



**COUNTY OF MONTEREY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU
SOLID WASTE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA)**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: August 15, 2024

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
(if no public attendees, meeting will adjourn at 6:00 P.M)

LOCATION OF MEETING: ZOOM -
<https://montereyctv.zoom.us/j/9765059001?omn=98254879835>

APPLICANT(S): AGROTHRIVE, INC.

FACILITY NAME: AGROTHRIVE, INC. GONZALES FACILITY

FACILITY LOCATION: 26775 Old Stage Road
Gonzales, CA 93926

**SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMIT NUMBER:** 27-AA-0119

FACILITY CONTACT: Dragan Macura
AgroThrive, Inc.
26775 Old Stage Road
Gonzales, CA 93926
(408) 607-7767

DATE OF SUBMITTAL: June 21, 2024

DATE OF NOTICE: July 19, 2024

LEA CONTACT: Angeline Hsu, Senior Environmental Health Specialist
1270 Natividad Road
Salinas, CA 93906
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(831) 755-8909

As a property owner, tenant or person with vested interest in the project vicinity, please be advised that the County of Monterey, Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) has accepted an application package to revise an existing Full Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) from AgroThrive, Inc. for the facility located at 26775 Old Stage Road, Gonzales, CA 93926. The LEA is certified by CalRecycle to enforce state laws and regulations at solid waste sites within the County of Monterey, including all disposal facilities.

Purpose of the Meeting

This Public Informational Meeting is for any interested parties to learn more about the project and to provide comments to the LEA regarding the proposed permit action. The LEA will use information discussed in this meeting,

as well as its own review, to create a draft permit. Before the permit becomes final, CalRecycle, a state agency, must review and concur with the permit proposed by the LEA. As part of the concurrence process, an additional meeting will be held in Sacramento, CA, within 60 days of receiving a draft permit from the LEA. If you wish to be notified of the CalRecycle meeting, please contact the LEA.

Description of Project

On June 21, 2024, the LEA received a Full Solid Waste Permit application package from AgroThrive, Inc., regarding the facility located at 26775 Old Stage Road, Gonzales CA 93926. The application package was submitted in response to a Five-Year Permit Review of the site's SWFP conducted and completed by the LEA in June 2019 and to revise the existing SWFP. Based on the review of the application package submitted on June 21, 2024, the LEA has found that the main updates include updating the compost permit to an in-vessel digestion permit, increasing the maximum daily tonnage from 71.4 tons to 350 tons, increasing the permitted in-vessel digestion area from 1 acre to 6 acres, and increasing the maximum traffic volume per day from 15 vehicles to 16 vehicles.

Proposed Findings

The LEA has determined that:

- The application is complete and correct and meets the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Section 21570, and is approved.
- The facility's permit revision to increase the maximum daily tonnage from 71.4 tons to 350 tons, increase the permitted in-vessel digestion area from 1 acre to 6 acres, and increase the maximum traffic volume per day from 15 vehicles to 16 vehicles falls within the Use Permit approved by Monterey County Planning Department in June 2015 and is expected to have little to no impact environmental impact.

Options for Submitting Written Comments

The Monterey County LEA will be accepting written comments on this acceptance action until end of day August 14, 2024. Please address all correspondence to:

Angeline Hsu, REHS
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Solid Waste Management Services
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Availability of Additional Information

A copy of the application package is available for public review during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm or by appointment in the LEA office located at 1270 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906. For questions or comments, please call 831-755-8909.

Appeals Process Information

Pursuant to Public Resources Code §44307, the decision of the LEA may be challenged through a formal hearing process. To initiate the appeals process, please contact the Monterey County LEA office at 831-755-4579 for a "Request for Hearing" form. This form may also be obtained online at <http://calrecycle.ca.gov/SWFacilities/CIA/forms/hearing.pdf>