



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 2:30 p.m.
Ventura Council of Governments
SPECIAL MEETING
(ZOOM Conference Call)
Thursday, April 16, 2026, 2:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

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1. Call to Order – Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBER REMOTE LOCATIONS:

David Tennesen – 601 Carmen Dr., Camarillo, CA, 93010 (City Hall)
Leslie Cornejo – 505 E Main St, Santa Paula, CA 93060 (Business)
Carrie Broggie- 421 Edgewood Drive, Fillmore, 93015 (Residence)
Chris Enegren - 444 Zachary St # 120, Moorpark, CA 93021 (Business)
Laura Hernandez, 2620 Captains Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA 93041 (Residence)
Elaine Litster – 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063 (City Hall)
Bill McReynolds - 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA 93001 (City Hall)
David Newman - 2100 E Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 (City Hall)
Janice Parvin - 980 Enchanted Way, Suite 203, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (District Office)
Bert Perello - 300 W 3rd St, Oxnard, CA 93030 (City Hall)
Leslie Rule - 401 S Ventura St, Ojai, CA 93023 (City Hall)

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – Members who wish to include an emergency action item on this meeting’s agenda or wish to discuss a particular agenda item listed on this meeting’s Consent Calendar should inform the Chair at this time.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, public comments received in advance by VCOG Staff will be read aloud into the meeting record. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask clarifying questions.

4. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – The written report will be distributed in advance of the meeting, and a verbal summary will be provided during the meeting.

6. **2026-2027 VCOG OPERATING BUDGET** p. 3 - Proposed VCOG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. **Action:** Review and discuss the proposed VCOG Operating Budget for FY 2026-2027 and adopt VCOG Resolution No. 2026-01 Approving the Budget and Member Assessments for FY 2026-2027.

7. **AGENCY REPORTS** – Reports or oral presentations by agency representatives attending.
 - A. Broadband Team Update & Report on Ventura County Broadband Project
 - B. Southern California Association of Governments
 - C. Ventura County Transportation Commission
 - D. League of California Cities
 - E. County of Ventura - Legislative Analyst
 - F. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. **Summary of March 12, 2026 Meeting** p. 8 - Approve Meeting Summary for the March 12, 2026 VCOG Meeting. **Action:** Approve Meeting Summary.
 - B. **Financial Report** p. 11 - Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. **Action:** Approve Financial Report
 - C. **Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions** p.15 - Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from March 6, 2026 through May 8, 2026. **Action:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.
 - D. **Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) Five-Year Review Report.** p. 17 - **Action:** Authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the submittal of the attached CIWMP Five-Year Review Report to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

9. **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Any Council Member present may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members should limit their proposed topics to issues that conform to VCOG’s adopted Program of Priorities. Members may discuss whether to place the item on a future agenda and the description of the agenda item.

10. **ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting - July 9, 2026 – City of Camarillo City Hall, Council Chambers, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo.**



MEMORANDUM

TO: VCOG Members and Alternates
FROM: David Pollock, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Proposed VCOG Fiscal Year 2026-2027
DATE: Budget May 21, 2026

Recommendation:

The Council should review and approve the proposed VCOG Operating Budget for FY 2026-2027.

Discussion:

The VCOG Joint Powers Authority Agreement Section 23 requires that a budget be adopted, and dues be approved, at the last regular meeting of the Governing Body prior to June 30 of each year or at the first meeting, regular or special, of the Governing Body after June 30. This report presents the committee with a preliminary review of the proposed VCOG Budget for FY 2026-2027.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 expenditures are estimated to be \$745,434 as of June 30, 2026. Both the REAP 2.0 and LATA Grant Projects will be completed by the close of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, although some spillover administrative expenses may require an amendment to the 2026-2027 budget.

FY 2026-2027 Estimated Revenue

Annual non-grant revenue is budgeted at \$87,000. This will include Investment earnings, Annual Dues Assessments to Members totaling \$77,990 and Annual Dinner Sponsorships totaling \$8,000 from SCAG, Southern California Edison and others to support the event costs. There is no increase in the annual Dues Assessment for member agencies; only slight adjustments among agencies based on 2026 population estimates. The financial impact of the proposed Assessment Increase is summarized below and is based on the individual member agency's 2026 U.S. Census population.

Member Agency	2026 Population	Current 2025 Assessment	Annual Assessment Proposed
Camarillo	68,764	\$6,670	\$6,652
Fillmore	16,992	2,910	2,978
Moorpark	34,161	4,285	4,197
Ojai	7,501	2,301	2,305
Oxnard	198,557	15,763	15,862
Port Hueneme	21,103	3,293	3,270
San Buenaventura	108,061	9,439	9,440
Santa Paula	31,976	3,896	4,042
Simi Valley	123,842	10,521	10,560
Thousand Oaks	121,286	10,563	10,379
Ventura County (Uninc.)	<u>92,063</u>	<u>8,350</u>	<u>8,305</u>
TOTAL	824,306	\$77,990	\$77,990

FY 2026-2027 Proposed Expenditures

Accounting Fees and Audit are presented as separate line items at \$2,200 and \$8,000, respectively. This reflects the current fee estimate from the auditor for the FY 2024-2025 Audit.

Separate line items for Insurance and Legal Services are included in the budget, based on the existing Alliant insurance policy premium (\$4,400), with an inflation adjustment and \$300 for possible legal services, as in previous years. If the premium increase exceeds this amount by more than 10%, the budget will be amended.

\$9,000 has been budgeted for the Annual Dinner, \$2,000 for Conference and Meetings, and \$1,500 for authorized staff travel. Costs for staff attendance at both the CalCities Annual Conference in Long Beach in September 2026, and the SCAG Annual Conference and General Assembly in May 2027 have been included as both conferences are planned as live events.

Administrative Operating Costs

Expenses for office supplies, printing and copying, and Internet are based on the current year's expenditures, including the annual fee for the QuickBooks program. The proposed FY 2026-2027 budget continues to separate these expenses and maintains a similar overall total, with adjustments based on actual expenses from the previous year.

FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

The proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget (**Exhibit A**) totals \$90,300 to continue VCOG's unrestricted operations and programming. Member Agency Dues Assessments (**Exhibit B**) have been adjusted to reflect each agency's population estimates under Section 24 of the JPA Agreement.

ATTACHMENT: VCOG Resolution No. 2026-01

ATTACHMENT

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governing Body finds that a budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 must be adopted to fund VCOG Operations for the coming year.

SECTION 2: The Governing Body agrees to adopt the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as detailed in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3: The Governing Body agrees that, while certain budgeted expense line items may be exceeded due to unexpected cost increases or other circumstances, the approved Total Expenditure amount shall not be exceeded. Further, line item cost overruns shall not exceed 10% of the original line item without approval by the VCOG Administrative Committee. The legal level of budgetary control, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount, is exercised at the fund level.

SECTION 4: All fund balances as of June 30, 2026, shall be carried forward to the FY 2026-2027 Operating Budget.

SECTION 5: The Governing Body agrees to adopt Member Dues Assessments for FY 2026-2027 as detailed in Exhibit B.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2026.

David Tennessen, Chair

Exhibit A

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Approved Budget</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Amended Budget</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed</u>
Unrestricted Income			
Annual Dinner Sponsorships	9,000	9,000	9,000
Dues Assessments	77,990	77,990	77,990
Bank Interest (Estimate)	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Sub Total Unrestricted Income	87,000	87,000	87,000
Restricted Income			
LATA Grant	365,502	365,502	0
SCAG- REAP 2.0 Contract	<u>282,632</u>	<u>282,632</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Restricted Income	648,134	648,134	0
Total Income	735,134	735,134	87,000
Unrestricted Expenses			
Contract Services			
Accounting Services	2,500	2,500	2,500
Audit	5,000	5,000	8,000
Executive Administration	45,000	60,000	60,000
Legal Fees	300	300	300
Executive Search	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL Contract Services	52,800	77,800	70,800
Operations			
Printing and Copying	700	700	700
Supplies	500	500	500
Website & Programs	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Total Operations	2,600	2,600	2,600
Travel and Meetings			
Annual Dinner	9,000	9,000	9,000
Conference and Meetings	2,000	2,000	2,000
Travel & Lodging	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total- Travel and Meetings	12,500	12,500	12,500
Other Types of Expenses			
Insurance-Liability, D and O	4,400	4,400	4,400
Total-Other Types of Expenses	4,400	4,400	4,400
TOTAL Operations Travel & Conference	72,300	97,300	90,300

(Exhibit A Continued)

<u>Budget Item</u>	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 <u>Approved Budget</u>	Fiscal Year 2025-2026 <u>Amended Budget</u>	Fiscal Year 2026-2027 <u>Proposed Budget</u>
Restricted Grant Expenses			
LATA Grant Expenses	365,502	365,502	0
REAP 2.0 Costs	<u>282,632</u>	<u>282,632</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL Restricted Grant Expenses	648,134	648,134	0
Total Expenditures	730,434	745,434	90,300

EXHIBIT B
VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027
DUES ASSESSMENT BY MEMBER

VCOG Member Agency	Population 2026 Estimates*	Pop %**	3/4 Population Distribution **	1/4 Equal Distribution* *	Total Assessment**
Camarillo	68,764	8.34%	4,879	\$1,773	\$6,652
Fillmore	16,992	2.06%	1,206	\$1,773	\$2,978
Moorpark	34,161	4.14%	2,424	\$1,773	\$4,197
Ojai	7,501	0.91%	532	\$1,773	\$2,305
Oxnard	198,557	24.09%	14,090	\$1,773	\$15,862
Port Hueneme	21,103	2.56%	1,497	\$1,773	\$3,270
San Buenaventura	108,061	13.11%	7,668	\$1,773	\$9,440
Santa Paula	31,976	3.88%	2,269	\$1,773	\$4,042
Simi Valley	123,842	15.02%	8,788	\$1,773	\$10,560
Thousand Oaks	121,286	14.71%	8,606	\$1,773	\$10,379
Ventura County - Unincorporated	92,063	11.17%	6,533	\$1,773	\$8,305
Total	824,306	100.00%	58,493	\$19,498	\$77,990

* Based on the California Department of Finance population estimates (January 2020).

** May not total exactly due to rounding.



MEETING SUMMARY

601 Carment Dr, Camarillo, CA 93012

Thursday, March 12, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE** – The meeting was called to Order at 3:00 PM by Chair Tennessen. The Flag Salute was led by David Maron.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

- David Tennessen, Chair, City of Camarillo
- Chris Enegren, Immediate Past Chair, City of Moorpark
- Carrie Broggie, City of Fillmore
- Laura Hernandez, City of Port Hueneme
- Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley
- Leslie Cornejo, City of Santa Paula
- Bob Engler, City of Thousand Oaks
- Bill McReynolds, City of San Buenaventura
- Janice Parvin, County of Ventura
- Bert Perello, City of Oxnard
- Leslie Rule, City of Ojai

Absent:

- There were no absences.

Staff Present:

- David Pollock, VCOG Executive Director

Partner Agency Representatives and Agency Support Staff Present:

- Brian Chong, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Moorpark
- Michele Guzman, Government Affairs for the County Executive Office, County of Ventura
- Rachel Wagner, Senior Government Affairs Officer, Southern California Association of Governments

3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda** - There were no additions or deletions to the meeting agenda, and no Consent Calendar Items were pulled for discussion.

4. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

5. **Reports and Announcements from Council Members** - There were no announcements.

6. Seating of VCOG Chair for 2026 and Election for Chair-elect for 2026 - Chair Tennessen nominated Council Member Leslie Cornejo for the office of VCOG Chair-elect. The nomination was seconded by Supervisor Parvin and carried unanimously. Chair Tennessen noted that the Immediate Past Chair, Chris Enegren, and the newly elected Chair-elect, Leslie Cornejo, will serve on the Administrative Committee per the bylaws. Chair Tennessen nominated Council Member Elaine Litster and Council Member Laura

Hernandez to also serve on the Administrative Committee. The nomination was seconded by Supervisor Parvin and carried unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report - David Pollock provided an oral report, summarizing his written report:

The SCAG Regional Council District #46 election was uncontested, resulting in the incumbent, Rocky Rhodes, being re-elected.

Progress continues on the Ventura Regional Broadband Initiative, with a Standing Committee meeting scheduled for April 1. Current efforts focus on coordinating with internet service providers and reviewing a model ordinance to streamline broadband permitting, including microtrenching standards to support faster fiber deployment.

REAP 2.0 activities are advancing across multiple jurisdictions, with most projects on schedule. Several budget adjustments are proposed to address administrative shortfalls, support additional work in Ventura and Simi Valley, and reallocate remaining funds in alignment with SCAG guidance.

At the state level, legislative activity remains focused on housing, homelessness, and fiscal planning. The Governor's proposed 2026–27 budget projects a modest shortfall, while SB 417 would place a \$10 billion affordable housing bond before voters in November 2026. Ventura County's Legislative Analyst will provide further updates at the meeting.

8. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Broadband Team Update & Report on Ventura County Broadband Project - There was no report.
- B. Southern California Association of Governments - Rachel Wagner provided an update, including the SCAG annual conference and general assembly scheduled for May 7-8.
- C. Ventura County Transportation Commission - There was no report
- D. League of California Cities - There was no report
- E. County of Ventura - Legislative Analyst - Michele Guzman provided an update on key legislation.
- F. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: No report.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. **Summary of January 8, 2026 Meeting** - Approve Meeting Summary for the January 8, 2026 VCOG Meeting. **Action:** Approve Meeting Summary.
- B. **Financial Report** - Approve Ventura Council of Governments Financial Report for the Budget Period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. **Action:** Approve Financial Report
- C. **Register of Warrants & Debit Card Transactions** - Approve the Register of Warrants for Expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from January 3 through March 6, 2026. **Action:** Approve Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions.
- D. **VCOG Revised Budget**. **Action:** Approve the revised budget for the 2025-2026 budget year.

A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Parvin, with a **Second** by Council Member Perello to approve items A through D of the Consent Calendar. Roll Call Vote Recorded as follows: Ayes: 11; Nays: 0. The Motion Carried.

10. PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. **State of the Region Report** - David Maron from the Ventura County Civic Alliance presented their State of the Region report and took questions from the Council.


11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
There were no requests.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Tennessen at 4:45 PM.

Next Meeting - May 14, 2026, at Camarillo City Hall.

ITEM 8B

MEMORANDUM

TO: VCOG Members and Alternates
FROM: David Pollock, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Financial Report
DATE: May 21, 2026

Recommendation:

Receive and file the Financial Report for the period July 1, 2025, through May 8, 2026.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Financial reports for the Budget Period from July 1, 2025, through May 8, 2026.

Investments:

The objectives of VCOG’s adopted Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield, with safety as the foremost objective. Prudence, ethics, and delegation of authority are the policy’s standards of care. Below is a summary of VCOG’s investments that comply with the VCOG Investment Policy:

Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest-FY to Date- 7/1/25 to 2/28/26	Rate	Balance
Bank of America	Savings	N/A	\$17.41	0.04%*	\$22,621.24

* Variable

ATTACHMENTS: Balance Sheet – As of May 8, 2026
 Budget vs. Actual Report- July 1, 2025 through May 8, 2026

Ventura Council of Governments

Balance Sheet

As of May 8, 2026

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BofA - 9045	14,349.51
BofA MM - 2635	22,621.24
Total for Bank Accounts	\$36,970.75
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	1,000.00
Total for Accounts Receivable	\$1,000.00
Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$37,970.75
Other Assets	\$0.00
Total for Assets	\$37,970.75
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	111,291.04
Year End Close Out Account	10,793.75
Net Income	-84,114.04
Total for Equity	\$37,970.75
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$37,970.75

Ventura Council of Governments
Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L
 July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
Investments				
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	17.41		17.41	
Total Investments	17.41		17.41	
Other Types of Income				
LATA Grant Income	170,085.59		170,085.59	
Total Other Types of Income	170,085.59		170,085.59	
Restricted Income				
SCAG - REAP 2.0 Contract Income	185,068.97	282,642.00	-97,573.03	65.48 %
Total Restricted Income	185,068.97	282,642.00	-97,573.03	65.48 %
Unrestricted Income				
Annual Dinner Sponsorship	8,000.00	9,000.00	-1,000.00	88.89 %
Dues Assessments	77,991.00	77,991.00	0.00	100.00 %
Total Unrestricted Income	85,991.00	86,991.00	-1,000.00	98.85 %
Total Income	\$441,162.97	\$369,633.00	\$71,529.97	119.35 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$441,162.97	\$369,633.00	\$71,529.97	119.35 %
Expenses				
Operations				
Postage, Mailing Service	0.78		0.78	
Total Operations	0.78		0.78	
Other Types of Expenses				
LATA Grant Expenses	220,705.33		220,705.33	
Total Other Types of Expenses	220,705.33		220,705.33	
REAP 2.0 Project Costs	56,504.90		56,504.90	
Project 1				
REAP 2.0 Project Costs	43,307.12		43,307.12	
Total Project 1	43,307.12		43,307.12	
Project 1 - Technical Assistance				
TASK 1 - Program Administration	7,361.38	3,525.00	3,836.38	208.83 %
TASK 2 - Project Management	52,364.89	15,828.00	36,536.89	330.84 %
TASK 3 - ID-Technical Assistance	9,399.75	8,279.00	1,120.75	113.54 %
TASK 4 - Develop AFFH-TA	11,011.25	70,000.00	-58,988.75	15.73 %
TASK 5 - Pro-housing Designation	42,515.59	70,000.00	-27,484.41	60.74 %
TASK 6 - On Call Planning Assistance	1,588.00	115,000.00	-113,412.00	1.38 %
Total Project 1 - Technical Assistance	124,240.86	282,632.00	-158,391.14	43.96 %
Project 4	43,294.25		43,294.25	
Total REAP 2.0 Project Costs	267,347.13	282,632.00	-15,284.87	94.59 %
Unrestricted Expenses				
Accounting Fees	513.20	2,200.00	-1,686.80	23.33 %
Annual Dinner	7,555.45	9,000.00	-1,444.55	83.95 %
Audit		5,000.00	-5,000.00	


Ventura Council of Governments
 Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L
 July 2025 - June 2026

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Conference and Meetings		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Executive Administration	42,167.50	60,000.00	-17,832.50	70.28 %
Insurance - Liability, D and O	3,757.76	4,400.00	-642.24	85.40 %
Legal Fees		300.00	-300.00	
Printing and Copying	199.86	700.00	-500.14	28.55 %
Supplies	144.00	500.00	-356.00	28.80 %
Travel		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Website	1,242.00	1,400.00	-158.00	88.71 %
Total Unrestricted Expenses	55,579.77	87,000.00	-31,420.23	63.88 %
Total Expenses	\$543,633.01	\$369,632.00	\$174,001.01	147.07 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -102,470.04	\$1.00	\$ -102,471.04	-10,247,004.00 %
NET INCOME	\$ -102,470.04	\$1.00	\$ -102,471.04	-10,247,004.00 %



ITEM 8C

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates
FROM: David Pollock, Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Register of Warrants and Debit Card Transactions
DATE: May 21, 2026

Recommendation:

Approve the Register of Warrants for expenditures and Debit Card Transactions incurred from March 7 through May 8, 2026.

Discussion:

This report presents expenditures, including bank debit card transactions incurred by the Ventura Council of Governments for the period from March 7 through May 8, 2026. It is prepared in addition to the Financial Report so that the Council may be fully informed of the actual expenditure of funds for services and other costs of the organization.

ATTACHMENTS: Warrant and Debit Card Registers

Register of Warrants
Ventura Council of Governments
May 14, 2026
Transactions from March 7 through May 8, 2026

<u>Check/Transaction#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid To</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B15LPLKVA3GBXS	03/06/26	Propulsive Executive Services, Inc.	03/01/26	Executive Director Services	\$2,625.00
B15KWJOMWB3GBXR	03/06/26	Propulsive Executive Services, Inc.	03/01/26	REAP Management Services	\$825.00
B15PUXMQUR3GZFB	03/12/26	Sanbell	03/12/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$4,304.00
B15AYQQXD13GZFD	03/12/26	Sanbell	03/12/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$3,563.00
B15JZJMUSP3GZFC	03/12/26	Sanbell	03/12/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$111.53
Check 780	03/16/26	EDC-VC	03/15/26	LATA Grant Services	\$48,060.31
B15XKOCODYP3HBH2	03/16/26	Placeworks	03/15/26	REAP Contractor Services	2,398.75
B15THPNOVO3HPYL	03/19/26	MNS Engineers, Inc.	03/16/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$1,568.75
Check 778	03/24/26	Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.	02/20/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$13,731.25
Check 781	03/31/26	Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.	03/20/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$8,457.50
B15GGFXTCS3JK75	04/02/26	C. Williamson	04/01/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$3,547.43
B15GJVCCTG3JR9N	04/03/26	Propulsive Executive Services	04/01/26	Executive Director Services	\$4,912.50
B15GSMHGMQ3JR9M	04/03/26	Propulsive Executive Services	04/01/26	REAP Management Services	\$1,057.50
B15RZHUVKQ3KRTM	04/13/26	Placeworks	04/12/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$943.75
Check 782	04/20/26	Opticos Design, Inc.	03/15/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$14,448.75
Check 784	04/27/26	Sanbell	04/20/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$14,394.75
Check 785	04/27/26	Sanbell	04/20/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$12,415.50
Check 783	04/28/26	Opticos Design, Inc.	04/20/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$16,950.00
Check 787	04/28/26	MNS Engineers, Inc.	04/12/26	REAP Contractor Services	\$7,358.65
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B15NHTQXOI3NE4Z	05/04/26	Propulsive Executive Services, Inc.	05/01/26	Executive Director Services	\$2,175.00
B15VUZDZZ3NE4Y	05/04/26	Propulsive Executive Services, Inc.	05/01/26	REAP Management Services	\$900.00

Register of Debit Card Transactions
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May 14, 2026
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ITEM 8D

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members and Alternates

FROM: David Pollock, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)
Five-Year Review Report

DATE: May 21, 2026

Recommendation:

Authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the submittal of the attached CIWMP Five-Year Review Report to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Discussion:

Since 1995, VCOG has served as the County's solid waste Local Task Force (LTF) pursuant to Assembly Bill 939. The County of Ventura is responsible for preparing and administering the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) on behalf of the County and its ten cities. The next CIWMP Five-Year Review Report is due to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on June 30, 2026. The county's Integrated Waste Management Division has asked for VCOG's review and support of the CIWMP.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed letter of approval from VCOG
- Letter from Ms. Tobie Mitchell, Manager, Integrated Waste Management Division
- 2021 CIWMP Five-Year Review Report



May 14, 2026

Morgan Steinke, Local Government Liaison
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)
Office of Local Assistance & Market Development
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Sacramento, CA 95814
Morgan.Steinke@CalRecycle.ca.gov

**Subject: VCOG Review of Attached Countywide Integrated Waste Management (CIWMP)
Five-Year Review Report**

Ms. Steinke,

The Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), serving as the Ventura County AB 939 Local Task Force, supports the submittal of the attached CIWMP Five-Year Review Report for your consideration.

This letter follows receipt of a staff report from the County of Ventura Integrated Waste Management Division, describing the unanimous consensus among city and County staff that the “update” process is adequate for the current Ventura County CIWMP Five-Year Review Report. None of the Countywide or jurisdiction-specific CIWMP documents require revision at this time. Consequently, each jurisdiction will continue to use the annual reporting process for any future “updates” to these documents, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 18794.3 and 18794.4, and Public Resources Code, Sections 41770 and 41822.

Sincerely,

David Tennessen, Chair
Ventura Council of Governments

cc: VCOG Council and Alternates
Tobie Mitchell, Ventura County Public Works Agency

January 20, 2026

Mr. David Pollock
Executive Director
Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)
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david@venturacog.org

Subject: Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) Five-Year Review Report

Dear Mr. Pollock:

The County of Ventura (County) is responsible for preparing and administering the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) on behalf of the County and its ten cities. The next CIWMP Five-Year Review Report is due to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on June 30, 2026.

Since 1995, the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) has served as the County's solid waste Local Task Force (LTF) pursuant to the statutes of Assembly Bill 939. In that capacity, I respectfully request an opportunity to present findings and a draft of the CIWMP Five-Year Review Report to the VCOG for their review and comment at its May 14, 2026 meeting.

The CIWMP includes each jurisdiction's Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE), and Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE). It also includes the Countywide Siting Element (SE) and Summary Plan (SP).

The core documents of the CIWMP were adopted in 2000 and are amended each year by each jurisdiction's annual report and the County's Nondisposal Facility Element. Every five years, the County is required to submit a Five-Year Review Report to CalRecycle addressing waste management conditions, assessing whether the county is maintaining 15 years of disposal capacity, and evaluating whether the County and its jurisdictions have adequate plans for waste reduction, recycling, and disposal programs and



infrastructure to meet state requirements. The next Five-Year Review Report is due to CalRecycle on June 30, 2026.

To ensure alignment with the reporting requirements outlined in [Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 18788](#), I am proposing the timeline below, which includes a presentation of findings and the draft Five-Year Review Report to the VCOG Board at its May 14, 2026 meeting.

Task	Date	Action
Provide notice to VCOG about 2026 CIWMP Five-Year Review	January 20, 2026	Assist VCOG with “review and comment” duties as LTF so County can submit CIWMP Five-Year Review Report with VCOG comments
Solicit feedback from the recycling and waste management staff in each city.	January – April, 2026	Send an online survey to each city in Ventura County, collect data and updates, and follow up with meetings and phone calls as necessary. Incorporate city comments into draft report as necessary.
Present findings and draft of Five-Year Review Report to VCOG (LTF)	May 14, 2026	IWMD staff obtain LTF comments on the draft report.
Board of Supervisors’ Meeting	June 09 or 23, 2026	County considers LTF comments and determines if CIWMP documents are adequate.
Five-Year Review Report Due to CalRecycle	June 30, 2026	Report must be submitted within 45 days of LTF comments to CalRecycle.
CalRecycle certifies Five-Year Report as final	August 30, 2026	Certification completed by CalRecycle. IWMD to notify LTF of finalized report.



For your reference, I have attached the 2021 Five-Year Review Report, and the associated Board Letter dated June 15, 2021. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this process. I look forward to confirming the May presentation date with you.

Sincerely,



Ms. Tobie Mitchell
Manager, Integrated Waste Management Division
(805) 658-4315
Tobie.mitchell@venturacounty.gov

cc: Joan Araujo, Central Services Director

Attachments:

- Board Letter dated June 15, 2021
- 2021 CIWMP Five-Year Review Report



Central Services
Joan Araujo, Director

Engineering Services
Christopher Cooper, Director

Roads & Transportation
Chris Hooke, Acting Director

Water & Sanitation
Joseph Pope, Director

Watershed Protection
Glenn Shephard, Director

June 15, 2021

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Receive and File County Of Ventura's 2021 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Five-Year Review Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file County of Ventura's 2021 Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Five-Year Report.

DISCUSSION:

Public Resources Code (PRC) sections 41770 and 41822 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 18788 require each Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), and the elements thereof, be reviewed, updated if necessary, and submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) every five years; the CIWMB was dissolved in 2009 and all of the functions of the CIWMB were transferred to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The County of Ventura's 2021 CIWMP Five-Year Review Report (Report) is attached (Exhibit 1) for your information. The County of Ventura's Integrated Waste Management (IWM) of the Public Work's Water and Sanitation prepared this Report in cooperation with staff from each of Ventura County's ten cities.

At its May 13, 2021 meeting, the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), in its capacity as the AB 939 Local Task Force on integrated waste management, approved the Report, while also authorizing the Chair to sign a letter of support, consistent with the previous and unanimous approval from staff of all the Ventura County cities. Also, at this meeting, VCOG supported the submission of the Report to CalRecycle. The VCOG letter, summarizing this Council decision, is included as attachment C to the Report and was submitted to CalRecycle in accordance with Title 14, CCR sections 18794.3 and 18794.4.



The May 13 meeting was the second consecutive VCOG meeting related to this Report process, the first occurring on March 11, 2021 during which Mr. Belluschi announced the beginning of a CIWMP five-year review report process, the responsibilities of all stakeholders within this process and an anticipated timeline of the current CIWMP process milestones.

We recommend your Board receive and file the Report for the County of Ventura.

If you have questions, please contact Bruce Belluschi, Manager, IWM, at 805-658-4311.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Pope, Director
Water and Sanitation

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - CIWMP Five-Year Review Report



Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report Template

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41770 and 41822, and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 18788 require that each countywide or regional agency integrated waste management plan (CIWMP or RAIWMP), and the elements thereof, be reviewed, revised if necessary, and submitted to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) every five years. CalRecycle developed this Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report template to streamline the Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP review, reporting, and approval process.

A county or regional agency may use this template to document its compliance with these regulatory review and reporting requirements and as a tool in its review, including obtaining Local Task Force (LTF) comments on areas of the CIWMP or RAIWMP that need revision, if any. This template also can be finalized based on these comments and submitted to CalRecycle as the county or regional agency's Five-Year CIWMP or RAIWMP Review Report.

The [Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report Template Instructions](#) describe each section and provide general guidelines with respect to preparing the report. Completed and signed reports should be submitted to the CalRecycle's Local Assistance & Market Development (LAMD) Branch at the address below. Upon report receipt, LAMD staff may request clarification and/or additional information if the details provided in the report are not clear or are not complete. Within 90 days of receiving a *complete* Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report, LAMD staff will review the report and prepare their findings for CalRecycle consideration for approval.

If you have any questions about the Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report process or how to complete this template, please contact your LAMD representative at (916) 341-6199. Mail the completed and signed Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report to:

Dept. of Resources Recycling & Recovery
Local Assistance & Market Development, MS-9
P. O. Box 4025
Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

To edit & customize this template, the editing restrictions (filling in forms) must be disengaged. Select the Review tab, Protect Document, and then Restrict Formatting and Editing (uncheck editing restrictions). There is no password (options). Please contact your LAMD representative at (916) 341-6199 with related questions.

General Instructions: Please complete Sections 1 through 7, and all other applicable subsections. Double click on shaded text/areas () to select or add text.

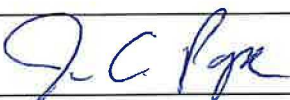
SECTION 1.0 COUNTY OR REGIONAL AGENCY INFORMATION			
I certify that the information in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to complete this report and request approval of the CIWMP or RAIWMP Five-Year Review Report on behalf of:			
County or Regional Agency Name Ventura County Public Works, Water & Sanitation, Integrated Waste Management		County(s) [if a RAIWMP Review Report] Ventura County	
Authorized Signature 		Title Director	
Type/Print Name of Person Signing Joseph Pope	Date 5/14/21	Phone (805) 378-3005	
Person Completing This Form (please print or type) David Goldstein		Title Analyst	Phone (805) 658-4312
Mailing Address 800 S. Victoria Ave #1650	City Ventura	State CA	Zip 93009-1650
E-mail Address David.goldstein@ventura.org			

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SECTION 2.0 BACKGROUND

This is the county's first Five-Year Review Report since the approval of the CIWMP.

The following changes have occurred since the approval of the county's planning documents or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion goal reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> New city (name(s) _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New regional agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes to regional agency | |

Additional Information (optional)

There have been no CIWMP changes in this category.

SECTION 3.0 LOCAL TASK FORCE REVIEW

- a. In accordance with Title 14 CCR, Section 18788, the Local Task Force (LTF) reviewed each element and plan included in the CIWMP and finalized its comments
 at the 5/13/21 LTF meeting. electronically (fax, e-mail) other (Explain):
- b. The county received the written comments from the LTF on 5/13/21.
- c. A copy of the LTF comments
 is included as Attachment C.
 was submitted to CalRecycle on _____.

SECTION 4.0 TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE of REGULATIONS SECTION 18788 (3) (A) THROUGH (H)

The subsections below address not only the areas of change specified in the regulations, but also provide specific analyses regarding the continued adequacy of the planning documents in light of those changes, including a determination on any need for revision to one or more of the planning documents.

Section 4.1 Changes in Demographics in the County or Regional Agency

When preparing the CIWMP Review Report, the county or regional agency must address at least the changes in demographics.

The following resources are provided to facilitate this analysis:

1. Demographic data, including population, taxable sales, employment, and consumer price index by jurisdiction for years up to 2006, are available at:
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram/AdjustmentFactors>. Data for years beyond 2006 can be found on the following websites:
 - Population: [Department of Finance](#) E-4 Historical Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State
 - Taxable Sales: [Board of Equalization](#)

- Employment: [Employment Development Department](#) Click on the link to Local Area Profile, select the county from the drop down menu, then click on the “View Local Are Profile” button.
 - Consumer Price Index: [Department of Industrial Relations](#)
2. The [Demographic Research Unit](#) of the California Department of Finance is designated as the single official source of demographic data for State planning and budgeting (e.g., find E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates under Reports and Research Papers and then Estimates).
 3. The Department of Finance’s Demographic Research Unit also provides a list of [State Census Data Center Network Regional Offices](#).

Analysis

Upon review of demographic changes since 1990:

- The demographic changes since the development of the CIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, see below.
- These demographic changes since the development of the CIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Although each of Ventura County’s jurisdictions experienced growth since the development of the original planning documents, three factors eliminate the need to revise countywide solid waste management planning documents. First, existing documents anticipated this growth and continue to be adequate for handling expected levels of waste reduction, recycling, and disposal. Second, a combination of actively engaged public sector organizations and private sector businesses continue to interpret plans in light of demographic changes, developing and expanding local diversion and disposal facilities. Finally, each jurisdiction’s annual reports have accounted for these changes and serve as updates to the original planning documents.

Section 4.2 Changes in Quantities of Waste within the County or Regional Agency; and Changes in Permitted Disposal Capacity and Waste Disposed in the County or Regional Agency

A number of tools to facilitate the analysis and review of such changes in the waste stream are available from the following CalRecycle sources:

1. Various statewide, regional, and local disposal reports are available at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/Reports/DRS/Default.aspx>.
 - a. CalRecycle’s [Disposal Reporting System](#) tracks and reports the annual estimates of the disposal amounts for jurisdictions in California; additional California solid waste [statistics](#) are also available.
 - b. CalRecycle’s Waste Flow by [Destination](#) or [Origin](#) reports include solid waste disposal, export, and alternative daily cover. They show how much waste was produced within the boundaries of an individual city, or within all jurisdictions comprising a county or

regional agency. These data also cover what was disposed at a particular facility or at all facilities within a county or regional agency.

2. The [Waste Characterization Database](#) provides estimates of the types and amounts of materials in the waste streams of *individual California jurisdictions* in 1999. For background information and more recent statewide characterizations, please see <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/WasteCharacterization/>
3. CalRecycle's [Countywide, Regionwide, and Statewide Jurisdiction Diversion Progress Report](#) provides both summary and detailed information on compliance, diversion rates/50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target and rates, and waste diversion program implementation for all California jurisdictions. Diversion program implementation summaries are available at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram>

Together, these reports help illustrate changes in the quantities of waste within the county or regional agency as well as in permitted disposal capacity. This information also summarizes each jurisdiction's progress in implementing the Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and complying with the 50 percent diversion rate requirement (now calculated as the 50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target), see [Per Capita Disposal and Goal Measurement \(2007 and Later\)](#) for details

- The county or regional agency (if it includes the entire county) continues to have adequate disposal capacity (i.e., equal to or greater than 15 years).
- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity within its physical boundaries, but the Siting Element does provide a strategy¹ for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity.
- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity and the Siting Element does not provide a strategy² for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Analysis

- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the CIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, see below.
- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the CIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

The combined total of Ventura County landfill capacity is well above the targeted 15 years of disposal capacity. In 2019, the most recent year of capacity assessment, Toland Landfill and

¹ Such a strategy includes a description of the diversion or export programs to be implemented to address the solid waste capacity needs. The description shall identify the existing solid waste disposal facilities, including those outside of the county or regional agency, which will be used to implement these programs. The description should address how the proposed programs shall provide the county or regional agency with sufficient disposal capacity to meet the required minimum of 15 years of combined permitted disposal capacity.

Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center had a combined estimated remaining landfill capacity of 42.54 years. IWMD staff finalized calculations for this assessment on July 29, 2020, using the following landfill-provided data sources: Material Receipt Questionnaires, Landfill Annual Status Reports, and Quarterly Facility Reports. The significant reduction in reported capacity, compared to the previous Five-year Review Report (which reported 81 years of capacity), is due to lower Airspace Utilization Factors (AUFs), higher tonnage volumes, and a lower density of material filling new cells.

Section 4.3 Changes in Funding Source for Administration of the Siting Element (SE) and Summary Plan (SP)

Since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent), the county experienced the following significant changes in funding for the SE or SP:

- N/a

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in funding for administration of the SE and SP or the changes that have occurred do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, N/a.
- These changes in funding for the administration of the SE and SP warrant a revision to one or more of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

N/a

Section 4.4 Changes in Administrative Responsibilities

The county experienced significant changes in the following administrative responsibilities since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

- None

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in administrative responsibilities or the changes in administrative responsibilities do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, N/a.
- These changes in administrative responsibilities warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

N/a

Section 4.5 Programs that Were Scheduled to Be Implemented, But Were Not

This section addresses programs that were scheduled to be implemented, but were not; why they were not implemented; the progress of programs that were implemented; a statement as to whether programs are meeting their goals; and if not, what contingency measures are being enacted to ensure compliance with Public Resources Code Section 41751.

1. Progress of Program Implementation

- a. SRRE and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE)
- All program implementation information has been updated in the CalRecycle Electronic Annual Report (EAR), including the reason for not implementing specific programs, if applicable.
 - All program implementation information has not been updated in the EAR. Attachment _____ lists the SRRE and/or HHWE programs selected for implementation, but which have not yet been implemented, including a statement as to why they were not implemented.
- b. Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE)
- There have been no changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs and any amendments and/or updates).
 - Attachment A lists changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs).
- c. Countywide Siting Element (SE)
- There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SE.
 - Attachment B lists changes to the information provided in the current SE.
- d. Summary Plan
- There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SP.
 - Attachment _____ lists changes to the information provided in the current SP.

2. Statement regarding whether Programs are Meeting their Goals

- The programs are meeting their goals.
- The programs are not meeting their goals. The discussion that follows in the analysis section below addresses the contingency measures that are being enacted to ensure compliance with PRC Section 41751 (i.e., specific steps are being taken by local agencies, acting independently and in concert with _____, to achieve the purposes of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989) and whether the listed changes in program implementation necessitate a revision to one or more of the planning documents. _____

Analysis

- The aforementioned changes in program implementation do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, see below.
- Changes in program implementation warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Each jurisdiction's annual reports to CalRecycle have been incorporated by amendment into the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan and have thereby updated the original planning documents. Since every jurisdiction in Ventura County has participated in CalRecycle's annual report and review process and produced amendments through this method, there is no need to revise the original documents.

Section 4.6 Changes in Available Markets for Recyclable Materials

The county experienced changes in the following available markets for recyclable materials since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

Analysis

- There are no significant changes in available markets for recycled materials to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, variability in markets and the need for market development, both for organics and for other recyclables, was foreseen during the development of Source Reduction and Recycling Elements, which each included a chapter (called a Section) on market development. Changes have been noted in each jurisdiction's annual reports, and these updates constituting CIWMP amendments.
- Changes in available markets for recycled materials warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

In 2013, shortly prior to the previous Five Year Review Report, the Chinese government initiated an aggressive inspection regimen aimed at curtailing the import of contaminated recyclables. This change in procedures in China, where manufacturers previously bought much of American recyclable exports, affected west coast recyclers, such as those marketing Ventura County's materials, the most. Many believed continued expansion of Chinese manufacturing would result in renewed demand for raw material supply, and key buyers in China would again gain access to American recyclables. Instead, in 2017, the Chinese government strengthened restrictions, instituting Operation National Sword, which set unattainable contamination limits and placed outright bans on certain categories of recycled imports. In Ventura County, the results are most apparent in the areas of mixed paper and low grade plastics. For paper, in contrast to the past, when "paper drives" were a means for non-profit organizations to raise funds, now every Ventura County recycler accepting paper requires a fee to be paid upon drop-off or as part of mixed recyclable collection costs. Worse, non-bottle plastics, and plastics #3 through #7, with the exception of mixed rigid bales, are no longer commonly recycled, although these items are still collected in curbside programs, as brokers search for new markets and as local market development programs develop new options.

The other major recent change in market conditions has been an entirely a local phenomenon. At the time of the previous Five Year Review Report, an experimentally authorized food composting program at Agromin's Shoreline Organics site near Ormond Beach enabled increasing numbers of schools, restaurants, a jail, two hospitals, and other accounts to subscribe to food waste collection programs. However, in 2019, after expiration of one authorization and non-implementation by Agromin of another authorized experimental food composting initiative (involving an anaerobic digester), the only local market for food waste composting was no longer available. To continue composting food scraps, haulers now bring food scraps to the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center. At the landfill, food is mixed with yard waste, loaded onto trucks, then hauled to sites in Kern County and Sun Valley.

Although these changes are significant, they do not require changes to initial market development plans. Indeed, neither food scraps nor plastics #3 through #7 were recyclable at the time the plans were written. Moreover, the plans have mechanisms in place, such as the Ventura County Recycling Market Development Zone, to develop options for these and other materials.

Section 4.7 Changes in the Implementation Schedule

The following addresses changes to the county's implementation schedule that are not already addressed in Section 4.5:

Analysis

- There are no significant changes in the implementation schedule to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- Changes in the implementation schedule warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.

Additional Analysis (optional)

Note: Consider for each jurisdiction within the county or regional agency the changes noted in Sections 4.1 through 4.7 and explain whether the changes necessitate revisions to any of the jurisdictions' planning documents.

SECTION 5.0 OTHER ISSUES OR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (optional)

The following addresses any other significant issues/changes in the county and whether these changes affect the adequacy of the CIWMP to the extent that a revision to one or more of the planning documents is needed:

Analysis

The County Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) has been amended, as have been the NDFEs of relevant jurisdictions. Changes in the use of nondisposal facilities, like other programmatic changes, have been noted in annual reports and are thereby incorporated into planning documents through the amendment process, eliminating the need for document revisions. These NDFE changes are recorded as Appendix A to this document.

SECTION 6.0 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the county have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the CIWMP elements. No jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents.
- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the county have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the CIWMP (or RAIWMP) elements. The following jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents, as listed.

None

Analysis

The discussion below addresses the County's evaluation of the Annual Report data relating to planning document adequacy and includes determination regarding the need to revise one or more of the documents:

Changes since the adoption of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan have been sufficiently described in the annual reports of each jurisdiction. These annual reports constitute updates to plans. There is no need to revise these documents through a separate process.

SECTION 7.0 REVISION SCHEDULE (if required)

Attachment A: Changes in the Use of Nondisposal Facilities

Since adoption of the Ventura County Summary Plan in November 2000, the following changes in the use of nondisposal facilities resulted in amendments to Nondisposal Facility Elements (NDFE) of the relevant jurisdiction and the County:

On January 10, 2019, the City of Oxnard amended its NDFE to include the **Mountain View Organic Waste Processing Facility**, a site anticipated to be used for manufacture of animal feed made from food waste and for transfer of organic waste. The site, not yet operational, is projected to handle up to 300 tons per day of select commercial loads and divert approximately 70 percent.

On July 24, 2015, the Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division revised the unincorporated (and Countywide) NDFE to accommodate a request from Agromin for expansion of **Agromin's Ormond Beach Composting** site. The Ventura County Environmental Health Division/Local Enforcement Agency then completed the processes for permitting an expansion, and Agromin proceeded with both greenwaste composting operations as well as authorized experimental composting involving food waste. One such authorized experimental food waste composting was anticipated to include a small-scale anaerobic digestion facility on site; however, Agromin did not implement the project, due in part to the capital cost involved and the uncertainty of whether a new Conditional Use Permit would offer sufficient permitted time to recover costs. A different experimental project involving food waste, using covered aerated static pile composting, was not extended by the Local Enforcement Agency in the previous year, so food waste composting discontinued at the only site in Ventura County authorized to compost food waste.

The discontinuation of food waste composting in Ventura County in 2019, described above, prompted a change at the **Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center**, which obtained permits to transfer pre-consumer organic waste. At that time, local schools, markets, restaurants, hospitals, and other participating in food waste collection programs were able to maintain service, but their organics were processed to remove contaminants and hauled out-of-county for composting. The food waste is mixed with green materials and trucked to distant sites. These sites have included **Blossom Valley Composting** in Kern County and **Sun Valley Recycling Center** of Waste Management in the eastern San Fernando Valley.

On December 10, 2014, following an earlier amendment by the City of Santa Paula to its own NDFE, the Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division revised the Countywide NDFE, enabling **Community Recycling** to proceed with permitting plan for an anaerobic digestion system, using digesters at the former Santa Paula Wastewater Treatment Plant, which the company purchased from the city. After some permitting work, Community Recycling sold its assets. **Wayne Bishop** attempted to move forward with permitting, but **Athens Services**, which secured the contract for solid waste services in Santa Paula, did not indicate interest in using the facility, and the initiative was discontinued.

Additional anticipated changes in the use of nondisposal facilities have not progressed to a point requiring revision of documents but have been noted in annual reports as potential upcoming changes. For example, Agromin has announced plans for a potential organics diversion facility at the **Limoneira**

Farm near Santa Paula, but the company has not requested a revision of the unincorporated (and Countywide) NDFE, which will be necessary before issuance of permits. At this time, only the 10-acre portion of Limoneira's farm initially used by Agromin in 2004 is included in existing plans.

In addition to the above changes, the following changes have occurred, were previously included in the County of Ventura's annual updates to CalRecycle, but did not require an amendment to any jurisdiction's Non-disposal Facility Element (NDFE):

- Ventura County residents no longer use the **Lebec Interim Transfer Station** in Kern County, due to its closure; instead, loads of mixed recyclables (including construction and demolition debris) from communities such as the Lockwood Valley are often hauled to, and sorted by, the Metropolitan Recycling Corporation, in Kern County.
- Agromin acquired and expanded a composting facility initially noted in the original NDFE as "**World Soils**" and later, under a different operator, known as "**Shoreline Organics**" or "**Shoreline Organics, Ormond Beach.**" This facility is now referred to as "**Agromin Organic Recycling,**" or "**Agromin Arnold Road Composting.**"
- A sorting area for recycling mixed construction and demolition debris and a green waste processing area opened at the **Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center**. Both of these facilities are operated by California Wood Recycling under a contract with Waste Management Incorporated, the operator of the landfill. In 2011, as part of a permit revision for expansion of the landfill, Waste Management obtained Conditional Use Permit provisions and planned for an enhanced sorting operation, including a Material Recovery Facility projected to sort 500 tons per day of mixed recyclables. Because Waste Management did not pursue plans to proceed with the development of this facility, the County's NDFE has not yet been amended to allow for this potential facility.
- The **Simi Valley Recycling Center** (a private company not affiliated with the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center) sorted loads of mixed commercial recyclables collected by contracted haulers. This recycling center ceased operations.
- **Farm Share** began composting operations on farms in unincorporated areas near Camarillo and Moorpark, below the thresholds necessitating NDFE amendment. The company discontinued most of their operations and has scaled down and transferred operation of the one near Camarillo (at McGrath Farm) to another company.
- **Santa Clara Organics**, LLC composted on farms in the Santa Clara River Valley and continues to operate the Ojai Valley Organics site (on land owned by the County of Ventura) at levels below the threshold for an NDFE amendment.
- **Agromin** began mulching operations on the Limoneira farm near Santa Paula, operating below thresholds requiring NDFE amendment.
- Mixed recyclables collected and consolidated in Ventura County are still occasionally hauled to **Waste Management's Azusa Materials Recovery Facility** and various other sites in Los Angeles County for sorting, baling, and sale.

- Through a backhaul program instituted by supermarket distributors, **the Sun Valley site of Community Recycling and Resource Recovery** received food waste from supermarkets throughout Ventura County, processing organics and transferring them to their compost facility in Kern County. This program is ongoing, although both the Sun Valley and the Kern County site are now owned and operated by Recology.
- **Athens Services**, which now owns the former Sun Valley site of Community Recycling and Resource Recovery, sometimes hauls the mixed curbside recyclables from the city of Santa Paula to this location for sorting.
- Community Recycling and Resource Recovery Inc. took over the **“Palm Yard”** site used by the City of Santa Paula for a construction and demolition debris sorting operation. Community Recycling announced plans to pursue a permit so they could operate the site at a higher level of daily tonnage than previously authorized, but this change did not come to fruition.
- **Rancho Punta Gorda**, in La Conchita, obtained an authorization for an experimental operation of a compost facility, received small amounts of organic material, along with several truckloads of processed mulch for use on 300 acres of orchards, but did not obtain sufficient material to begin regular operations and in 2019 allowed its authorization to lapse.
- **McGrath Farm** was the site of an Farm Share operation (noted on the previous page) in the 2000s, and the site later was operated by a contractor, Rob Bischel, under the McGrath Farm name. In 2019, following regulatory changes, Bischel discontinued operations and the site owner sought a new operator. A company expressing interest withdrew from negotiations after encountering permit-related uncertainties, and the owner was unable to find a new operator, so the owner broke up the compacted ground of the site and planted crops.
- **Ojai Valley Organics** operated on land owned by the County of Ventura for decades at levels below the threshold for an NDFE amendment. In 2019, the operator discontinued efforts to renew a conditional use permit (CUP) and the facility closed. With the site closed, the Ventura County Planning Division held the CUP renewal process open as another operator, newly authorized by the Integrated Waste Management Division, attempted permitting. Following that contractor’s withdrawal from the process, the Integrated Waste Management Division authorized a third potential operator, **Progressive Environmental Services** to attempt completion of the permitting process to reopen the site.
- **Rocky H Ranch**, near Ojai, in 2019, discontinued composting operations to avoid potential regulatory consequences for exceeding the parameters of the exempt regulatory tier. This closure also resulted in the cessation of a **“Compost Club”** the farmer had also started. Rather than charging a tip fee at her facility or a collection fee from Ojai area restaurants, the farmer had monthly subscription arrangements with club members for her **“Community Supported Agriculture”** venture.
- **Peach Hill Soils and Landscape** operates a compost facility in Somis. The facility has remained below the thresholds for an NDFE amendment and is expected to remain below such thresholds despite a proposed expansion permitted in 2020 and currently in the process of being developed.

- Additional facilities in the process of being considered are at too preliminary a stage to be considered for inclusion in NDFEs but were mentioned in annual reports as potential opportunities for development of additional diversion capacity. For example, Ventura County Water and Sanitation recently selected Anaergia, through a request for proposals process, to investigate potential development of an anaerobic digestion and composting facility, but the facility has not yet been proposed to any permitting authorities, and basic issues, such as location and size, remain unresolved.

Attachment B: Changes in the Use of Disposal Facilities

Since adoption of the Ventura County Summary Plan in November 2000, the following changes in the use of disposal facilities occurred but did not result in revisions to the Countywide Siting Element because amendments to Integrated Waste Management Plans of the County and relevant jurisdictions were accomplished through the annual report process, and countywide disposal capacity remained above 15 years at each reporting period.

- **Toland Road Landfill** had a remaining capacity of 8,429,760 cubic yards as of July 29, 2020, using the Ventura Regional Sanitation District's figures reported in the most recent Landfill Annual Status Report.
- **Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center** had a remaining capacity of 79,783,000 cubic yards as of July 29, 2020, using Waste Management's figures reported in the most recent Landfill Annual Status Report.
- **Out-of-County Landfills:** Ventura County generators also used landfills outside Ventura County, continuing a practice reported in the Countywide Siting Element. As noted in the Element, the two major out-of-county landfills used by Ventura County jurisdictions continue to be Calabasas Landfill and Chiquita Canyon Landfill, both in Los Angeles County. However, changes in the use of disposal facilities include periodic use of more distant landfills on a regular basis. This use of additional landfills was previously tracked by, and reported to CalRecycle by, the County of Ventura through the Countywide Disposal Reporting System. As of October 2019, this tracking of out-of-county disposal is now accomplished through the Recycling and Disposal Reporting System, administered by CalRecycle.



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**Subject: VCOG Review of Attached Countywide Integrated Waste Management
Plan (CIWMP) Five-Year Review Report**

Ms. Lal:

By virtue of this letter, the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), serving as the Ventura County AB 939 Local Task Force, supports the submittal of the attached CIWMP Five-Year Review Report for your consideration.

This letter follows receipt of a staff report from the County of Ventura Integrated Waste Management Division describing the unanimous consensus among city and County staff that the "update" process is adequate for the current Ventura County CIWMP Five-Year Review Report. None of the Countywide or jurisdiction-specific documents of the CIWMP require revision at this time. Consequently, each jurisdiction will continue to use the Annual Reporting process for any future "updates" to these documents, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 18794.3 and 18794.4, and Public Resources Code, Sections 41770 and 41822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny M. Crosswhite', is written over a horizontal line.

Jenny Crosswhite, Chair
Ventura Council of Governments

CC: VCOG Council and Alternates

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Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41770 and 41822, and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 18788 require that each countywide or regional agency integrated waste management plan (CIWMP or RAIWMP), and the elements thereof, be reviewed, revised if necessary, and submitted to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) every five years. CalRecycle developed this Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP Review Report template to streamline the Five-Year CIWMP/RAIWMP review, reporting, and approval process.

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SECTION 1.0 COUNTY OR REGIONAL AGENCY INFORMATION			
I certify that the information in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to complete this report and request approval of the CIWMP or RAIWMP Five-Year Review Report on behalf of:			
County or Regional Agency Name		County(s) [if a RAIWMP Review Report]	
Ventura County Public Works, Central Services, Integrated Waste Management		Ventura County	
Authorized Signature		Title	
		Director	
Type/Print Name of Person Signing		Date	Phone
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SECTION 2.0 BACKGROUND

This is the county's fifth Five-Year Review Report since the approval of the CIWMP.

The following changes have occurred since the approval of the county's planning documents or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

- Diversion goal reduction
- New regional agency
- Changes to regional agency
- New city (name(s) _____)
- Other _____



Additional Information (optional)

There have been no CIWMP changes in this category.

SECTION 3.0 LOCAL TASK FORCE REVIEW

- a. In accordance with Title 14 CCR, Section 18788, the Local Task Force (LTF) reviewed each element and plan included in the CIWMP and finalized its comments
 at the 5/13/26 (projected) LTF meeting. electronically (fax, e-mail) other
(Explain): _____
- b. The county received the written comments from the LTF on _____.
- c. A copy of the LTF comments
 is included as Appendix C.
 was submitted to CalRecycle on _____.

**SECTION 4.0 TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE of REGULATIONS SECTION 18788
(3) (A) THROUGH (H)**

The subsections below address not only the areas of change specified in the regulations, but also provide specific analyses regarding the continued adequacy of the planning documents in light of those changes, including a determination on any need for revision to one or more of the planning documents.

Section 4.1 Changes in Demographics in the County or Regional Agency

When preparing the CIWMP Review Report, the county or regional agency must address at least the changes in demographics.

The following resources are provided to facilitate this analysis:

1. Demographic data, including population, taxable sales, employment, and consumer price index by jurisdiction for years up to 2006, are available at:
<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram/AdjustmentFactors>. Data for years beyond 2006 can be found on the following websites:
 - Population: [Department of Finance](#) E-4 Historical Population Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State
 - Taxable Sales: [Board of Equalization](#)



- Employment: [Employment Development Department](#) Click on the link to Local Area Profile, select the county from the drop down menu, then click on the “View Local Area Profile” button.
 - Consumer Price Index: [Department of Industrial Relations](#)
2. The [Demographic Research Unit](#) of the California Department of Finance is designated as the single official source of demographic data for State planning and budgeting (e.g., find E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates under Reports and Research Papers and then Estimates).
 3. The Department of Finance’s Demographic Research Unit also provides a list of [State Census Data Center Network Regional Offices](#).

Analysis

Upon review of demographic changes since 1990:¹

- The demographic changes since the development of the CIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, see below.
- These demographic changes since the development of the CIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Although each of Ventura County’s jurisdictions experienced growth since the development of the original planning documents, three factors eliminate the need to revise countywide solid waste management planning documents. First, existing documents anticipated this growth and continue to be adequate for handling expected levels of waste reduction, recycling, and disposal. Second, a combination of actively engaged public sector organizations and private sector businesses continue to interpret plans in ways that account for demographic changes, developing and expanding local diversion and disposal facilities. Finally, each jurisdiction’s annual reports have accounted for these changes and serve as updates to the original planning documents.

¹ The year of the data included in the planning documents, which is generally 1990 or 1991.



Section 4.2 Changes in Quantities of Waste within the County or Regional Agency; and Changes in Permitted Disposal Capacity and Waste Disposed in the County or Regional Agency

A number of tools to facilitate the analysis and review of such changes in the waste stream are available from the following CalRecycle sources:

1. Various statewide, regional, and local disposal reports are available at [Recycling and Disposal Reporting: Reports List](#) for years after 2019.
 - a. CalRecycle's [Disposal Reporting System](#) tracks and reports the annual estimates of the disposal amounts for jurisdictions in California for years prior to 2019.
 - b. CalRecycle's Waste Flow by [Destination](#) or [Origin](#) reports include solid waste disposal, export, and alternative daily cover for years prior to 2019. They show how much waste was produced within the boundaries of an individual city, or within all jurisdictions comprising a county or regional agency. These data also cover what was disposed at a particular facility or at all facilities within a county or regional agency.
2. The [Waste Characterization Database](#) provides estimates of the types and amounts of materials in the waste streams of *individual California jurisdictions* in 1999. For background information and more recent statewide characterizations, please see <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/WasteCharacterization/>
3. CalRecycle's [Countywide, Regionwide, and Statewide Jurisdiction Diversion Progress Report](#) provides both summary and detailed information on compliance, diversion rates/50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target and rates, and waste diversion program implementation for all California jurisdictions. Diversion program implementation summaries are available at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/DiversionProgram>

Together, these reports help illustrate changes in the quantities of waste within the county or regional agency as well as in permitted disposal capacity. This information also summarizes each jurisdiction's progress in implementing the Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and complying with the 50 percent diversion rate requirement (now calculated as the 50 percent equivalent per capita disposal target), see [Per Capita Disposal and Goal Measurement \(2007 and Later\)](#) for details

- The county or regional agency (if it includes the entire county) continues to have adequate disposal capacity (i.e., equal to or greater than 15 years).
- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity within its physical boundaries, but the Siting Element does provide a *strategy² for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity*.

² Such a strategy includes a description of the diversion or export programs to be implemented to address the solid waste capacity needs. The description shall identify the existing solid waste disposal facilities, including those outside of the county or regional agency, which will be used to implement these programs. The description should



- The county does not have 15 years remaining disposal capacity and the Siting Element does not provide a *strategy² for obtaining 15 years remaining disposal capacity*. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Analysis

- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the CIWMP do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, see below.
- These changes in quantities of waste and changes in permitted disposal capacity since the development of the CIWMP warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

The combined total of Ventura County landfill capacity is well above the targeted 15 years of disposal capacity. The Simi Valley Landfill is the major disposal location in Ventura County, and that landfill alone had 30 years of capacity as of February 2025, the most recent capacity assessment. The Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center had remaining permitted site capacity of 72 million cubic yards, with an estimated closure date of November 2056, using data provided by WM (formerly Waste Management), the landfill operator. The other in-County landfill, the Toland Road Landfill, operated by the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, reported remaining capacity of 5.8 million cubic yards, with an estimated closure date of March, 2038.

Section 4.3 Changes in Funding Source for Administration of the Siting Element (SE) and Summary Plan (SP)

Since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent), the county experienced the following significant changes in funding for the SE or SP:

- _____

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in funding for administration of the SE and SP or the changes that have occurred do not warrant a revision to any of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- These changes in funding for the administration of the SE and SP warrant a revision to one or more of the countywide planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

address how the proposed programs shall provide the county or regional agency with sufficient disposal capacity to meet the required minimum of 15 years of combined permitted disposal capacity.



Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.4 Changes in Administrative Responsibilities

The county experienced significant changes in the following administrative responsibilities since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):

- None

Analysis

- There have been no significant changes in administrative responsibilities or the changes in administrative responsibilities do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, n/a.
- These changes in administrative responsibilities warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

n/a

Section 4.5 Programs that Were Scheduled to Be Implemented, But Were Not

This section addresses programs that were scheduled to be implemented, but were not; why they were not implemented; the progress of programs that were implemented; a statement as to whether programs are meeting their goals; and if not, what contingency measures are being enacted to ensure compliance with Public Resources Code Section 41751.

1. Progress of Program Implementation

- a. SRRE and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE)

- All program implementation information has been updated in the CalRecycle Electronic Annual Report (EAR), including the reason for not implementing specific programs, if applicable.
- All program implementation information has not been updated in the EAR. Attachment _____ lists the SRRE and/or HHWE programs selected for implementation, but which have not yet been implemented, including a statement as to why they were not implemented.



- b. Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE)
 - There have been no changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs and any amendments and/or updates).
 - Attachment A lists changes in the use of nondisposal facilities (based on the current NDFEs).
- c. Countywide Siting Element (SE)
 - There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SE.
 - Attachment B lists changes to the information provided in the current SE.
- d. Summary Plan
 - There have been no changes to the information provided in the current SP.
 - Attachment _____ lists changes to the information provided in the current SP.

2. Statement regarding whether Programs are Meeting their Goals

- The programs are meeting their goals.
- The programs are not meeting their goals. The discussion that follows in the analysis section below addresses the contingency measures that are being enacted to ensure compliance with [PRC Section 41751](#) (i.e., specific steps are being taken by local agencies, acting independently and in concert with _____, to achieve the purposes of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989) and whether the listed changes in program implementation necessitate a revision to one or more of the planning documents. _____

Analysis

- The aforementioned changes in program implementation do not warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- Changes in program implementation warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Section 4.6 Changes in Available Markets for Recyclable Materials

The county experienced changes in the following available markets for recyclable materials since the approval of the CIWMP or the last Five-Year CIWMP Review Report (whichever is most recent):



Analysis

- There are no significant changes in available markets for recycled materials to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, variability in markets and the need for market development, both for organics and for other recyclables, was foreseen during the development of Source Reduction and Recycling Elements, which each included a chapter (called a Section) on market development. Changes have been noted in each jurisdiction’s annual reports, and these updates constituted CIWMP amendments.
- Changes in available markets for recycled materials warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____. See Section 7 for the revision schedule(s).

Additional Analysis (optional)

Major changes in market development began in 2013, when the Chinese government initiated an aggressive inspection regimen aimed at curtailing the import of contaminated recyclables. This change of procedures in China, where processors previously sent much of American recyclable exports, affected west coast recyclers, such as those marketing Ventura County’s materials, the most. Many believed continued expansion of Chinese manufacturing would result in renewed demand for raw material supply, and key buyers in China would again gain access to American recyclables. Instead, in 2017, the Chinese government strengthened restrictions, instituting Operation National Sword, which set unattainable contamination limits and placed outright bans on certain categories of recycled imports.

In Ventura County in 2026, the results of these changes still reverberate in the areas of mixed paper and low-grade plastics. When the initial documents of the CIWMP were written, paper was in such demand that “paper drives” were a means for non-profit organizations to raise funds. In 2026, every Ventura County recycler accepting loose paper requires a fee to be paid upon drop-off or as part of mixed recyclable collection costs. Similarly, when the initial documents of the CIWMP were written, plastic labeling was on its way to becoming comprehensive, with numbered codes in chasing arrow triangles indicating plastic type. Many local recycling coordinators believed this labeling would lead to a viable recycling system for plastics. With this expectation, curbside and commercial recycling collection programs specified nearly all plastic should be included in recycling carts and bins. Instead, plastics #3 through #7, with the exception of mixed rigid bales, are still not commonly recycled in most local programs, although some local programs are able to recycle some types of #5 plastic.

Recycling markets have improved in some ways. Since 2023, one local recycler added #5 plastics to their diversion, and the two largest residential haulers added #1 non-bottle (e.g. “clamshell”)



recycling. Despite these limitations, the outreach material for most local recycling programs still specifies that all plastic containers, #1-#7, other than film (e.g. bags) and foam (e.g. Styrofoam cups), should be included in residential recycling carts and commercial recycling bins. This is because sometimes, more types of plastic are recyclable, when a special market opportunity is available. Moreover, this specification remains because solid waste planners continue to work for market development opportunities, and collecting the complete plastic stream with recyclables makes this prospect more viable.

Section 4.7 Changes in the Implementation Schedule

The following addresses changes to the county’s implementation schedule that are not already addressed in Section 4.5:

Analysis

- There are no significant changes in the implementation schedule to warrant a revision to any of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.
- Changes in the implementation schedule warrant a revision to one or more of the planning documents. Specifically, _____.

Additional Analysis (optional)

Note: Consider for each jurisdiction within the county or regional agency the changes noted in Sections 4.1 through 4.7 and explain whether the changes necessitate revisions to any of the jurisdictions’ planning documents.

SECTION 5.0 OTHER ISSUES OR SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (optional)

The following addresses any other significant issues/changes in the county and whether these changes affect the adequacy of the CIWMP to the extent that a revision to one or more of the planning documents is needed:



Analysis

The County Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE) has been amended, as have been the NDFEs of relevant jurisdictions. Changes in the use of nondisposal facilities, like other programmatic changes, have been noted in annual reports and are thereby incorporated into planning documents through the amendment process, eliminating the need for document revisions. These NDFE changes are recorded as Appendix A to this document.

SECTION 6.0 ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the county have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the CIWMP elements. No jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents.

- The Annual Reports for each jurisdiction in the county have been reviewed, specifically those sections that address the adequacy of the CIWMP (or RAIWMP) elements. The following jurisdictions reported the need to revise one or more of these planning documents, as listed.
None

Analysis

The discussion below addresses the county’s evaluation of the Annual Report data relating to planning document adequacy and includes determination regarding the need to revise one or more of the documents:

Changes since the adoption of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan have been sufficiently described in the annual reports of each jurisdiction. These annual reports constitute updates to plans. There is no need to revise these documents through a separate process.

SECTION 7.0 REVISION SCHEDULE (if required)

n/a

ATTACHMENT A

Non-disposal Facilities Update

1. Purpose

This report describes the major changes related to use of and plans for non-disposal facilities in Ventura County since adoption of the Ventura County Summary Plan in November 2000. When necessary for permitting purposes, these changes resulted in amendments to Non-disposal Facility Elements (NDFE) of the relevant jurisdictions, and in all cases, these changes were incorporated into the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan through annual reporting by the County of Ventura. These updates constitute a State-authorized annual amendment process.

2. Amendments and Updates since the 2021 Five-Year Review Report

- 2.1. In 2025, Agromin opened the Mountain View Organic Waste Processing Facility in Oxnard as a processing facility for source-separated organic (SSO) material from commercial, residential and industrial customers. In preparation for this facility, the City of Oxnard amended its NDFE. The facility, originally noted as Mountain View Food Material Recovery and Feed Facility, was initially anticipated to manufacture animal feed from food waste. The site became operational in 2025, but the scope of the project changed since its inception. Only the pre-processing operation was constructed. The feed production component was shelved due to an evolving marketplace. The steps involved in the pre-processing operation include receiving the SSO material and separating it from the inherent contamination. The by-products from this process include organic slurry, which is called ‘mash’, and refuse for disposal. Currently, the mash is being hauled out of county to a co-digestion treatment facility and to the City of Thousand Oaks co-digestion facility. These types of facilities are not a sustainable outlet without further treatment. The total solids content of mash is more than these facilities can process. In addition, the inert and mineral contents as well as the viscosity and acidic nature of the mash are problematic. Feed and fertilizer production, anaerobic digestion, and composting facilities are also viable outlets for the mash. Some of this technology may be installed at Mountain View. In addition, the Commercial Compost Center at Limoneira will be another outlet once constructed. The pre-processing capacity is currently 300 tons per day. But due to low countywide program participation, the facility is only receiving about 40 tons per day of SSO. The diversion is a function of the feedstocks received. However, it is expected to be over 85 percent.
- 2.2. Agromin also in 2025 received from the County of Ventura a conditional use permit allowing 25 years of continued operation of a composting facility at Ormond Beach, in unincorporated area near the city of Oxnard. The site was in the original NDFE as “**World Soils,**” with a different operator. Although the facility has subsequently been known as “Shoreline Organics” “Shoreline

Organics, Ormond Beach,” and (currently) “**Agromin Organic Recycling,**” or “**Agromin Arnold Road Composting,**” changes of name and operator do not require a change to the NDFE. The site has a capacity of 90,000 tons per year but is restricted by permit to accept only yard waste, not food waste.

- 2.3. In 2025 Progressive Environmental Industries (PEI) reopened the **Ojai Valley Organics** facility in unincorporated area between Ojai and Ventura. This facility was already included in the County’s NDFE, as it had previously been a green waste compost site, a chip-and-ship, a transfer station, and (in the 1950s) a burn dump. However, the County’s operator resigned in 2019, the County was unable to contract with a new operator until 2020, and permitting the site for new operations required over five years. PEI originally intended to open the facility as a compost site capable of accepting mixed loads of green waste and food scraps, but due to permitting challenges, PEI downsized the composting portion of the site and simplified it to become a site accepting only green waste. The company has expressed interest in returning to the original plan if prerequisite site improvements become cost effective and if allowable through their Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
- 2.4. Similarly, after initially envisioning a full-service compost facility, in 2025 **C&M Topsoil** obtained permits to open a facility only diverting green waste. The site, in **unincorporated Ventura County** near the city of Simi Valley, was previously already in the County’s NDFE because it was the site of American Soils, which specialized in composting horse manure and bedding. Despite obtaining a CUP, C&M faced continued obstacles to expansion, due mainly to site and equipment improvement needs. The company owner began the process of applying for funds from the Ventura County Recycling Market Development Zone to overcome these challenges.
- 2.5. In 2024, the **Ojai Valley Sanitary District (OVSD)** permanently discontinued its composting operation at its site in the unincorporated area between Ventura and Ojai. For decades, the site made compost from the facility’s biosolids, combined with manure and horse bedding, providing the resulting compost to the public free of charge. In 1997, the OVSD considered the possibility of an anaerobic digester that would recover energy while processing sewage sludge, along with organics from the Ojai Valley, into a soil product. Due to capital cost, risk of equipment failure, regulatory challenges, and site limitations, that proposal did not advance. Instead, small scale composting continued until OVSD made the decision to discontinue accepting material from the public and to instead export wastewater sludge out of the county for composting. Like the decision not to expand, this decision was based on the cost and space required for compliance with regulations governing composting of biosolids.
- 2.6. In 2023, the city of **Oxnard** amended its NDFE to enable the opening, on an experimental basis in 2024, of an anaerobic digester, operated by **Biodico**, at **Lineage Logistics**. The anaerobic digester was part of a UC Davis pilot program to turn food waste into energy and a precursor to compost on a “community” scale, at just over three tons per day, five days per week, with a 40-

day hydraulic retention time. Primary funding has come from the California Energy Commission and the US Department of Agriculture. Permitting and operational challenges have delayed the project, and it has not yet begun processing of the targeted local waste streams, including fish processing waste, produce packing house waste, and food waste from restaurants.

2.7 In 2023, CalRecycle awarded **Agromin** a \$10 million grant, following a competitive grant process, for construction of buildings and purchase of equipment at **Limoneira, in unincorporated area near Santa Paula**, with the intention of turning an “on-farm” compost operation into a commercial compost facility. The main operational distinction is that commercial facilities may sell resulting materials off site, while farm-based operations must keep all compost and mulch on site for use on the farm. The main distinction from the perspective of the solid waste management system in Ventura County is that the additional infrastructure and higher permit tier will enable the facility to process not just green waste sorted to be separate from food scraps, but also loads that include food scraps. To commence operations, Agromin must complete construction and receive a Zoning Clearance for Use Inauguration for Phase 1, but, according to the Ventura County Planning Division, Agromin does not intend to process food material during their first phase. Processing of food material may commence with the construction of a Wet Organics Receiving and Dry Organics Receiving buildings, which Agromin indicated would occur by Phase 3 of the project. When complete, Agromin’s commercial-scale facility is intended to process nearly 300,000 tons of organics per year.

Agromin’s expansion to commercial scale at Limoneira received a CUP from the County of Ventura in February 2022, but the approved plan for the site, and conditions of the permit, include massive new infrastructure, requiring years and additional funds to build. Requirements include new roads, water capture and treatment system, and construction of six buildings. Design documents for the buildings took three years to complete. According to the operator, additional unforeseen challenges included stormwater retention and fire protection requirements that became far more stringent during the period of permitting, necessitating an increase in site requirement from 40 to 70 acres, with attendant increases in permitting footprint and costs. Current challenges relate to obtaining water for the site. The operator reports that the city of Santa Paula has been willing to provide potable water, but Local Agency Formation Commission requirements restrict extension of the city’s infrastructure to the site. As a short-term solution, for the period of construction, Limoneira created a new well for the project. To accommodate the delays and maintain support for the project, CalRecycle extended the grant deadline to April 2027.

3. Planning for In-County Food Diversion Capacity

Updates regarding facilities described above included challenges that prevented or delayed the development of in-county diversion capacity for food waste. Due to these challenges, food scraps diverted from residential curbside and commercial bin programs in Ventura County are currently being exported

out of the county for composting. In some cases, the facilities described above will evolve to address this shortcoming of the local waste management system.

The lack of local facilities for food waste diversion is a problem public and private sector partners in the field of waste management have been struggling for years to overcome. On July 24, 2015, the County of Ventura revised the unincorporated (and Countywide) NDFE to accommodate a request from Agromin for expansion of **Agromin's Ormond Beach Composting** site. Agromin proceeded with both green waste composting operations as well as authorized experimental composting involving food waste. One such authorized experimental food waste composting was anticipated to include a small-scale anaerobic digestion facility on site; however, Agromin did not implement the project, due in part to the capital cost involved and the uncertainty of whether a new CUP would offer sufficient permitted time to recover costs. A different experimental project involving food waste, using covered aerated static pile composting, was not extended by the LEA in the previous year, so, in 2019, food waste composting discontinued at the only site in Ventura County authorized to compost food waste.

The discontinuation of food waste composting in Ventura County in 2019, described above, prompted a change at the **Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center**, which obtained permits to transfer organic waste. Local schools, markets, restaurants, hospitals, and other participating in food waste collection programs were able to maintain service, but their organics were processed to remove contaminants and hauled out-of-county to distant sites for composting or further processing. At the time, these sites included **Blossom Valley Composting** in in Vernalis, Kern County and the **Sun Valley Recycling Center** of Waste Management in the eastern San Fernando Valley. Since then, Blossom Valley Composting continues to be a destination for Ventura County Organics, as are the **Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority** facility in Victorville and the **Athens American Composting Facility**, also in Victorville, San Bernadino County. As the program evolved, it advanced from transferring just pre-consumer organics to its current state, which includes separating post-consumer, bagged food from yard waste, and exporting just the food waste, while minimizing cost and environmental impacts by keeping the yard waste composting local.

Other attempts to develop local food diversion capacity have included initiatives in cities. For example, on December 10, 2014, following an earlier amendment by the City of Santa Paula to its own NDFE, the Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Division revised the Countywide NDFE, enabling **Community Recycling** to proceed with permitting plan for an anaerobic digestion system, using digesters at the former Santa Paula Wastewater Treatment Plant, which the company purchased from the city. After some permitting work, Community Recycling sold its assets, and after new owners attempted to move forward with permitting, efforts were discontinued.

4. Additional Changes Not Requiring NDFE Alteration

Additional anticipated changes in the use of non-disposal facilities have not progressed to a point requiring revision of documents but have been noted in annual reports as potential upcoming changes. For example, since the adoption of the initial documents, the following changes have occurred, were

previously included in the County of Ventura’s annual updates to CalRecycle, but did not require an amendment to any jurisdiction’s NDFE:

Ventura County residents no longer use the **Lebec Interim Transfer Station** in Kern County, due to its closure; instead, waste from communities such as the Lockwood Valley is usually hauled to the Bena Landfill, in Kern County. Some loads of mixed construction and demolition debris are self-hauled to Metropolitan Recycling Corporation, in Kern County, where the material is sorted and recycled.

A sorting area for recycling mixed construction and demolition debris and a green waste processing area opened at the **Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center**. Initially, both of these facilities were operated by California Wood Recycling (DBA Agromin) under a contract with Waste Management Incorporated, the operator of the landfill. In 2011, as part of a permit revision for expansion of the landfill, Waste Management obtained CUP provisions and planned for an enhanced sorting operation, including a Material Recovery Facility projected to sort 500 tons per day of mixed recyclables. WM later took over the construction debris sorting operation, but Agromin remains the operator of the organics operation on site. Because Waste Management (later renamed “WM”) did not pursue plans to proceed with the development of this facility, the County’s NDFE has not yet been amended to allow for this potential facility.

The **Simi Valley Recycling Center** (a private company not affiliated with the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center) was in the original NDFE because the company sorted loads of mixed commercial recyclables collected by contracted haulers. The large-scale sorting operation ended around 1994, when GI Rubbish (later purchased by Waste Management) took control of its own sorting. The company continued as a recycling center but ceased operations entirely in 2017, after more than 25 years of operation. Recycled material scrap values were at a low point, and the site owner found another tenant (a concrete production facility) able to pay higher rent.

Farm Share began composting operations in 2004 on farms in unincorporated areas near Camarillo and Moorpark, below the thresholds necessitating NDFE amendment. Around 2008, the company cleaned, processed, and managed as mulch the city of Oxnard’s yard waste. Following operational and permitting challenges, the company discontinued most of their operations and scaled down, transferring operation of their main site (the McGrath Farm near Camarillo) to a Robert Bischel, a sole proprietor, who operated it for almost 10 more years. In 2009, Farm Share obtained a Conditional Use Permit from the County to reopen as a chip-and-ship mulching facility at 8255 Grimes Canyon Road, in unincorporated area near Moorpark, but this site faced operational challenges, odor and traffic complaints from neighbors, and permitting and regulatory limitations (including limitations on portion of the site allowed for storage of material) and discontinued operations in approximately 2016.

Santa Clara Organics, LLC composted on farms in the Santa Clara River Valley and operated the Ojai Valley Organics site (on land owned by the County of Ventura) at levels below the threshold for an NDFE amendment. The company discontinued operations of both sites in 2019.

Agromin began mulching operations on the Limoneira farm near Santa Paula, initially operating below thresholds requiring NDFE amendment, but an amendment was completed when the site expanded and made plans for further expansion.

Mixed recyclables collected and consolidated in Ventura County have occasionally been hauled to **Waste Management's Azusa Materials Recovery Facility** and various other sites in Los Angeles County for sorting, baling, and sale.

Through a backhaul program instituted by supermarket distributors, **the Sun Valley site of Community Recycling and Resource Recovery** received food waste from supermarkets throughout Ventura County, processing organics and transferring them to their compost facility in Kern County. The company sold its assets to Athens Services, which now hauls directly from some jurisdictions in Ventura County.

In 2013, Community Recycling and Resource Recovery Inc. assumed control of the "**Palm Yard**" site used by the City of Santa Paula for a construction and demolition debris sorting operation. Community Recycling announced plans to pursue a permit so they could operate the site at a higher level of daily tonnage than previously authorized, but this change did not come to fruition. In 2017, Athens took over the operations of Community Recycling, and the site is no longer used for sorting.

Rancho Punta Gorda, in La Conchita, obtained an authorization for an experimental operation of a compost facility, received small amounts of organic material, along with several truckloads of processed mulch for use on 300 acres of orchards, but did not obtain sufficient material to begin regular operations and in 2019 allowed its authorization to lapse.

McGrath Farm was the site of an Farm Share operation (noted on the previous page) in the 2000s, and the site later was operated by a contractor, Rob Bischel, under the McGrath Farm name. In 2019, following regulatory changes, Bischel discontinued operations and the site owner sought a new operator. A company expressing interest withdrew from negotiations after encountering permit-related uncertainties, and the owner was unable to find a new operator, so the owner broke up the compacted ground of the site and planted crops.

Rocky H Ranch, near Ojai, in 2019, discontinued composting operations to avoid potential regulatory consequences for exceeding the parameters of the exempt regulatory tier. This closure also resulted in the cessation of a "Compost Club" the farmer had also started. Rather than charging a tip fee at her facility or a collection fee from Ojai area restaurants, the farmer had monthly subscription arrangements with club members for her "Community Supported Agriculture" venture.

Peach Hill Soils and Landscape operates a compost facility in Somis. The facility has remained below the thresholds for an NDFE amendment despite obtaining permits in 2022 for expansion and upgrading of their composting facility. The company has been unable to commence improvements due to difficulty in meeting conditions of the CUP.

Additional facilities in the process of being considered are at too preliminary a stage to be considered for inclusion in NDFEs but were mentioned in annual reports as potential opportunities for development of



additional diversion capacity. For example, the Ventura Regional Sanitation District is investigating potential development of conversion technologies that could supplement, or perhaps replace, the Toland Road Landfill after its closure. No such facility has yet been proposed to any permitting authorities, and basic issues, such as location and size, remain unresolved.

ATTACHMENT B

Disposal Facilities Update

1. New Impacts on Local Capacity: Fire Debris and The Closure of Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Changes in the use of disposal facilities since adoption of the Ventura County Summary Plan in November 2000 did not require revisions to the Countywide Siting Element because amendments to Integrated Waste Management Plans of the County and relevant jurisdictions were accomplished through the annual report process, and countywide disposal capacity remained above 15 years at each reporting period.

Since the previous Five-Year Review Report, in 2021, the most significant changes affecting Ventura County disposal facilities have occurred in Los Angeles County. These changes related to fire debris and to the closure of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Both affected the expectations of capacity, primarily at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center.

1.1 Fire Debris

The County of Ventura’s Planning Department issued Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) to both Toland Road and Simi Valley Landfills due to the Mountain Fire in November 2024. The Mountain Fire destroyed 181 structures in Ventura County, and fire debris was hauled to Toland Road Landfill and the Simi Valley Landfill. However, this was small in comparison to fire debris following January 2025; the Sim Valley Landfill received approximately 658,700 tons of fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires, which together destroyed approximately 17,000 structures in Los Angeles County. Simi Valley Landfill was the primary disposal site in Southern California for the fire debris from Los Angeles County due to the proximity to the burn sites. WM was granted multiple extensions of an Emergency Use Authorization allowing up to 24-hour operation and unlimited disposal at the peak of the US Army Corps of Engineers’ fire debris removal process. It is likely that this quantity of fire debris reduced the landfill’s lifespan by a full year.

The Alisal Fire in Santa Barbara County, and the temporary closure of Santa Barbara’s Tejiguas Landfill in 2021 also resulted in authorization for additional tonnage and expansion of service area at Toland Road Landfill. However, this impact was small (200 to 400 tons per day for 30 days) in comparison to Mountain Fire debris.

Nevertheless, landfills used by Ventura County generators continue to provide more than the 15 years of disposal capacity set by California regulation as the threshold for planning.

1.2 The Closure of Chiquita Canyon Landfill

The January 1, 2025 closure of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, in Los Angeles County near its border with Ventura County, will also affect capacity projections of the Simi Valley Landfill. Prior to

closure, Chiquita Canyon accepted approximately two million tons of solid waste per year, representing approximately one-third of all solid waste disposal in Los Angeles County.

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1.3 Authorizations

The following were the Emergency Use Authorizations, providing for temporary increased use of local landfills:

- 10/13/21: Increase in authorized tonnage and service area for the Toland Road Landfill, allowing 200 to 400 tons per day from Santa Barbara County for up to 30 days, including 10 to 20 additional heavy truck trips per day.
- 11/14/24: Temporary increase in current daily tonnage at Simi Valley Landfill from 12,000 tons per day to 17,000 tons per day and weekly average from 64,750 tons per week to 119,000 tons per week.
- 11/25/24: Confirmation of previous temporary increase in daily tonnage at Simi Valley Landfill from 12,000 tons per day to 17,000 tons per day and weekly average from 64,750 tons per week to 119,000 tons per week.
- 2/3/25: Temporary increase in truckloads per day at the Simi Valley Landfill from 1,128 to 6,244 and increase in hours of operation to 24/7 operations. Operations were previously from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Confirmation and continuation of tonnage expansion from the 11/25/24 action.
- 1/6/25: Temporary increase in the geographic area allowed to use the Toland Road Landfill and increase in the number of “heavy vehicle” trips per day from 152 to 350, including an increase in allowable trips from 210 per day to 400 per day.
- 4/25/25: Temporary increase in daily tonnage to unlimited tons per day at the Simi Valley Landfill. Increase in current weekly average from 64,750 tons per week to 210,000 tons per week. Truckloads per day limited to 3,000 and hours of operation expanded. Previously, hours were 6 AM to 8 PM. Hours were expanded to 4 AM to 12 AM.
- 6/27/25: Temporary increase in daily tonnage from 12,000 tons per day to unlimited tons per day at the Simi Valley Landfill. Increase in current weekly average from 64,750 tons per week to 134,750 tons per week. Increase in truckloads per day from 1,128 to 1,800. Expanded hours of operation extended from the previous authorization.
- 9/3/25: Temporary renewal of authorization for Simi Valley Landfill to continue with unlimited tons per day and expanded hours, as previously authorized 6/27/25. Current weekly average adjusted to 82,250 tons per week. Truckloads per day adjusted to 1,328 per day.

2. Revised Capacity Projections

2.1 Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center

Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, which received over 60% of its incoming tonnage from outside of Ventura County in the past year (according to the operator’s quarterly landfill tonnage reports) had a remaining capacity of 30 years as of February 4, 2025. Per the Simi Valley Landfill October 10, 2025 application to modify the site’s Solid Waste Facility Permit, WM provided the following capacity information:

- Site capacity currently permitted: 119.6 million cubic yards
- Site capacity used to date: 47.6 million cubic yards
- Site capacity remaining: 72.0 million cubic yards
- Estimated closure date: November 2056

2.2 Toland Road Landfill

Toland Road Landfill, which is limited by permit to accept material only from the Santa Clara River Valley and from Material Recovery Facilities (e.g., Gold Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, in Ventura, and Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station, in Oxnard) has a remaining capacity of 12 years. Per the Toland Road Landfill’s year-end capacity records, the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) provided the following capacity information, which was current as of December 18, 2025:

- Remaining capacity: 5,774,540 cubic yards
- Estimated closure date: March 2038

Due to the approaching potential closure date, VRSD is exploring the potential for expansion.

3. Out-of-County Landfills

Ventura County generators also used landfills outside Ventura County, continuing a practice reported in the Countywide Siting Element. At the time the Siting Element was written, the two major out-of-county landfills used by Ventura County jurisdictions were the Calabasas Landfill and Chiquita Canyon Landfill, both in Los Angeles County. However, as noted above, on January 1, 2025, Waste Connections Inc, the owner and operator of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, closed the site due to significant environmental issues and numerous violations from DTSC. This change necessitated increased reliance on the Simi Valley Landfill.