

# LAND USE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
PUBLIC AND SUPPORT  
SERVICES GROUP

MICHAEL E. HAYS  
Director

September 26, 2006

To: Interested Individuals and Organizations

**RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR NURSERY PRODUCTS HAWES COMPOSTING FACILITY APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A SITE FOR COMPOSTING OF BIOSOLIDS AND GREEN MATERIAL ON APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HINKLEY.**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the NURSERY PRODUCTS HAWES COMPOSTING FACILITY PROJECT is available for public review and comment. The project site is located south of State Route 58, approximately 12.3 miles east of Kramer Junction and 8 miles west of Hinkley, in the County of San Bernardino. The proposed composting facility would use biosolids and green materials to produce agricultural grade compost.

The proposed composting facility would include an office up to 720 square feet in size, parking, scale, composting windrows, screening area, equipment, finished product storage area and a 2,000 gallon above-ground fuel tank. The total amount of active compost is not expected to exceed 250,000 tons. The Facility will process approximately 400,000 tons per year of compostable material (average daily total of 1,100 tons per day, maximum daily total of 2,000 tons per day).

This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the supervision of the County of San Bernardino Land Use Services Department. The text of the Draft EIR is posted on the San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department web page at [www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices). The Draft EIR is available for review at the following locations:

- San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, 15456 Sage Street, Victorville, CA 92392
- San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182
- Hinkley Senior Citizens Center, 35997 Mountain View Road, Hinkley CA 92347  
Note: Senior Center Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Barstow Branch Library, 304 East Buena Vista, Barstow, CA 92311

In addition to receiving written comments, the Land Use Services Department will be conducting a public informational meeting at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006**. The meeting will be held at the Hinkley Elementary School, located at 37600 Hinkley Road.

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The public comment period will end on **November 9, 2006**. Written comments and/or document requests should be addressed to: Carrie Hyke, San Bernardino County Land Use Services Department, Advance Planning Division, 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Hyke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

CARRIE HYKE, Supervising Planner  
Advance Planning Division