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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
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RE: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR LAYTONVILLE LANDFILL COVER REMEDIATION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (LAYTONVILLE AREA).

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

On June 6, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved Resolution Number (No.) 22-249 authorizing the award of BOS Agreement No. 23-097/Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement No. 220042, with Geologic Associates, Inc. for engineering and design services for Laytonville Landfill Cover Repairs, near Laytonville, Mendocino County, California.

The Laytonville Landfill has been closed since 1998, when the landfill was covered with a foundation soil layer, a geotextile LFG migration layer, a geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) barrier layer, a geocomposite drainage layer, and a layer of vegetative soil. In 2001, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) notified the Mendocino County Solid Waste Division that the final cover construction did not comply with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 27 requirements and did not meet design specifications in the Final Closure Plan for the landfill that was approved by CIWMB. A subsequent stability analysis conducted by Geo-Logic Associates, Inc., in 2002 concluded that the overall stability of the landfill met the stability analysis requirements specified in CCR Title 27. However, the evaluation found that the final cover was designed with a low safety factor based on the geosynthetic components used to cover the landfill. Since the completion of landfill closure, the final cover has undergone several repairs with other increased maintenance needs.

The Laytonville Landfill Cover Remediation and Improvements Project (Project) will repair the side slopes and address other ongoing maintenance concerns and needs. The Project will consist of the following primary activities:

- Removal and replacement of the existing side slope cover section to address stability

concerns

- Improvements to the landfill gas collection and venting network
- Reconstruction of the surface water drainage system
- Relocation of an existing groundwater piezometer and installation of a new downgradient groundwater monitoring well
- Relocation of an existing perimeter landfill gas monitoring probe

The landfill will remain closed and there are no proposed operational changes or new operations at the landfill after Project completion.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study (IS) has been completed for the Project. The study supports the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). CEQA further requires that the lead agency hold a public hearing to determine whether the environmental impacts identified for the Project can be adequately mitigated so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result. If so, the Board can then adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

No public comments on the IS/MND for this Project were received during the public review period (July 9, 2025, through August 8, 2025). Public comments received up to the public hearing date of October 7, 2025, if any, will be provided during the Board's meeting.

The Department of Transportation maintains, based on the Initial Study, that it is appropriate for the Board to adopt the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project. The draft report which includes a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program is available for review at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/transportation/environmental-documents>.

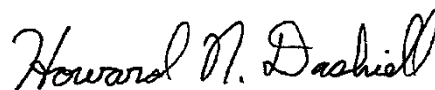
The proposed cover repairs are expected to improve the stability of the landfill slopes and reduce future maintenance needs without causing significant impacts. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2027, pending receipt of applicable permits and availability of sufficient funds in the Landfill Closure Fund.

Based on the foregoing considerations, I recommend and request adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and that the Director of Transportation be given authorization and direction to file the applicable Notice of Determination.

A draft Resolution for adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are enclosed.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: DOT Project File