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## **Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (SMND) for MA21131 (Proposed Project)**

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments include information on South Coast AQMD's permits that the City of Jurupa Valley (Lead Agency) should consider in the Final SMND.

Based on the SMND, the Lead Agency put forward an original MND<sup>1</sup> for the Proposed Project in September 16, 2016 and approved the construction and operation of three industrial buildings totaling 327,068 square feet on 18.7 acres. In November 2017, the Lead Agency approved changes to the building sizes, which resulted in a total of 327,080 square feet. On September 30, 2021, the Lead Agency put forward a SMND and is proposing to increase the building size by 6,560 square feet<sup>2</sup>.

Based on the SMND, the Proposed Project is expected to operate as a recycling and organics facility and include installation and operation of stationary equipment, including but is not limited to an emergency generator and tanks<sup>3</sup>. South Coast AQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency consult with South Coast AQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff to determine if any permits from South Coast AQMD will be required. If permits from South Coast AQMD are required, the Lead Agency should identify South Coast AQMD as a Responsible Agency in the Final SMND (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381). The assumptions in the air quality analysis in the Final SMND will be the basis for evaluating the permit under CEQA and imposing permit conditions and limits. Questions on permits should be directed to South Coast AQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385. For more general information on permits, please visit South Coast AQMD's webpage<sup>4</sup>.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the SMND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide South Coast AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final SMND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, responses should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in

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<sup>1</sup> South Coast AQMD IGR Control Number RVC160713-04.

<sup>2</sup> MND. Page 7.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> South Coast AQMD. Permits. Accessed: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>.

response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful, informative, or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project.

South Coast AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact me at [lsun@aqmd.gov](mailto:lsun@aqmd.gov) if you have questions or wish to discuss the comments.

Sincerely,

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