



CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MICHAEL KLEIN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *MAK*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1829, DISAPPROVING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REVISED COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT DATED JULY 2022.

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2022

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council approve Resolution No. 2022-1829, disapproving the Los Angeles County Revised Countywide Siting Element dated July 2022.

BACKGROUND:

On August 2, 2022, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report and its associated environmental documents for the Los Angeles County Revised Countywide Siting Element (Revised CSE), as well as authorized Los Angeles County Public Works, acting as the lead agency, to release and submit the Revised CSE to each city within Los Angeles County for a State-mandated 90-day approval period, in accordance with Public Resources Code Sections 41721 and 41760. A copy of the Revised CSE can be viewed here, <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/cse/docs/Final%20Draft%20Revised%20CSE.pdf> .

As required by Public Resources Code Sections 41721 and 41760, upon receipt of the Revised CSE, each city has 90 days to either take formal action to adopt, or take no action, or disapprove, at the cities' individual discretion, as described below:

Formal Action by City

Take formal action to adopt a resolution after conducting a duly noticed public hearing for the purpose of approving or disapproving the Revised CSE.

No Action by City

If a city does not take action within the 90-day period, the document will be considered "tacitly approved" by that city.

City Disapproves

Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 18783, if a city disapproves the Revised CSE, the city shall give written notice to the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force, the Board, and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) of the deficient areas in the Revised CSE, within 30 days of disapproval.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The California Integrated Waste Management Act, Assembly Bill 939, requires each county to prepare a countywide siting element (CSE) that describes how the county, and the cities within the county, plan to manage the disposal of their solid waste for a 15-year planning period. CSE addresses the disposal capacity need for each planning year on a countywide basis. State law defines disposal capacity as the capacity provided by landfills and/or transformation facilities.

The existing CSE was approved by CalRecycle in 1998 and has been revised by Los Angeles County Public Works, acting as the lead agency, under the auspices of the Task Force.

The Revised CSE provides a description of the areas and strategies that may be used to address the State mandates for adequate disposal capacity during the planning period and discusses how those areas and strategies may help the County meet the disposal capacity requirements under various scenarios. The areas/strategies considered include the use of existing permitted disposal capacity, increase in diversion rates, utilization of out-of-County disposal facilities, and fostering the development of technologies that provide alternatives to landfill disposal.

Staff has reviewed the Revised CSE and has concerns regarding the maps in the document, which include inaccurate boundary lines for the Calabasas Landfill. Furthermore, staff notes that the storage of containers for storm water management along Parkville Road, approximately 100 feet from residential properties. Staff believes this to be inconsistent with Los Angeles County Code Section 22.140.750, which prohibits solid waste operations within 1,500 feet of residential uses. Staff is also concerned that the County has not analyzed the potential environmental impacts of this stormwater management system siting decision. For the above reasons, staff recommends that that City Council disapprove the Revised CSE and direct staff to provide written notice to the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-1829, disapproving the Los Angeles County Revised Countywide Siting Element dated July 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2022-1829