oil, antifreeze, plating and printing wastes, and soil and refuse contaminated with these materials. Explosives, radioactives and pharmaceuticals are also unacceptable at this transfer station and/or landfill.

USED MOTOR OIL FROM RESIDENTIAL LOADS IS ACCEPTED AT SPECIAL RECYCLING AREA ONLY.

- If Household Hazardous Wastes are found in refuse loads, the entire load will be rejected.

- You may be subject to fines and imprisonment for illegal disposal of hazardous waste.

If you have any questions about the proper disposal of household or commercial hazardous waste please call for assistance.

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Mariposa County Environmental Health Department
(209) 966-3689

DON'T TAKE CHANCES!
KEEP YOUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN!
ASK BEFORE YOU DUMP!  Attachment 4
Richard Ernest Doscher
November 25, 1992

Mr. Laurence F. Pollard, Director
Department of Public Works
4639 Ben Hur Road
Mariposa, Ca 95338

Dear Mr. Pollard;

Since the time that the Solid Waste Transfer Station was placed across the street from our ranch entrance, I've tried and tried to be cooperative all the while knowing the site was illegal according to the state.

Living across from this "dump site" is not pleasant. The least that should be done, to us affected neighbors, is to landscape the site with trees and shrubbery.

As careful as most people are almost weekly papers and other waste material blows onto the road, and onto our property. Someone, such as the present caretaker, should pick up the litter at least weekly from Barrett Cove Road to the site and also, in the opposite direction for the same distance. We affected property owners do not deserve this pollution on our road and on our property.

My neighbors and I would appreciate your effort to address our concerns, which in the long run will improve the appearance of the area, and be a better impression on those using our recreation facilities who come from all over the state.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Doscher
9738 Merced Falls Road
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