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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) notification is hereby given to responsible agencies, trustee agencies and the public that the Butte County Department of Public Works proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the **Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility Composting Project**.

Project: Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility Composting Project

Notice Date: March 5, 2021

Location: The proposed project would be within the existing Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility at 1023 Neal Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 040-600-082) in unincorporated Butte County near the Town of Paradise, southeast of the City of Chico and east of Durham. The facility is 1.2 miles east of the intersection of State Route 99 and Neal Road.

Project Description: Butte County Department of Public Works is proposing to construct a covered aerated static pile (CASP) composting facility within the existing Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) located at 1023 Neal Road in unincorporated Butte County. The project would divert waste that is normally disposed at the landfill to the proposed CASP facility. The CASP is a composting system equipped with an oxygen controlled, positively aerated system and an oxygen and temperature monitoring device. At full buildout, the CASP would have a feedstock throughput of approximately 40,000 tons of organic waste per year and would produce approximately 40,000 cubic yards of compost per year. The County has been awarded a grant by CalRecycle to assist with the construction of the CASP and the County anticipates that the CASP would be constructed during the third quarter of 2021.

Public Review: The ND and reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment starting March 5, 2021 through April 5, 2021, at the Butte County Public Works, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. The ND is also available for review on the County website at:

<http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/Planning/CEQA.aspx>.

The ND will undergo a 30-day public review period during which comments may be submitted. Written comments on the ND for the proposed project must be received no later than April 5, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Send comments by mail to:

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Attention: Eric Miller

Comments may also be sent by email to emiller@buttecounty.net (please include the name of the project in the subject heading).