

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING  
RANCHO VIEJO WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC  
SOAH Docket No. 582-18-3319  
TCEQ Docket No. 2013-1506-MSW  
Proposed Permit No. 2374**

**APPLICATION.**

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 proposed to be 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. As a public courtesy, we have provided the following Web page to an online map of the site or the facility's general location. The online map is not part of the application or the notice: <<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=27.559&lng=-99.160&zoom=13&type=r>>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has prepared a draft permit which, 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. 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>.

**DIRECT REFERRAL.**

The Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision was published in English on February 11, 2018 and in Spanish on February 14, 2018. On February 16, 2018, the Applicant filed a request for direct referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Therefore, the chief clerk has referred this application directly to SOAH for a hearing on whether the application complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING.**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing at:

**10:00 a.m. – July 18, 2018  
Texas A&M International University  
Student Center Ballroom 203  
5201 University Boulevard  
Laredo, Texas 78041**

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, allow an opportunity for settlement discussions, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding will be similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 361, Texas Health and Safety Code; TCEQ rules including 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 330; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

**In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at [www.soah.texas.gov](http://www.soah.texas.gov), or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”**

**INFORMATION.**

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/>. The mailing address for the TCEQ is P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087.

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 hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: May 30, 2018



Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality