

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**COUNTY OF SAN BENITO PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that the Planning Commission will hold a Special Public Meeting on the following items in the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California, on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon.

The public may attend in-person or join this meeting using Zoom by visiting the web address <https://zoom.us/join> or dialing one of the following telephone numbers:  
+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) or  
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose).

To access the meeting, please enter the Webinar ID **893 7644 9149** AND Webinar Password **344725**.

Agenda Packet can be viewed at <https://www.cosb.us/> under “Events” or [https://cosb.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](https://cosb.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1) under “Upcoming Events” by the Friday before the meeting.

**PLN210002 (Landfill Use Permit):** OWNER: Waste Solutions of San Benito, LLC (“Waste Solutions”). APPLICANT: Waste Solutions. LOCATION: 2650 John Smith Road approximately 2 miles directly east of the eastern boundary of the City of Hollister. The existing 95.16-acre John Smith Road Landfill (“JSRL”) includes two parcels owned by San Benito County that total 90.05 acres (Assessor Parcel Numbers (“APN”) 025-190-073 and 025-190-074) and one 5.11-acre parcel owned by the City of Hollister (APN). The two County-owned parcels contain an operating Class III landfill. Class III landfills only accept non-hazardous waste for disposal. The City of Hollister parcel includes a closed Class I waste disposal area covering less than an acre. Class I landfills may accept both hazardous and nonhazardous wastes for disposal. The County also owns 101.3 acres directly south of the JSRL and John Smith Road (APN 025-190-075). REQUEST: The proposed project includes a 388.05-acre expansion (APNs 025-190-078 and 025-190-079) of the existing 95.16-acre JSRL. This expansion would increase the landfill’s disposal capacity, expand the total waste footprint, increase the maximum permitted elevation of the final landfill, increase the maximum permitted daily tonnage accepted at the JSRL to the proposed 2,300 tons per day or lower tonnage approved by the County, and identify the haul route for commercial trucks. To accommodate these changes, several operational changes are also being proposed. These include expanding the landfill entrance area to accommodate additional daily vehicle arrivals and reduce vehicle queuing on John Smith Road, expanding areas for recycling and the County’s Household Hazardous Waste program, establishing an area for the future installation of a gas-to-energy (RNG) facility, and clean closing the current Class I area owned by the City of Hollister and converting it to a disposal area for Class III waste. Additionally, the proposed project would potentially include the use of a portion of County property located south of John Smith Road for habitat mitigation purposes. Several alternative components to the proposed project will also be considered, including alternative haul routes, reduced tonnage alternatives, and the potential addition of composting to JSRL. The San Benito County Planning Commission will consider the following actions:

- Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Landfill Expansion Conditional Use Permit Project
- Approval of Conditional Use Permit
- Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the General Plan Amendment

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: The existing landfill is designated Public Quasi Public (PQP) and the expansion area is designated Rangeland (RG) and Agriculture (A). The Proposed project would change the land use designation for the expansion area to Public Quasi Public (PQP). ZONING DISTRICT: Agricultural Rangeland (AR) and Agricultural Productive (AP). ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Final Environmental Impact Report. PLANNER: Stan Ketchum ([sketchum@cosb.us](mailto:sketchum@cosb.us))

If you challenge these items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the County of San Benito at, or prior to, the public meeting. Written comments on any of these items may be submitted to Vanessa Delgado, Clerk of the Board, at [vdelgado@cosb.us](mailto:vdelgado@cosb.us), or comments can be sent via U.S. mail to: Vanessa Delgado, Clerk of the Board, 481 Fourth Street, 1st Floor, Hollister, CA 95023. Verbal and written comments may also be submitted at the meeting.

Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Resource Management Agency, 2301 Technology Parkway,

Hollister, CA. The environmental impact report is also available at: [www.cosb.us/JSRLExpansion](http://www.cosb.us/JSRLExpansion). Please note that the items listed are only the agenda items that require a public hearing. Please call the Project Planner if there are any questions and/or for complete agenda information at 831 637-5313. Si desea información en español por favor llame al 831-637-5313 o visítenos al 2301 Technology Parkway, Hollister, CA.

Dated: September 22, 2023

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