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DATE: March 18, 2011
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Persons
FROM: David W. Tilley, Senior Planner, City of West Sacramento
Community Development Department
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

LEAD AGENCY: City of West Sacramento

PROJECT: West Coast Recycling Group Metal Recycling Facility

LOCATION: The approximately 15-acre project site is located at 3125 Industrial Boulevard within the City of West Sacramento in Yolo County, California. The project site is located in the northwestern portion of the Port of West Sacramento, approximately 0.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 50 and 1.25 miles west of Interstate 5. The project site is bounded by Industrial Boulevard to the north and east, the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel and turning basin to the south, and Lake Washington to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The West Coast Recycling Group LLC (WCRG) proposes to develop and operate a scrap metal shredding and recycling facility at the Port of West Sacramento. The project would require a conditional use permit from the City of West Sacramento and a ground lease from the Port of West Sacramento.

A large portion of the project site was previously used as a log export yard, and smaller portions of the site have been used for concrete recycling and heavy equipment storage. Predominant land uses in the vicinity of the project site are industrial. Land uses adjacent to and surrounding the Port include industrial facilities, warehouses, office buildings, and other commercial land uses. Residential land uses are located south and east of the Port. Development of the project site would include installation of shredder equipment, sorting equipment, office and warehouse buildings, truck scales, a stormwater detention pond, and an electrical substation and associated power poles. Project implementation would also involve construction of a new entrance to the Port, located on Industrial Boulevard approximately 350 feet east of the intersection of Beacon Drive and Industrial Blvd. The project site is not a listed hazardous waste site.

Operations at the proposed facility would include scrap metal shredding, material separation and processing to extract usable material, and management of nonmetallic waste material. Vehicles shredded on-site will already have been dismantled by others to remove vehicle fluids, tires, batteries, and reusable parts. The facility would include emission controls and an industrial stormwater system to capture and reuse rainwater. A portion of the metal material delivered for shredding at the facility would include retired automobiles. Other types of scrap metal would also be shredded, such as appliances and industrial scrap metal.

The City of West Sacramento, acting as lead agency, prepared the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) under its authority as lead agency in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and under its authority as the responsible entity/cooperating agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 5304(g) and HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58.4. This notice is given in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The DEIR/DEIS documents the existing condition of environmental resources in and around areas considered for development, and potential impacts on those resources as a result of implementing project alternatives. As required by State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e) and 40 CFR 1502.14(d), the DEIR/DEIS includes consideration of a no action alternative. The DEIR/DEIS also considered three action alternatives: the Proposed Action, Natural Gas-Powered Shredder Alternative, and Reduced Volume Alternative. The DEIR/DEIS identified significant environmental impacts in the following issue areas:

- Aesthetics
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontology
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Public Services and Recreation
- Traffic and Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The City of West Sacramento gives notice to the public, agencies, and Indian tribes of the availability to the public for comment the DEIR/DEIS for the development of the WCRG project located at the Port of West Sacramento in West Sacramento, Yolo County, CA.

The City of West Sacramento invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision-making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the WCRG project are urged to participate in the CEQA/NEPA process.

A 45-day public review period is provided to receive written comments on the DEIR. The comment period will start on March 18, 2011 and end on May 2, 2011.

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A joint public hearing on the DEIR/DEIS will be conducted by the City's Planning Commission on April 7, 2011 at 6PM at its regular meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: The DEIR/DEIS and related documents may be reviewed at City of West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691. An electronic version of the DEIR/DEIS may be found on the City of West Sacramento's website at www.cityofwestsacramento.org once the public comment period commences.