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Memorandum

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Date: August 10, 1994

Kevin Eberle
County of Napa Planning
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From : 
John Loane, Associate Waste Management Specialist
Facility Review Section, Permits Branch
Permitting and Compliance Division
California Integrated Waste Management Board

Subject: SCH #94073045 - Proposed Negative Declaration (ND) for the modification of Use Permit (UP) #U-90-29, and the revision of the Napa Garbage Service Composting Facility (NGSCF) Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) #28-AA-0023, to add a .44-acre 450,000 gallon retention pond, Napa County.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) staff have reviewed the DEIR for the project cited above.

Project Description

The proposed project is for the development of a .44-acre 450,000 gallon drainage retention pond at an existing waste recycling facility on two parcels totaling 12.43 acres, located at the south terminus of Levitin Road within a GI:AC (General Industrial: Airport Compatibility) Zoning District (Assessor's Parcel No. 57-110-58 and 59). The proposal is to add an additional drainage retention pond in the northwest corner of the property adjacent to the existing storm drain basin and reclaim basin. According to the applicant, the additional pond is needed in order to meet the requirements for the compost run-off to be classified as storm water rather than waste water by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The proposed additional retention facility will be part of a three pond system serving the following purposes: (1) capture and storage of water for re-use in compost windrow watering; (2) settling out of organic

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matter from compost windrow run-off; and (3) for biological filtration of run-off that is released into the surface drainage off site.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance

CEQA compliance is required for establishment or expansion of a Solid Waste Facility (SWF) and the issuance or revision of a SWFP.

CIWMB staff ask that the following comments be addressed:

Potential Bird Strikes

CIWMB staff recommend that the Lead Agency examine the potential for the retention pond(s) to become an attraction for birds. The ND does not mention any potential for this, as well as the possibility of bird strikes by airplanes as a result of bird congregation at the retention pond site.

Adequacy of the ND

CIWMB staff consider the ND adequate for consideration of adoption by the decision-making body of the Lead Agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (916) 255-2654.

COUNTY RESPONSE TO AUGUST 10, 1994 COMMENTS
FROM CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The CIWMB has recommended that the Negative Declaration address the potential for the retention ponds to attract birds which could pose an aircraft hazard. Policy 3.3.5 of the Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan prohibits "any use which may attract large flocks of birds, especially landfills and certain agricultural uses."

In an August field inspection of the existing ponds, no significant attraction of birds was noticed (although water levels were relatively low). In staff's observations of similar small isolated ponds (including winery wastewater ponds), they do not appear to attract "large flocks" of birds as would be attracted to a landfill or agricultural crop. It is also noted that the ponds will be empty or significantly low through the majority of the year due to rainfall being limited to the winter months and the fact that the water will be diverted from the ponds for re-use in the compost windrows. As such, no significant impacts to aircraft are expected from the proposed use. As an added precaution, the following mitigation measure should be added to the project:

"Staff will conduct a field investigation of the ponds at three separate times throughout the year. If a total of more than 20 birds are noticed at any time within the ponds, the applicant shall be responsible for the immediate installation of bird deterrence devices such as noisemakers or artificial predators."



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PERMIT APPLICATION AND INITIAL STUDY REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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TO: N.C. Airport Land Use Comm. Co Planning

APPLICATION TITLE: NAPA GARBAGE SERVICE RECYCLING FACILITY RUNOFF RETENTION POND FILE #: 93530-MOD

RESPONSE REQUEST DATE: 6-20-94 RESPONSE RETURN DATE: 7-5-94
FINAL REQUEST DATE: _____ FINAL RESPONSE DATE: _____

This application (see enclosed project description and/or maps) is being sent to you for your review and comment.

With respect to environmental analysis, the County is assuming Lead Agency status for the project and will be preparing the necessary environmental documents.

Please advise us as to which of your permits is required, your environmental concerns, and whether you recommend that a Negative Declaration or an Environmental Impact Report be prepared on this project. Due to the provisions of AB 884, it is essential that we receive your comments within the next 10 days.

1. Do you have jurisdiction by law over this project Yes No
If yes, indicate required permits: _____

2. Indicate areas of environmental concern and availability of appropriate technical data: _____

aircraft safety
(we note that existing ponds were not approved by ALWC. Ponds are probably a compatible use of Zone A, although ALWC has found a large

3. Do you recommend: Negative Declaration Environmental Impact Report was few water ponds + berm at the

4. If the project is approved, recommend conditions-of-approval (use additional page if needed): of a run
transmit the final site plan to ALWC
for inclusion in ALW-41 file
to increase aircraft hazard
(ALW-83: Cit Calistoga)

5. Have you previously reviewed an application on any portion of this project?
 Yes No ALW-41 (entire facility)

6. Name of contact person: Michael Miller Telephone: 253-4416

Response Prepared by: M. Miller
Title: ALWC Staff
Date: 6/21/94



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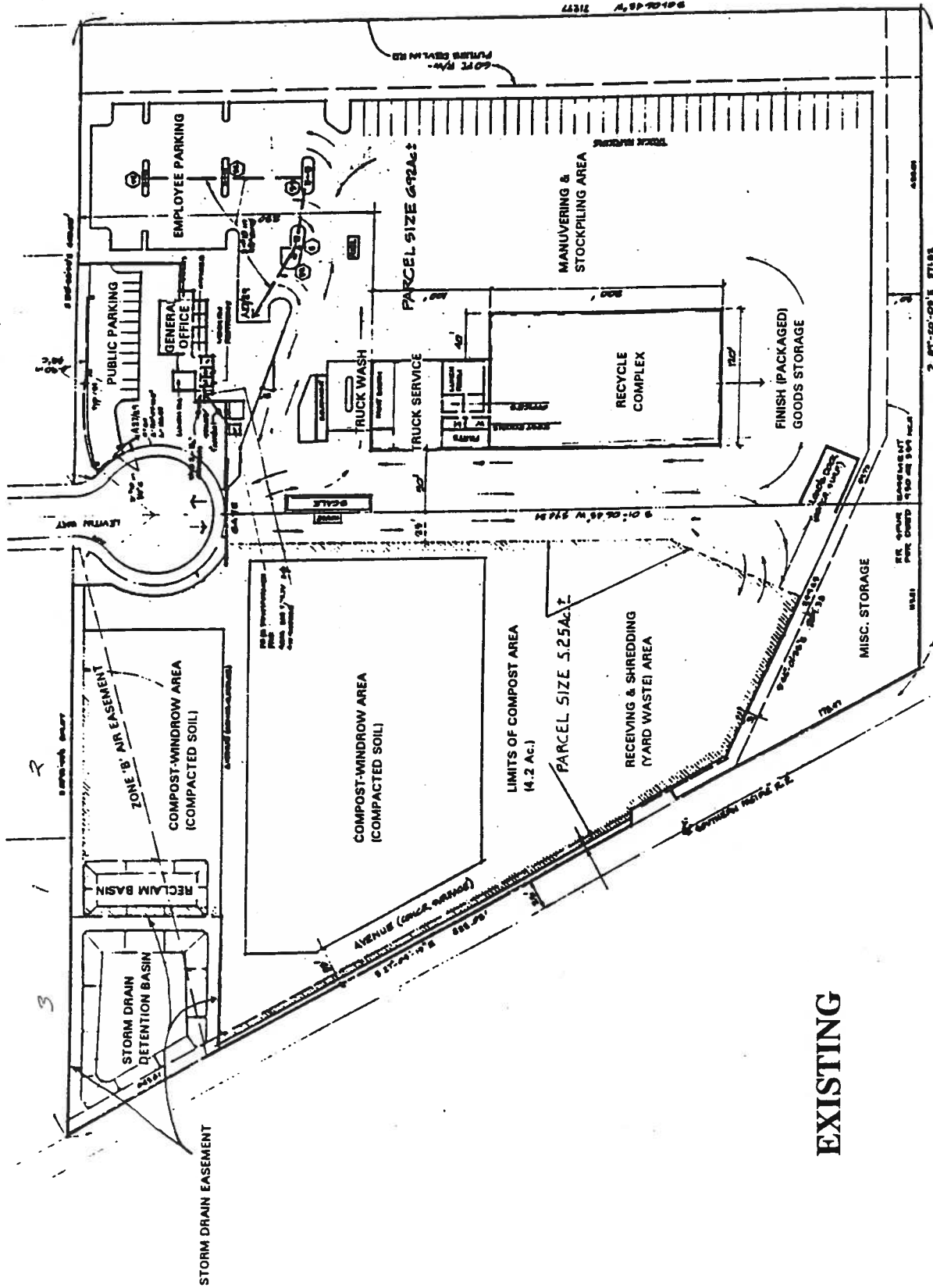
2. Indicate areas of environmental concern and availability of appropriate technical data: A portion of the project site appears to be within the Napa County Airport's Inner Approach/Departure Zone "B."

3. Do you recommend: [] Negative Declaration [] Environmental Impact Report 4. If the project is approved, recommend conditions-of-approval (use additional page if needed): The proposal should be consistent with the Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Zone "B."

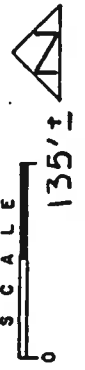
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6. Name of contact person: Sandy Hesnard Telephone: 916-324-1833 Response Prepared by: S. Hesnard Title: Assoc. Environmental Planner Date: 7/5/94

NAPA GARBAGE SERVICE INC.



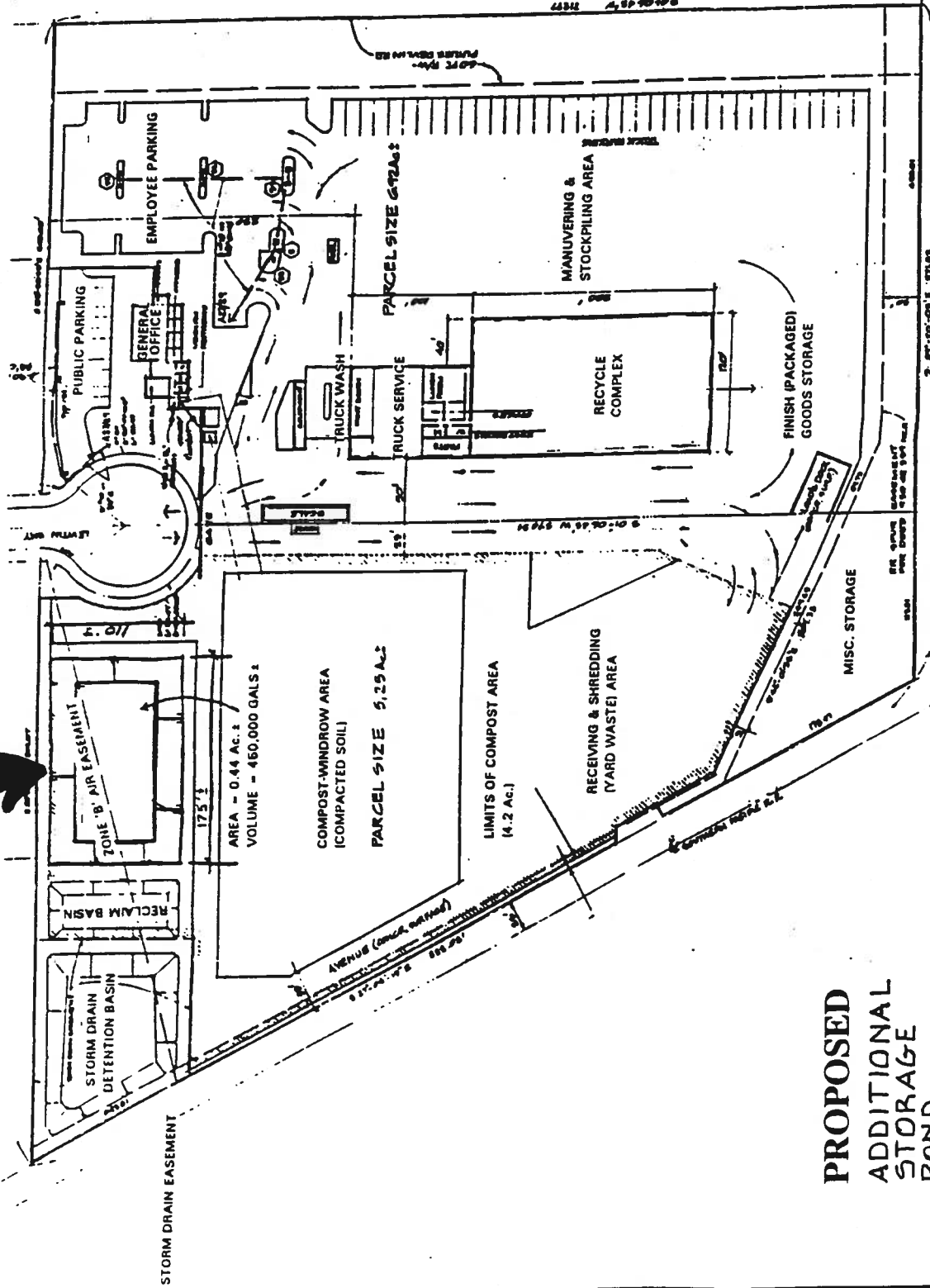
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