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February 26, 2016

Ruben Ramirez, Operation Manager
Forward Inc. Landfill
9999 S. Austin Road
Manteca, CA 95205

Subject: Emergency Waiver of Standards
Site: Forward Landfill, SWIS 39-AA-0015

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

The San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department (EHD) has reviewed the request for an emergency waiver (attached) of the Permit Terms and Conditions for the safe and proper disposal of waste created in the September 9, 2015 wildfire in the Calaveras County area. This wildfire destroyed over 500 residences and numerous buildings and significantly damaged several more residences and commercial buildings.

The request for emergency waiver proposed to temporarily allow the landfill to accept waste loads exceeding the 620 loads/vehicles per day as described in the Facility Solid Waste Permit. Based upon this review and pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3, Article 3, Emergency Waiver of Standards, Section 17210 et seq., a waiver of the Permit Terms and Conditions as requested above is hereby granted for the period up to one hundred and twenty (120) days from date of receipt of this letter, with the following conditions:

1. All other State Minimum Standards and permit terms and conditions which are not subject to the waiver shall remain in effect.
2. The effective period of the waiver shall not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days without prior approval from the EHD.
3. Comply with the reporting requirements as outlined in CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 3, Emergency Waiver of Standards, Section 17210.5, Reporting Requirements for a Solid Waste Facility Operator.
4. The waiver may be modified, cancelled, or revoked by the EHD without advance notice should any of the following occur:

- a. The use of the waiver will cause or contribute to a public health and safety hazard or environmental problem.
- b. The terms of the waiver are not being used expressly to handle the state of emergency or local emergency and are not in the best interest of the public health and safety.
- c. The waiver is no longer necessary.
- d. The solid waste facility operator is not utilizing disaster debris diversion program to the extent feasible.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the requirements, please contact Michael Kith, Lead Senior REHS, at (209) 468-3444.

Sincerely,



Linda Turkatte, Director, REHS
San Joaquin County
Environmental Health Department

CC: Christine Karl, CalRecycle
David Otsubo, CalRecycle

Attachment



February 26, 2016

Mr. Robert McClellon
San Joaquin County
Environmental Health Department
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Stockton, CA 95205

RE: Request for Emergency Waiver – Request to exceed the 620 load count per day at Forward Landfill, SWIS No. 39-AA-0015

Dear Mr. McClellon:

Forward, Inc. (Forward) is requesting an Emergency Waiver to exceed the current daily 620 load count in accordance with CCR Title 14, Section 17210.3.

The waiver is requested for acceptance of waste loads to exceed the current 620 daily loads.

The remaining disposal capacity at Forward landfill is approximately 18,500,000 cubic yards.

The on-site Forward Resource Recovery Facility includes an on-site recyclables transfer station as well as a composting facility. Other approved facilities in the vicinity include Foothill Landfill, Lovelace Transfer Station, and North County Sanitary Landfill.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have regarding Forward's operation, so please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (209) 982-4298.

Kindest regards,

Ruben Ramirez
Operations Manager

Cc: Mr. Michael Kith – San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department
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