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Subject: Comments Regarding Draft Background Report for Tehama County
General Plan Update

Dear Mr. Robson,

I received a copy of the Tehama County General Plan Update Draft Background Report (October 2006 edition), and I have rewritten pages 7-8 and 7-9 regarding solid waste management to reflect current operations. If possible, please replace the material in the October 2006 version with the following, as you find appropriate.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Solid waste management in Tehama County includes one landfill, several transfer stations, and an extensive waste stream diversion program including recycling programs.

The Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency (TCSLA) was formed in 1989 when four Tehama County jurisdictions entered into a joint powers agreement. The TCSLA serves as the planning and reporting agency for the entire County under the California Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA) also known as AB 939. The Tehama County/ City of Red Bluff Landfill Management Agency (TCRBLMA) oversees the daily operations, permits, and environmental compliance of the Tehama County Red Bluff Landfill, which is jointly owned by the City of Red Bluff and Tehama County.

Tehama County and the cities that reside within each arrange for their own residential and commercial garbage collection contract. The County of Tehama and all incorporated cities except for the City of Corning have contracted with Waste Connections (operating as Green Waste of Tehama) for waste management services, which includes operation of the landfill, three transfer stations located in Mineral, Manton, and Paynes Creek, and curbside waste collection that includes an extensive recycling effort. The City of Corning has a contract for waste disposal services and recycling with Waste Management (operating as Corning Disposal).

The California Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA) of 1989 (AB939) requires cities and counties to divert fifty percent of their waste stream from landfill disposal by the year 2000 through source reduction, recycling, and cogeneration programs. Waste Connections has implemented a "pay as you throw" trash fee program, which has helped increase waste diversion in Tehama County. The TCRBLMA has also implemented household hazardous waste collection, a buy-recycled procurement policy, and works with property owners to clean up illegal dumpsites as part of its integrated waste management plan. The Agency does not have law enforcement authority to prevent illegal dumping. A materials recovery facility was constructed in order to separate curbside recyclables. In 2004, Tehama County residents diverted 46% of the waste entering the landfill (Table 7-3).

Table 7-3

Tehama County Landfill Diversion (2004)

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| Total Estimated Waste Reduction | 42848 (Tons) |
| Disposal | 51652 (Tons) |
| Total Estimated Generation | 94500 (Tons) |
| Percent Diversion | 45% |
| 1% Biomass Credit | 1% |
| Total Percent Diversion | 46% |

Source: Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency 2004 CIWMB Annual Report.

Landfill

Tehama County and the City of Red Bluff jointly own the Tehama County/ Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill, an 159-acre site located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the City of Red Bluff. The TCRBLMA contracts with Waste Connections for operation of the landfill. The Tehama County/Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill provides extensive services for waste diversion and offers recycling services. The County achieves additional landfill diversion through salvage operations at the landfill such as appliances, scrap metal, and construction and demolition debris. Yard waste and wood waste are sent to a waste to energy facility. The landfill has a maximum permitted daily capacity of 400 tons per day (TPD), with an average daily loading of 216 TPD. The permit to operate allows for a maximum of 200 vehicle trips per day and as of 2006 the landfill receives on average 162 vehicle trips per day. Increases in population and development will require permit revision to expand the landfill and infrastructure improvements (i.e. traffic, scale house, etc.). Phase I of the landfill is expected to close in 2008. Phase II of the landfill will remain open until an estimated closing date of 2025.

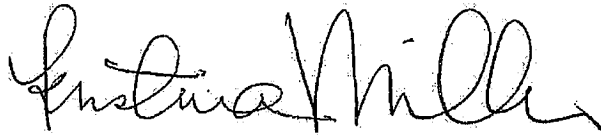
Transfer Stations

Transfer stations are located in three rural areas of the County and receive waste for transfer to the Tehama County/ Red Bluff Sanitary Landfill. Transfer stations, located at Manton, Mineral and Paynes Creek, are operated by Waste Connections. A transfer station in Rancho Tehama operates privately.

cylinders. In 2005, ninety-four tons of household hazardous waste was transferred from the landfill to appropriate disposal or recycling facilities.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 528-1103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristina Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Kristina Miller
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