

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PREPARE A
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

General Plan Amendment No. 5, Map 143

Modification of CUP No. 27, Map 143

(Recology Blossom Valley Organics – South Project by Recology Blossom Valley Organics – South)

The County of Kern is seeking qualified professional consultants to prepare a single document that addresses the following: a Project Level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to satisfy CEQA requirements for a project proponent-proposed General Plan Amendment to allow a change in map code from 8.1 (Intensive Agriculture) and 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture) to 3.7 (Other Waste Facility), and modification of Conditional Use Permit 27, Map 143 (Resolution 72-93; approved July 8, 1993; modified on March 11, 1999, and May 25, 2000) which authorized a greenwaste composting facility, to accommodate proposed revisions to the facility located south of Bakersfield (portions of APNs 185-350-53, 185-350-54 and 185-350-55). A list of consultants who have received this restricted distribution RFP has been attached.

Respondents to the Request for Proposal (RFP) are specifically directed not to contact any County personnel other than the contact person indicated below. It is suggested that you email if there are multiple questions concerning the scope of environmental services required.

All questions concerning this RFP and proposals should be directed to:

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Envelopes containing four (4) proposals and an electronic version (PDF) are to be marked as follows:

PROPOSAL: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
Recology Blossom Valley Organics – South Project by
Recology Blossom Valley Organics – South

PROPOSAL DUE DATE:

THIS PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO THE 14-DAY RESPONSE AGREEMENT. CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN INCLUDED FOR MAIL DELIVERY AND HOLIDAYS IN CALCULATING THE RESPONSE DATE. WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR AN EMAIL DECLINING TO RESPOND ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. February 11, 2016. Postmark date will not constitute timely delivery. Responses received after the above time will not be considered. Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring timely receipt of proposals.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. DESCRIPTION

1. Project Location:

A greenwaste composting facility (as authorized by Conditional Use Permit 27, Map 143) is currently operating on the project site. The property consists of portions of three parcels totaling approximately 230 acres. Currently, there is approximately 188 acres of the project site (existing site boundaries) designated 8.1 (Intensive Agriculture) by the Kern County General Plan, and the proposed expansion area (approximately 43 acres) is designated 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture) by the Kern County General Plan. The existing project site boundaries and proposed expansion area are zoned A (Exclusive Agricultural) by the Kern County Zoning Ordinance.

2. Project Request:

The project includes a request for land use entitlements necessary to allow for operation of greenwaste composting facility as modified. Implementation of the project as requested would require an Amendment to the Kern County General Plan from 8.1 (Intensive Agriculture) to 8.3 (Extensive Agriculture). Additionally, implementation of the project as requested would require a modification of Conditional Use Permit 27, Map 143 (Resolution 72-93; approved July 8, 1993; modified on March 11, 1999, and May 25, 2000) to allow for: 1) installing an aeration system; 2) expanding the amount and source of food waste accepted; 3) accepting digestates and biosolids; 4) removing the feedstock tonnage limits and replacing it with an overall tonnage limit; 5) expanding the CUP boundary; 6) allowing sorting and grinding of an estimated 10% of feedstock; 7) allowing wood mulching and coloring; and, 8) increasing the limit of outgoing trucks to 150 trucks per day

B. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONSULTANT

The consultant will be expected to prepare one Project Level EIR for the proposed project. Included in this work product is the, assistance with NOP maps, distribution of NOP, Draft EIR mitigation outline, Draft EIR, Response to Comments, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and mandatory California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings of fact. The County's format for preparation of the EIR will be provided to the consultant by the Planning and Community Development Department.

The County's Thresholds of Significance related to air quality, traffic, and hazards/health risks/vectors, as well as the criteria in the adopted Kern County Environmental Checklist Form, are to be used in assessing the significance of project-level and cumulative level environmental effects (see Kern County Initial Study checklist which includes the Kern County Thresholds of Significance attached).

When preparing a proposal for submittal to Kern County, the following factors should be addressed including work products and payment milestones:

a. A work schedule shall outline the following milestones:

- i. Notice of Preparation (NOP)** Kern County staff will write and prepare the NOP, including a project description, list of probable environmental effects, etc. of the project. The consultant will estimate for final formatting, preparation of maps, distribution/mailing to Clearing House and other interested parties. The consultant will