

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Public Meeting for Municipal Solid Waste Permit

Proposed Permit No. 2374

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC, 1116 Calle del Norte, Laredo, Webb County, Texas 78041, a waste management company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit to authorize the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, a new MSW Type I landfill facility. The facility is located at 2864 Jordan Road, approximately 20 miles east of Laredo and 5 miles southeast of U.S. Highway 59 at Ranchitos Las Lomas in Webb County, Texas 78043. The TCEQ received the land use compatibility portion (Parts I and II) of the application on March 28, 2011. Parts III and IV of the permit application were received by the TCEQ on March 9, 2015. The TCEQ consolidated the review and processing of Parts I through IV of the application, and issued a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision on March 22, 2016. The application was subsequently amended on August 18, 2017. The TCEQ has reviewed the amended application and issued this notice as required by rule. All public participations, comments, and requests for a contested case hearing on Parts I and II of the application have been preserved. The Applicant has requested that this matter be directly referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and additional notice will be provided when the preliminary hearing is scheduled. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=27.559&lng=-99.160&zoom=13&type=r>. For exact location, refer to application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. Response will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Discussion Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the Executive Director. All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment

Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

The Public Meeting is to be held:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Texas A & M International University
Student Center
2nd Floor Ballroom, Room 203
5201 University Boulevard
Laredo, Texas 78041-1900

INFORMATION. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. Please note that the public comment period is extended for 30 days from the public meeting date. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information can be found at our Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.*

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Laredo Public Library, 1120 East Calton Road, Laredo, Webb County, Texas. The permit application may be viewed online at <http://www.pescaditoerc.com>. Further information may also be obtained from Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Carlos Y. Benavides, III, Manager, at (956) 523-1400.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at 512-239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

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