

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** December 13, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Development Services Department  
**Presentation By:** Arnaldo Rodriguez, AICP, Development Services Director

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit 16-03 filed by Eco Compliance for property located at 3180 Industrial Drive

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and after consideration:

Direct staff to prepare a resolution to deny or approve the appeal to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit 16-03. The resolution shall make the necessary findings pursuant to Section 8-5.7003(d) of the Municipal Code, inclusive of the Conditions of Approval provided in this report.

The resolution shall be brought before the City Council for consideration at its next regular scheduled meeting or soon thereafter.

**Fiscal Impact:** The costs for processing the application and the appeal are subject to the payment of permit fees and the appeal pursuant to the adopted fee schedule.

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**Purpose:**

Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit No. 16-03 filed by Eco Compliance.

**Background:**

On October 12, 2016 the Planning Commission (Commission) adopted Environmental Assessment (EA) 16-06 and approved Use Permit 16-03 for a bio-hazardous waste materials (BWM) transfer facility in an existing 4,344 square foot (sf) building located at 3180 Industrial Drive, approximately 860 feet west of George Washington Boulevard (Attachment 1). The building provides a 3,000 sf warehouse, whereas the remaining 1,344 sf is an office.

The proposal is to collect bio-hazardous waste from waste generators in the Yuba City region, including hospitals, clinics, urgent care facilities, medical and dental practices, pharmacies, veterinarian clinics, and mortuaries. Eco Compliance technicians would collect the waste in pre-approved and pre-sealed bins which would in turn be transported to the facility. Waste generators provide manifest outlining the content, packaging, etc. Once collected, the materials would be stored indoors within the 3,000 sf portion of the building. As a result, Eco Compliance would operate a bio-hazardous transfer station whereby collected waste would be stored at the transfer station for weekly or more frequent transport to a permitted treatment facility located outside of the

region. It should be noted that this facility will not treat medical waste, nor will this facility handle human body parts, tissues removed at surgery or autopsy, or animal parts.

It should be further noted that Eco Compliance is amenable to upgrading the site, including fresh paint, parking lot striping, and landscaping. Moreover, Eco Compliance will provide a public drop box whereas community members can safely discard their home-generated sharps waste, including hypodermic needles, pen needles, and intravenous needles, at no cost to the community member.

### **Planning Commission Meeting:**

At its meeting of October 12, 2016, the Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the environmental assessment and Use Permit. During the meeting, staff presented the project and also presented an email from a community member in opposition to the project. Staff continued by responding to Commission inquiries followed by testimony from two community members that spoke in opposition to the project. The two community members that spoke in opposition stressed the following:

- ✓ Proximity of homes and schools to the site
- ✓ “Infectious” nature of the proposed use
- ✓ The poor condition and construction type of the building
- ✓ Increased traffic that would be generated by the user
- ✓ Negative impact to property values
- ✓ History of water contamination in the area

Subsequent to hearing testimony from the public, the applicant provided an overview of the company’s business model, operations, and the handling of material. The applicant indicated that BWM collection, transportation, storage, and treatment is subject to local, State, and federal regulations. BWM handling and transport is under the purview of various federal, State, and local agencies, including:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- California Departments of Public Health (CDPH)
- California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch
- California Highway Patrol (Carrier No. 468609)
- United States Department of Transportation
- California Department Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)

Operations of the facility are subject to United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and requirements.

The applicant also indicated that they employ a compliance officer with extensive knowledge of adopted regulations that provides their staff with the necessary training and certification for the handling, collecting, storing, and transporting BWM’s.

After hearing testimony from the public, the applicant, and City staff, the Commission adopted the negative declaration and approved Use Permit 16-03 by a vote of 5 to 0 with 2 Commission members absent. A verbatim report of the Planning Commission meeting is attached (Attachment 2).

It should be noted that the report to the Planning Commission stated that material is stored in metal containers, whereas containers are required to be closed and sealed, and leak proof, durable, and specially designed for safe handling per the State of California Health and Safety Code. Containers are primarily composed of rigid plastic or may be film bags (i.e. biohazard bags) that must meet the tests prescribed for tear resistance in the American Society for Testing Materials. The Medical Waste Management Act outlines container types and regulates aspects of the transport of medical waste.

Pictures and descriptions of the containers are provided in (Attachment 3).

**Appeal:**

On October 17, 2016, an appeal of the Planning Commission's action approving Use Permit 16-03 was received by the City (Attachment 4). The appeal was made based on Yuba City Municipal Code Section 8-5.7104(b). The appeal is discussed in staff "Analysis" section of this report. The applicant, in their materials dated October 24, 2016, provided a response to the appellant's letter. The Environmental Assessment (EA 16-03) was not included in the appeal.

**Property/Area Description:**

The project site is located in an industrial park west of N. George Washington Blvd. Access to the site is provided via Industrial Dr. a two lane asphalt loop roadway improved with rolled curb and gutter; no sidewalk. Utilities in the area include underground electrical and gas, surface storm runoff to the Live Oak drainage ditch and City water. An on-site sewer septic system is provided in the southerly portion of the project site. There is a fire hydrant within the public right-of-way immediately north of the site.

The existing single story structure fronts onto the northerly portion of Industrial Drive. The southerly one-third of the site is an open area that is currently used for vehicle storage and is fenced on three sides with a six-foot high chain-link fence (Attachment 5). The Planning Commission approved the project contingent on the applicant installing additional landscaping.

Adjacent properties are developed with commercial and industrial uses. Nearby uses include a semi-truck company and contractor's office, a small engine repair shop, an engineering company, and a heavy construction equipment company. There are no sensitive receptors such as homes, schools or religious facilities in the immediate area. The nearest sensitive receptor, a residential area, is located approximately 960 feet to the east, on the east side of N. George Washington Blvd.

**Operations:**

Attached to this staff report, Attachment 3, is a detailed information packet submitted by the applicant outlining the types of materials to be collected and protocols for the handling and storing of materials. The packet is summarized as follows:

- a. Materials are generated from hospitals, medical, dental clinics, mortuary, and other bio-waste generators in the area.
- b. Materials include non-sharps, such as paper towels, gloves, and tissue, and sharps, such as needles.
- c. Materials will be collected by qualified technicians driving small (10,000 lbs.) box vans.
- d. Materials are stored in various types of certified containers designed for each specific phase: generation, transport, storage, and disposal.
- e. Containers are marked and range in size from hand carry packages to toter sized wheeled containers.
- f. Materials delivered to the site will be stored in a secured area with restricted access.
- g. All bio-hazardous materials are transported in sealed containers from the project site to a treatment facility in Fresno.

Bio-hazardous materials are brought to the project site via a box van driven by technicians who receive training prior to their certification by State regulators. It should be noted that Eco

Compliance transport technicians receive annual certification training from an on-staff compliance officer with extensive OSHA experience. Trucks will primarily travel on State Highway 20 and turn onto N. George Washington Blvd. at a four-way controlled intersection.

### **Environmental Review:**

Staff conducted a project environmental assessment and prepared a project negative declaration. Given the extensive review and permitting by federal and State departments it was determined that mitigation was not required. A Notice of Completion (SCH# 2016082040) was prepared and circulated to the State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit for circulation and comment by appropriate State agencies and departments. No State agencies submitted comments on the project. As previously noted, the Planning Commission adopted negative declaration (EA 16-06) and approved Use Permit (UP 16-03). Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statute and guidelines, a Notice of Determination was filed with the County Clerk.

### **Analysis:**

The project site is in an industrial park designated on the General Plan as Business, Technology & Light Industry. The designation encourages a range of development activities including light industrial uses and small-scale distribution uses. Zoning for the property is Light Industrial District (M-1) that allows for a range of light industrial uses including product distribution and permits recycling collection and materials processing facilities with approval of Use Permit.

The appeal is based on section 8-5.7003(d) of the Zoning Regulations. These are the required findings that must be made in order to approve a use permit. While not specifically stated, it appears that the appellant's concern is related to Finding (5) which states:

*"The establishment or operation of the use or building applied for will not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the City."*

The concern of the appellant is likely that the containers could be accidentally opened, the building could burn, or some other calamity could occur that may result in bio-hazardous waste being spilled or otherwise cause contamination on neighboring properties, potentially endangering lives.

It is understandable that nearby property owners have concerns and staff has attempted to address them. The basis of the staff review was the impact on neighboring property owners and employees, as well as the residences across N. George Washington Boulevard. Evidenced by the packet that was submitted by the applicant (Attachment 3), medical waste is licensed and regulated primarily by the California Department of Public Health as well as the California Highway Patrol. The regulations mandate proper training, transportation, handling, and storage of the bio-hazardous material and other safety measures, emergency plans, etc. Moreover, bio-hazardous waste facilities are inspected by the State on a six-month cycle. Staff has also discussed the potential for contamination to employees or neighboring businesses and its employees with the California Department of Public Health Department. According to Health Department staff, these types of facilities have been found to be safe. On a statewide basis they were unaware of anyone, from the public to the transfer station employees, of being infected by any of the collected bio-hazardous wastes. In particular, Eco Compliance which is currently licensed as a transporter, is in good standing with the State.

It should also be noted that much of the waste is present in Yuba City, given that it is being generated in local facilities, and is currently being transported throughout our community, albeit other facilities.

**Recommendation:**

Direct staff to prepare a resolution to deny the appeal to overturn the Planning Commission's approval of Use Permit 16-03. The resolution shall make the necessary findings pursuant to Section 8-5.7003(d) of the Municipal Code, inclusive of the Conditions of Approval below.

The resolution shall be brought before the City Council for consideration at its next regular scheduled meeting or soon thereafter.

**Alternatives:**

1. Direct staff to prepare a resolution approving the appeal, thereby denying the Use Permit; or
2. Modify the conditions of approval of the Use Permit, as deemed necessary.

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Submitted By:

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City Manager

Reviewed By:

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City Attorney

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**Attachments:**

1. Aerial photo, location map
2. A verbatim report of the Planning Commission meeting
3. Applicant's operational statement and relevant information
4. Letter appealing the Planning Commission's action dated October 17, 2016
5. Building photographs
6. Email stating opposition to the project dated October 4, 2016
7. Project site plan
8. Negative Declaration

## **USE PERMIT 16-03 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

### **Planning Division**

1. Use Permit 16-03 is for a bio-hazardous waste transfer facility. The business will utilize the existing building for the indoor storage of the sealed bio-hazardous material containers. The containers will be unloaded from local delivery vehicles and stored indoors until placed onto a larger vehicle to be transported to a licensed treatment facility. The office will be utilized by the staff for office uses.
2. There will be no outdoor storage of the bio-hazardous material. The bio-hazardous materials will be loaded and unloaded on-site, and placed indoors for storage and loaded onto a larger vehicle for delivery to a permitted treatment facility located elsewhere. No bio-hazardous containers will be opened while on-site.
3. Approval of Development Plan DP 16-03 shall be null and void without further action if either the project has not been substantially commenced within 2 years of the approval date of the development plan or that a request for an extension of time has not been submitted to the City.
4. The applicant shall submit a landscaping plan that improves the landscaping to as close to conformance with the City's landscaping ordinance as is reasonable and must be approved by staff.
5. Prior to opening for business:
  - a. The parking lot shall be resurfaced and striped per City standards.
  - b. The building exterior shall be repainted.
  - c. The landscaping shall be improved.
6. The areas located to the rear of the building, along the southern property line, and the east side of the building, shall not be used as outdoor storage and/or parking, unless improved to City standards.
7. All loading and unloading shall take place on-site.
8. Refuse collection bins shall be stored on-site.
9. The site shall be secured during non-business hours.

### **Public Works Department**

10. All improvements shall be in accordance with Yuba City standards.
11. The street trees proposed shall be a minimum of 15 gallon size with one-inch dbh. The trees and landscaping shall be maintained by the property owner.
12. Storage of material is not permitted in the right-of-way, including dumpsters.

Attachment 1: Aerial Photo

*Attachment 1: Aerial Photo/location map*



3180 Industrial Dr.,  
Subject Site.

Industrial Drive



Attachment 1: Aerial photo with proximity to nearest home



Attachment 2: A verbatim report of the Planning Commission  
meeting

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CITY OF YUBA CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE/TIME  
October 12, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION  
1201 Civic Center Boulevard  
Yuba City, California 95993**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**Jana Shannon, Chairperson  
Daria Ali, Vice Chairperson  
John Sanbrook  
Paul Basi  
Larry Robinson**

1 **[CD BEGINS AS FOLLOWS:]**

2 Chair Shannon: You're welcome. It's Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular  
3 meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Yuba City  
4 come to order. And may I have the roll call please?

5 Clerk: Commissioner Blake absent. Commissioner Harris is also -- uh -  
6 - absent this evening. Commissioner Sanbrook.

7 Com. Sanbrook: Here.

8 Clerk: Commissioner Basi.

9 Commissioner Basi: Here.

10 Clerk: Commissioner Robinson.

11 Com. Robinson: Here.

12 Clerk: Commissioner Ali.

13 Commissioner Ali: Here.

14 Clerk: Chair Shannon.

15 Chair Shannon: Here.

16 Female: (Unintelligible) first.

17 Clerk: Pledge.

18 (All Saying Pledge of Allegiance)

19 Chair Shannon: Thank you. Regarding public communication, we welcome  
20 (unintelligible). Public comment is taken on the items that are

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1 listed on the agenda when they're called. Public comment on  
2 items that are not listed on the agenda will be heard at this time.  
3 Comments on controversial items may be limited and large  
4 groups are encouraged to select representatives to express the  
5 opinions of the group. Members of the public submitting written  
6 requests (coughing) excuse me, at least 24-hours prior to the  
7 meeting will normally be allotted five minutes to speak.  
8 Members of the public may address the Planning Commission on  
9 items of interest that are within the City's jurisdiction.  
10 Individuals addressing general comments are encouraged to limit  
11 their statements to three minutes. Do we have anyone that would  
12 like to comment on items that are on the agenda at this time?  
13 And it's time to introduce our new Planning Commissioner.  
14 Larry Robinson, welcome aboard. Please stand so we can all see  
15 you.  
16 Com. Robinson: Yay. Great.  
17 Chair Shannon: Yay.  
18 (All Clapping)  
19 Com. Robinson: Now can I can sit down?

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**CITY OF YUBA CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Date/Time: October 12, 2016/6:00 p.m.**

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1 Chair Shannon: Yes, you can. Thank you and I have to apologize, you have a  
2 resume that is very sterling and I printed it off and I forgot to  
3 bring it so I can't really stand here and act enthusiastic about all  
4 the wonderful things that you've done. So, if you would, why  
5 don't you just give us a brief synopsis of your life.

6 Com. Robinson: Uhm -- I was born in 1955 and -- uhm -- uhm -- for the last 25  
7 years I've worked as -- uh -- an Air Quality Planner in the City of  
8 Sacramento. Uh -- moved to her to Yuba City from Sacramento  
9 back in 2001. Uh -- retired about eight months ago and so I  
10 thought well, -- uh -- I just had enough time now to want to get  
11 out of the house more. Uh -- I'm tired of the honey-do list so I  
12 thought what I can do -- uh -- using the background that I've had.  
13 Uh -- so, my background being CEQA and legislative affairs, I  
14 thought well, why not the Planning Commission and I happen to  
15 notice a vacancy on the Commission about a month and a half  
16 ago and I applied and I was lucky enough to -- uh -- to get the  
17 position. So, -- uh -- I'm looking forward to working with a -- uh  
18 -- first class Planning Commission. I've worked with Planning  
19 Commissions before. It's -- uh -- often a thankless job, but it's --  
20 but it's one of the most important jobs in charting the future

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1 growth of any community. So, I'm looking forward to -- uh --  
2 lending whatever expertise I can to making Yuba City a better  
3 City.

4 Chair Shannon: And we are absolutely delighted to have someone with your  
5 expertise on the Board. Welcome.

6 Com. Robinson: Thank you very much.

7 (Applause)

8 Com. Sanbrook: It sounds Larry that this is right up your alley.

9 Com. Robinson: I hope so, John.

10 Clerk: Chair Shannon -- uhm -- if I just may -- uh -- uhm -- did -- before  
11 we commence the meeting -- uhm -- we have not had the luxury  
12 of swearing in our newest Planning Commissioner. So, if it  
13 would be appropriate -- uhm -- can we swear him in right now?

14 Chair Shannon: Certainly.

15 Clerk: Okay. Would you please raise your right hand and repeat after  
16 me?

17 Com. Robinson: Sure.

18 Clerk: I, Larry Robinson, do solemnly swear or affirm --

19 Com. Robinson: I, Larry Robinson, do solemnly swear and affirm --

20 Clerk: -- that I will support and defend --

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- 1 Com. Robinson: -- that I will support and defend --
- 2 Clerk: -- the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of  
3 the State of California.
- 4 Com. Robinson: -- the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of  
5 the State of California.
- 6 Clerk: Against all enemies, foreign and domestic --
- 7 Com. Robinson: Against all enemies, foreign and domestic --
- 8 Clerk: -- that I will bear true faith and allegiance.
- 9 Com. Robinson: -- that I will bear true faith and allegiance?
- 10 Clerk: Correct. To the Constitution of the United States and the  
11 Constitution of the State of California.
- 12 Com. Robinson: To the constitution -- to the Constitution of the United States and  
13 to the Constitution of the State of California.
- 14 Clerk: That I take this obligation freely --
- 15 Com. Robinson: That I take this obligation freely --
- 16 Clerk: -- without any mental reservation --
- 17 Com. Robinson: -- without any mental reservation --
- 18 Clerk: -- or purpose of evasion.
- 19 Com. Robinson: -- or purpose of evasion.
- 20 Clerk: And that I will -- will and faithfully --
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1 Com. Robinson: And I will and faithfully --

2 Clerk: -- discharge the duties --

3 Com. Robinson: -- discharge the duties --

4 Clerk: -- upon which I am about to enter.

5 Com. Robinson: -- upon which I'm about to enter. Yay.

6 Clerk: (Unintelligible).

7 (Applause)

8 Clerk: (Unintelligible).

9 Com. Robinson: Thanks for sitting through all this.

10 Clerk: (Unintelligible).

11 Com. Robinson: (Unintelligible) right there.

12 Clerk: (Unintelligible).

13 Com. Robinson: Thank you so much.

14 Clerk: (Unintelligible).

15 Com. Robinson: All right, Orlando, thank you.

16 Chair Shannon: Okay. Moving right along, we have the public hearing of the

17 consideration of Use Permit 60-03 of an Eco Compliance which

18 is a request to establish a biohazard transfer facility, dental

19 practices, veterinarian clinics and mortuaries. Part of the

20 material will be stored at the subject site until such time it will be

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1 delivered to the training facility. The site is currently developed  
2 with 4,344 (unintelligible) housed indoors. The project is located  
3 at 3180 Industrial Drive. The staff report, please.

4 Mr. Rodriguez: Uh -- thank you Chair Shannon -- uh -- members of the  
5 Commission, I'm Arnoldo Rodriguez Development Services  
6 Department. Uhm -- as it juristated, the application -- uhm --  
7 before you this evening is a Use Permit -- uh -- proposing to  
8 establish a medical waste transfer facility. In our existing Zoning  
9 Code, any -- uhm -- any transfer station of waste be it medical or  
10 actually household waste does require a Use Permit. Thus, the  
11 need for a public hearing this evening. So, Eco Compliance is --  
12 is a small -- uh -- firm that -- that is a bio-waste hazard  
13 transporter, not a treatment center. And what they are proposing  
14 to doing, and the applicant and his representatives are here this  
15 evening, is they go around to the various -- uh -- uh -- uh --  
16 different waste generators in our community, for example  
17 medical offices, hospitals -- uhm -- lots of times in public  
18 buildings such as City Hall, there are small red containers in  
19 bathrooms for syringes or for medical waste. Uhm -- Eco  
20 Compliance -- uhm -- uh -- is -- is actually hired by the different

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1 waste generators. They go throughout the community, they  
2 collect the waste. The waste then is transferred to the site -- uhm  
3 -- and that they would be proposing. The waste is not processed,  
4 opened or handled at the facility. It's -- it's actually -- uh -- kept  
5 in the same container that it was brought into the facility. It is  
6 stored there until a -- uh -- enough waste is generated where at  
7 that point it would actually be transferred to an actual treatment  
8 center. To my knowledge, there's not a treatment center in our  
9 community and from -- and from speaking with the applicant,  
10 there is an actual treatment center. It's in Fresno, California.  
11 Uhm -- I don't know if that's the nearest facility, but at that  
12 point, the waste itself would be actually transferred to an actual  
13 treatment center where -- where it's disposed of in accordance  
14 with State laws. There are numerous -- uhm -- agencies involved  
15 in the field of -- of -- of both medical waste transport and  
16 treatment. Uhm -- a lot of it's actually done at the State level  
17 through the State Department of Health rather than at the local  
18 level. Uhm -- but the applicant can probably -- uhm -- uh --  
19 elaborate on the role of the local level as well as Cal Trans and  
20 Highway Patrol and everyone else because again, it is an actual

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1 transportation. Uhm -- so, there would be no treatment  
2 whatsoever at this facility and the request again is to simply  
3 transport the waste. The waste itself is currently being generated  
4 in our community. Uhm -- so, it's not necessarily that we would  
5 be introducing new waste. Rather, all that we would be doing is  
6 collecting the waste and then it would be shipped out either on a  
7 weekly or -- or -- or bi-weekly basis in terms of the need -- uhm -  
8 - of the facility itself. So, the facility itself, it's located generally  
9 on the west, central portion of our community. Going -- so, if  
10 you're taking Highway 20 west -- uhm -- which I'll highlight  
11 here. Here's Highway 20, the map itself is pointing to the north  
12 and then here's George Washington. Uhm -- the site itself, it's a  
13 fairly non-descript site. It's .34 acres. It is located around --  
14 right in the middle of a light industrial park. Uhm -- just on the  
15 south side of -- of Colusa Highway. Here's a zoomed in aerial  
16 photo. Again, it's .34 acres. The actual warehouse itself, which  
17 is on the southern part of the building or the site is roughly 3,000  
18 -- uh -- square feet. The northern part. It's -- it's a -- uh -- it's  
19 roughly 1,300 square foot office. The applicant's proposing to  
20 leave the -- uh -- the interior exactly like it is. It's a relatively --

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1                   uh -- small office building, he envisions three to five employees.  
2                   Uhm -- at any given time, there may only be one employee at the  
3                   actual site itself. It would be the office person. The other one or  
4                   two employees would -- would be in the community collecting  
5                   the medical waste which again would be brought back to the  
6                   facility. It would all be loaded and unloaded indoors. It would  
7                   all be maintained indoors and there would actually be no  
8                   handling of the waste onsite in terms of opening containers,  
9                   transferring containers, or anything along those lines. Uhm -- so  
10                  again, the containers themselves will be sealed and it's gonna be  
11                  an -- an -- uhm -- indoors. Uhm -- again, so the parcel size, it's a  
12                  relatively non-descript building. It's a third of an acre. Uhm -- a  
13                  lot of -- uhm -- homes in our community are actually on a third  
14                  of an acre so again, it's relatively -- uh -- minor. The office itself  
15                  is roughly 1,300 square feet with the warehouse component  
16                  being 3,000 square feet. If you notice, along the south property  
17                  line, there is -- there is an outdoor area. That area is currently a  
18                  leach line because this area is served by private septic systems,  
19                  not a city -- uhm -- sewer system. However, water itself is  
20                  actually a city water system. Uhm -- this site was historically on

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1                   the (unintelligible) was actually used kind of like as an outdoor  
2                   storage area. We've informed the applicant that if he wishes to  
3                   use that area -- uh -- they're -- uhm -- the City is gonna require  
4                   some improvements on that property. So, there's no parking or  
5                   there's no outdoor storage of materials. Uhm -- again, however,  
6                   all of the medical waste itself would be stored indoors; however,  
7                   if he wanted to park his vehicles on there or his trucks or  
8                   anything along those lines, that area would have to be improved  
9                   to City standards. And that's reflected in the 12 conditions that  
10                  are attached to the staff report, page 6 if I recall. Here's a couple  
11                  of photos of the site. So, -- so, this is the front of -- of the  
12                  building. Uh -- so, the photo's actually facing south. So, the  
13                  building itself again faces north. Uhm -- here's another photo.  
14                  The applicant has indicated and it's -- and it's also reflected in  
15                  the -- in -- uh -- I believe condition number five or six that the  
16                  site itself, or the building itself, would actually be painted -- uhm  
17                  -- and -- and -- and City staff is recommending a handful of  
18                  improvements to both the landscaping and -- uh -- the restriping  
19                  of the parking lot. This is the -- the west and the south portions  
20                  of the building and you can tell, these photos were taken last

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1 Friday morning. So, it's -- it's currently occupied and there is  
2 some storage in the back with some boat and a -- a few other  
3 personal belongings that it -- uh -- it appears. So again, on page  
4 6 -- uh -- a couple of the conditions, just a synopsis of those  
5 conditions. No after shortage of material. The building would be  
6 improved and those -- uh -- and those improvements are actually  
7 outlined in the staff report, including landscaping that all loading  
8 shall occur onsite so it's not happening on -- on -- on -- on  
9 public, City streets. And that the site be -- shall -- uh -- be  
10 secured during non -- non-business hours. Uh -- with that being  
11 said -- uhm -- staff did provide a public notice to property owners  
12 within the surrounding area and it was also published in the local  
13 newspaper. We did receive an e-mail from a person who is  
14 objecting to the application to the Use Permit. Unfortunately,  
15 that person could not be here this evening. And I've copied and  
16 pasted their -- their actual e-mail -- uhm -- uhm -- in the overhead  
17 and for the record, I'll actually read it. I want to express my  
18 opinion on this matter as a property owner in that area. I'm  
19 against this use being granted for a eco biohazardous in that area  
20 at any time whether sealed or not. These containers can spill and

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1                   cause danger to anyone within range of this building. Please  
2                   consider my vote as a no to allow this Use Permit. This type of  
3                   business should not be way out -- or I'm sorry, this type of  
4                   business should be way out in a non-occupied area. Uhm -- City  
5                   staff responded to the applicant acknowledging that we did  
6                   receive it and -- and that we would put it in the -- uh -- official  
7                   record. Uhm -- so, with that being said -- uhm -- staff prepared a  
8                   Negative Declaration. Uh -- this was published in the local  
9                   newspaper and it was also filed at the County pursuant to CEQA  
10                  guidelines. Uhm -- and primarily, the reason staff felt that a --  
11                  the Negative Dec would be appropriate is that there's an existing  
12                  building, a fairly non-descript building. The area is largely light  
13                  industrial. Uhm -- they would be required to comply with our  
14                  regulations and at the same time, the actual medical waste  
15                  transportation and storage. Again, it is heavily regulated by the  
16                  Department of Health. Uhm -- there is adequate parking on the  
17                  site because there is nominal number of employees and  
18                  (unintelligible) does comply with -- uh -- or it does provide  
19                  offsite improvements. So, no -- so, no offsite improvements  
20                  would -- would be required as part of this Use Permit. Uh -- with

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1                   that being said, staff is recommending that the Commission  
2                   conduct a public hearing, approve the Negative Declaration  
3                   pursuant to CEQA guidelines as outlined in the staff report and  
4                   approve the Use Permit subject to compliance with the 12  
5                   conditions as outlined in the staff report -- uhm -- dated October  
6                   the 12<sup>th</sup> which is this evening. So, that concludes staff's  
7                   presentation and we're -- and we're here to answer any questions.

8 Commissioner:       I have a couple -- uh -- Madam Chair if I could -- uh --  
9                   (unintelligible) connection with your environmental assessment  
10                   of the proposed use of this property, did you get any feedback or  
11                   comments from other -- uh -- uh -- potential -- uh -- effected  
12                   agencies?

13 Mr. Rodriguez:      We did not receive any comments from any agencies. This  
14                   project was also routed to the State Clearinghouse for review.  
15                   Uhm -- just because it doesn't involve State agencies in -- in  
16                   terms of the actual operations of the facility and we did not  
17                   receive any comments from any State agencies either.

18 Commissioner:      Uh -- next question is -- uh -- what's the -- uh -- prior use of this  
19                   property? What was the prior use being made of this property?

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1 Mr. Rodriquez: Uhm -- if I recall, the existing use is an HVAC contractor. Uhm  
2 -- I -- I don't know the history prior to that because I'm relatively  
3 new to the community -- uhm -- but -- uh -- from knowing the  
4 site and going out there a handful of times both -- uh -- Friday,  
5 but even -- even prior to that in the past year, it's been an HVAC  
6 operator or a contractor storage yard.

7 Commissioner: Okay. Uh -- the final question I have is in connection with the  
8 waste material that will be stored -- uh -- indoors at the facility --  
9 uh -- is any of that material required to be refrigerated?

10 Mr. Rodriquez: You know, for that, I'll have to defer to the applicant. Uhm -- I  
11 don't believe it's refrigerated and he's actually shaking his head.  
12 So, to my knowledge, it's medical waste it's just syringes or  
13 chem fluids, the kind you would find in a hospital.

14 Commissioner: So, there are no refrigerated facilities onsite in there.

15 Mr. Rodriquez: No.

16 Commissioner: Okay, thank you. That's all I have, Madam Chair.

17 Chair Shannon: Okay.

18 Commissioner: I had two questions as well through the Chair. Uhm -- number  
19 one, I know the -- uh -- I'm familiar with this site by the way. I  
20 drive by there all the time and -- uhm -- what I'm curious was --

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1                    uhm -- the size of the trucks that are gonna be entering this  
2                    property and exiting. I'm sure there are smaller trucks that are  
3                    gonna be coming in to drop off the waste and I'm sure they're  
4                    gonna be transported into something larger. Are -- is there  
5                    enough turning radius and enough access in there to  
6                    accommodate the larger size trucks?

7    Mr. Rodriguez:        From speaking with the applicant, all loading and unloading will  
8                    occur onsite. The -- the site itself does have an adequate -- uh --  
9                    it does have an adequate area to back a truck up, a large sized  
10                   truck on the south property line. We've indicated to the  
11                   applicant if -- if -- if the need exists to -- to -- to have the material  
12                   hauled off in a larger sized truck: for example, a tractor trailer,  
13                   that loading would have to occur on site and he's indicated that  
14                   he would and that he's amenable to paving it.

15    Commissioner:        Okay. Thank you. And then the second or question or comment  
16                    I guess I was kind of curious to know what the containers look  
17                    like that this hazardous material is stored in. Are they metal?  
18                    Are they plastic? What do they look like? We have no picture or  
19                    visual of the containers and so that would give us an adequate --  
20                    uhm -- you know, -- uh -- idea of whether they're safe and

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1                   whether they're sealed and, you know, storage -- stored properly  
2                   and so forth.

3 Mr. Rodriguez:       Okay. For the actual -- uhm -- the materials themselves, I know  
4                   there's different types of -- uh -- container types. For example,  
5                   the syringe boxes that you find in -- there's a bathroom here at  
6                   City Hall about probably 40 feet from my office --

7 Commissioner:       Hm-hmm (affirmative).

8 Mr. Rodriguez:       -- that is a fairly non-descript red, metal container. Uhm -- that  
9                   one itself is for syringes. However, for actual medical waste  
10                  collected at hospitals, and I'll defer to the applicant, I know that  
11                  there's different regulations for the type of material. Some of  
12                  them are metal, air tight -- uh -- uhm -- of which hypothetically if  
13                  it were to tilt -- uh -- you know, say tilt over -- uh -- it -- it -- it's -  
14                  - it's everything -- it's airtight. It would not leak. But in terms of  
15                  dental offices, that -- I'm gonna have to defer to the applicant  
16                  because I'm not too sure exactly how dental offices collect their  
17                  dental waste.

18 Commissioner       That's fine. Thanks Arnoldo.

19 Mr. Rodriguez:       Hm-hmm (affirmative).

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1 Commissioner Ali: Through the Chair. Uhm -- just in light of the concern of -- in  
2 the e-mail that was expressed for being in the community -- uh --  
3 yes, it's regulated, but regulate -- regulations and rules don't  
4 keep things from happening. So, -- uhm -- did staff look into and  
5 consider are there incidents nationally or locally -- uh -- not  
6 locally because there isn't a site like this, but is there a number of  
7 incidents that occur where there are spills or hazards in this  
8 industry that we should be aware of in the decision making  
9 process?

10 Mr. Rodriguez: From my knowledge and -- uh -- and so most of my experience  
11 comes from coming from Fresno which actually does have  
12 medical waste treatment facilities and has several relatively large  
13 -- uhm -- waste transfer stations that I was directly involved in.  
14 Uhm -- and having conducted -- uhm -- this was a couple years  
15 ago -- uh -- prior to me arriving here -- here at the City of Yuba  
16 City, I could not find anything in the record that -- that medical  
17 waste -- uhm -- uhm -- uhm -- is -- is -- is -- creates any  
18 significant impacts on -- on -- on either or subject to -- to -- uhm  
19 -- to any -- uh -- real extensive damage or -- or -- or -- or cause  
20 for concern. Uhm -- uhm -- again, and this is a relatively small

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1 facility -- uhm -- I have direct experience with relatively large  
2 facilities, including actual -- uhm -- uhm -- the processing of the  
3 waste itself. Not necessarily a transfer station. Uhm -- I know  
4 that I personally, at my old house, which I still own in Fresno, is  
5 probably three-quarters of a mile from a relatively large facility -  
6 - uhm -- that actually has a large number of trucks. I'm gonna  
7 guesstimate maybe 25 trucks -- uhm -- probably three-quarters of  
8 a mile to a mile from my personal house and I never -- it never  
9 raised a red flag for me personally. And that's just again my  
10 personal experience. Uhm -- I cannot say that's exactly what we  
11 should be going off of, but that's just -- uh -- very anecdotally.

12 Commissioner I note in the CEQA document -- uhm -- that -- uh -- under  
13 transportation and traffic -- uh -- it says that -- uhm -- this -- this  
14 new use will -- uh -- generate a very small, insignificant number  
15 of vehicle trips -- uhm -- but there's no quantification of that.  
16 Uhm -- and it also says that many of the waste collection trips  
17 already exist in the area in that the waste collection is already  
18 occurring. Uh -- could you be more specific as to what kind of  
19 waste collection is already occurring out there?

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1 Mr. Rodriguez: Uh -- so the waste collection itself is already required by State  
2 law. So, the actual generators are already in our community.  
3 Uhm -- rather however, the -- the waste collectors, so the trucks  
4 that are actually going in our community to -- or they already  
5 exist in our community; however, rather than taking it to a  
6 facility maybe outside of the community, they'll simply be  
7 commuting in our community for a couple of additional days. So  
8 for example, this facility is -- is not necessarily gonna introduce  
9 additional waste because the hospitals or the medical offices are  
10 currently here. Uhm -- and so in terms of generating additional  
11 waste in our community, it already exists. Uh -- hypothetically,  
12 if a new hospital were to come in, I think the argument could be  
13 made that they're gonna generate additional medical waste. But  
14 in this case, the hospital's already here, it -- it's already serving  
15 the public. Uhm -- in terms of the number of vehicles, the  
16 number of vehicles -- uh -- they've been -- they've been  
17 accounted for in our traffic model because this facility's been  
18 existing. So, whenever you do a -- a -- a trip generation -- uh --  
19 count or trip count, that's currently already accounted for in our  
20 model because the facility itself is already existing. The use

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1                                    itself, as long as it falls within our Development Code, an  
2                                    industrial trip, it -- it -- it's based on the square footage factor --  
3 Commissioner                Hm-hmm (affirmative).  
4 Mr. Rodriguez:              -- of the use itself. And at this facility, at any given time, there  
5                                    may be up -- up to five employees there at any given time which  
6                                    is very comparable for any other type of use -- uh -- for either  
7                                    converting their type of building that's roughly 5,000 square feet,  
8                                    a little bit smaller, of a light industrial use in nature. So, in terms  
9                                    of the number of vehicle trips that are there, it could be this use  
10                                  or it could be the HVAC contractor right now. More than likely,  
11                                  they would generate roughly the same number of trips based on -  
12                                  - on the floor to traffic tables that are -- uhm -- come widely  
13                                  accepted, not only in California, but throughout the West Coast.  
14 Commissioner              Okay, I was just trying to track the number of trips -- uhm --  
15                                  because it wasn't all that clear to me, but thank you.  
16 Mr. Rodriguez:              Okay.  
17 Commissioner              Uh -- that raises another question about could -- uh -- uh --  
18                                  Arnoldo -- uhm -- how are the present waste generators in our  
19                                  area currently dealing with their waste material? How is it being  
20                                  handled presently?

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- 1 Mr. Rodriguez: It's currently being collected by, more than likely, if this  
2 facility's not picking them up, I'm -- I'm confident that there are  
3 other medical waste -- uhm -- uh -- transfer facilities that are  
4 either in our community that are picking them up. Uhm -- at this  
5 point, if he's introducing his business into our community, at that  
6 point, it -- it -- it's more than likely, he's probably gonna be  
7 taking business from existing facilities. Uhm -- it -- it -- it's --  
8 it's -- uhm -- it would really be no different than if a brand new  
9 grocery store were to come in -- into our community. A -- a  
10 brand new grocery store doesn't necessarily -- uh -- uh -- uhm --  
11 uhm -- increase the demand for groceries. It's simply providing  
12 an alternative for people that are gonna buy groceries.
- 13 Commissioner Okay, thank you.
- 14 Commissioner Well, just to follow up on that, I mean, it's a transfer station is  
15 how I see it. Simply a place for the stuff to come in, be stored  
16 for a short period of time, then it's gonna move on to a  
17 processing facility.
- 18 Mr. Rodriguez: Right.
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1 Commissioner            So, to help maybe increase efficiency, I'm just imagining -- I  
2                                don't know the whole thing until we hear from the applicant  
3                                though.

4 Mr. Rodriguez:        Correct. Right, and from speaking -- so, just to follow up on that,  
5                                from speaking with the applicant -- uhm -- right now, and the  
6                                nature of this, because he does not have a transfer facility in the  
7                                area, then the waste itself, he -- he would have to drive it down to  
8                                wherever the facility's at. Uhm -- so, it -- it -- again, it's  
9                                basically kind of -- just to kind of piggy-back on Commissioner  
10                               Bossi's point, it's basically increasing kind of the efficiency of  
11                               the -- of the waste itself. Uhm -- in terms of minimizing kind of  
12                               the number of trips being really placed on Highway 99 driving  
13                               down to Fresno if that's where the end product's actually gonna  
14                               be transferred to.

15 Commissioner        Okay.

16 Chair Shannon:        Okay. With that, I would like to open the public hearing and  
17                                invite anyone that wishes to speak in opposition to this project to  
18                                approach the podium and state your name and address please.

19 Clerk:                 Testing.

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1 Mr. Saldana: Good day Council, thank you. My name is Ruben Saldana. I'm  
2 a property out there on Industrial Drive and -- uh -- we just don't  
3 want this out there. I -- I -- I -- I -- uh -- you know, I hope the  
4 Council would take a drive out there and look out that. There's a  
5 lot of housing there and what we -- and what we had to deal with  
6 (unintelligible) situation with the contamination and -- and  
7 there's not enough answers on this -- uh -- how would the  
8 containers -- we need a picture of the containers -- uh -- what is  
9 the name of the company that wants to put it in so we could use  
10 (unintelligible) on it.

11 Chair Shannon: Eco Compliance?

12 Mr. Saldana: Is it Storage Cycle who's putting this out there? What's the  
13 name of the --

14 Mr. Rodriguez: It's Eco Compliance.

15 Mr. Saldana: I'm sorry.

16 Mr. Rodriguez: Eco Compliance.

17 Mr. Saldana: Eco --

18 Mr. Rodriguez: Yes.

19 Mr. Saldana: Okay. And where would this stuff be taken to once it's there?

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1 Chair Shannon: I imagine that when the -- uhm -- applicant has a chance to  
2 speak, he'll explain that.

3 Mr. Saldana: Well, maybe find a more direct path because you have schools  
4 out there. You know, there -- there's -- uh -- there's quite a lot of  
5 stuff happening. A lot of -- a lot of traffic. You have a truck out  
6 there, you have a -- a -- a fitness place there. People always out  
7 there running. And there's -- and the building itself, I'm familiar  
8 with the building because we're in the process of trying to sell  
9 my building also. And I was told by someone there that it was  
10 gonna be for medical supplies. And this is a far reach from  
11 medical supplies because you gotta remember, biohazard, it's  
12 infectious -- it's infectious waste is what it is.

13 Chair Shannon: It's not necessarily --

14 Mr. Saldana: Yeah, I'm sorry?

15 Chair Shannon: It's not necessarily infectious, it's just biohazard.

16 Mr. Saldana: Well, it kind of -- that it is because you gotta remember, you got  
17 animal parts, you got body fluids -- human body fluids, you have  
18 body parts and that's what it's saying there. And that's what it is.  
19 So, you really need -- you really need to take a good look at this  
20 before you really confirm this. And, you know, I know -- I've

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1                   talked to people out there and they're not, you know, they're --  
2                   they're against it. There's a lot of house there. You -- you really  
3                   need, the Council to take a ride out there and look at this. Uh --  
4                   uh -- look at the area. And the building itself, that building's  
5                   probably over 60 years old. They were built in the '60's, those.  
6                   And there's no fire protection. I don't think there's sprinklers in  
7                   there. There's not sprinklers in any of those buildings. It's a  
8                   wood framed building. And how are you gonna load that outside  
9                   in the rain? If it starts raining, how you gonna load that? Right  
10                  here is the -- you know, they need a canopy, they need something  
11                  there to cover that while they're loading that. It's a high traffic  
12                  area right there. Very high. Right here, there's a truck outfit  
13                  right there. Really high traffic in that corner. But I'm -- I just  
14                  want, you know, that -- that we're totally against that. And I --  
15                  I'm just used to that. I'm really not that close to them, but, you  
16                  know -- uh -- uh -- and for the resale on the property, that's really  
17                  gonna hurt the resale property. It -- it really is. Nobody wants to  
18                  build out there or -- or put something out there with that there. I  
19                  don't think you would like it in your backyard.

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1 Commissioner            Yeah, but the housing is quite -- uh -- quite -- uh -- far removed  
2                                out there.

3 Mr. Saldana:            Not really. If you bring that over --

4 Commissioner            I cannot --

5 Mr. Saldana:            -- probably a quarter mile. Yeah, it's right here.

6 Commissioner:            Yeah.

7 Mr. Saldana:            You got housing all here. Housing here. It's not that far. But  
8                                you really need -- uh -- you know, I don't know how far the  
9                                Council is with this now, but you really need to take a ride out  
10                              there and look at that. There's a really high traffic. The trucks  
11                              are there day and night, especially on that corner. So, you know,  
12                              before, you know, and they need -- you need to show some  
13                              samples of how that stuff's gonna be contained. How are they  
14                              gonna load that when it's raining. And maybe they could find a  
15                              more direct path to where they're taking it. You got a school  
16                              there. I mean, it's, you know, there's no sewer or septic.

17 Chair Shannon:        I think all of your questions are valid and I think that the  
18                              applicant will address those questions when --

19 Mr. Saldana:            Okay.

20 Chair Shannon:        -- when he has his chance to speak.

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1 Mr. Saldana: (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

2 Chair Shannon: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak in opposition?

3 Mr. Yehara: My name's -- uh -- Dave Yehara and I own a piece of property --  
4 uh -- 3137 Industrial Drive. As a matter of fact, it's across the  
5 street and about two buildings down from that facility that's  
6 gonna be -- it's proposed. Anyway -- uh -- we just went through  
7 -- uh -- quite -- 15 years of litigation when John Taylor Chemical  
8 Company, the fertilizer place right behind the -- hold on a  
9 minute, right behind -- uh -- Industrial Drive. Uh -- there's been  
10 a lot of -- uh -- what happened is they contaminate all the ground  
11 water. All our wells were capped off. Uh -- we were forced to  
12 go to the City to get City water. Uh -- we were -- we were  
13 basically locked out with no water until we went and  
14 incorporated within the City. Now, we went through 15 years of  
15 litigation with John Taylor Fertilizer and Dow Chemical, a  
16 number of different chemical companies. Uh -- that whole area  
17 is contaminated from the ground water. Anyway, all I'm trying  
18 to say is we've dealt with it over the years and we don't want to  
19 do it again. I can see maybe having the facility in more of an  
20 isolated area would be more beneficial, but like Ruben just said,

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1                   that's a very high traffic area now with the truck yard right down  
2                   the corner. And matter of fact, there was a -- uh -- car accident  
3                   yesterday right across the street from my shop. Uh -- a person  
4                   was turning into the shop across the street and a car came down  
5                   and hit him. So, it is a very -- uh -- a very high traffic area and --  
6                   and more so every day. So, I -- I would rather see that facility in  
7                   more of an isolated area. It's gotten to be too populated now and  
8                   too much traffic in that area. So -- uh -- yeah, I'd like to see it  
9                   moved or not be there. Thank you.

10 Chair Shannon:       Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak in opposition? There  
11                   being none, I will invite the applicant as the first -- uhm --  
12                   supporter in speaking for this project. Or whoever can give us  
13                   the full skinny.

14 Mr. Mesala:           Thank you Madam Chair, members of the Commission, good  
15                   evening. My name is George Masala (phonetic), I'm with North  
16                   Valley Engineering in Yuba City and I'm the engineer for the  
17                   project. And I just want to thank your Commission and staff for  
18                   -- uh -- for presenting this -- uh -- item for consideration. We  
19                   looked through your staff report and we are in agreement with all  
20                   the conditions of approval. Uh -- we're here to answer your

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1                    questions. Uh -- I think what I'd like to do on the specifics of the  
2                    operation of the -- of the facility, I think it's more appropriate to -  
3                    - to pass it to Reza who is the -- who is more familiar with this  
4                    and -- uh -- between me and him, I think we can answer all your  
5                    questions. So, at this stage, I'd like to -- to pass it to the -- to the  
6                    owner. Thank you.

7 Applicant:            Thank you Madam Chairperson and Commissioners and Council  
8                    members for having us over this evening. I'm -- uh -- here on  
9                    behalf of Eco Compliance Corporation, a medical waste  
10                   transporter licensed by the Federal EPA, State Department of  
11                   Health, the Department of Toxic and Hazardous Waste  
12                   Transportation, California Department of Transportation and also  
13                   the United States Department of Transportation. I'd like to make  
14                   several general comments regarding the industry that  
15                   unfortunately -- uh -- uh -- creates a stigma for and some non-  
16                   factual scenarios that -- that we're faced with every day and just  
17                   through being in the industry, we learn that even ourselves what  
18                   we used to know, it -- it's not really the fact. We handle and  
19                   transport your everyday medical and dental waste. That's what  
20                   you do when you go to the doctor or hospital and your dental

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1 facilities. They consist of what they call just your general titled  
2 red bag waste tissues -- uh -- paper towels or anything that -- that  
3 is non-sharp related material that is collected at the medical  
4 facilities. And the second is the Sharps which are your needles  
5 and other -- uh -- procedural -- uh -- uh -- that the doctors and the  
6 hospitals use. They exist in every community unless you're  
7 aware there are no medical facilities or a community, period. We  
8 are highly regulated by the federal and the state agencies, not to  
9 mention the local and -- and if there are oversights, but as we get  
10 licensed, we get audited and inspected. We make reports to the  
11 State Department of Health for the community's generated  
12 waste, to the 10<sup>th</sup> and sometimes the 100<sup>th</sup> -- uh -- decibel of  
13 what is collected in one community. There is no such thing of a  
14 licensed and a permitted company not currently servicing Yuba  
15 City. It does. It's just if it's not within town, you won't see the  
16 trucks there. They don't have a -- a big light on it and sign, but  
17 they come to the hospitals, they collect them and they are on the  
18 road until they reach the treatment facilities. In the State of  
19 California, treatment of waste incineration is not permitted.  
20 Nothing exists. The commercial incinerations in the United

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1 States are divided between the State of Texas and Baltimore,  
2 Maryland. So, Yuba City medical facilities waste that is  
3 warranted for incineration that you don't see is traveled across  
4 the country. On your roads, it's parked on your streets and -- uh  
5 -- uh -- essentially, it has to be handled, you know, according to  
6 the regulations. We do the same in different communities that  
7 we have accounts with. We collect them and -- and I'll refer to  
8 efficiency, we drive them out to Fresno. You mentioned the  
9 treatment facility, it's only AutoCAD -- commercial AutoCAD  
10 that's allowed in the State. And most of them that are available  
11 to commercial operators are in the -- uh -- City of Fresno or in  
12 the outskirts of Fresno. There are private ones and -- and I'll  
13 correct myself as well in the incineration, but that's for federal  
14 government and -- and they're, you know, private use. It's not  
15 available to commercially operated companies. There are two  
16 types of containers that your everyday medical facility and dental  
17 facilities use. Also highly regulated by the State and the  
18 Department of Health that -- that grants them their medical  
19 license and medical operations permit. They're a sealed Sharps  
20 container. These are all for your needles and anything that --

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1                   that's essentially intrusive. You can get pinched or, you know,  
2                   can puncture the skin and they come in a very small, you know,  
3                   the maximum size that exists for big hospitals, I think they're  
4                   about 16 gallons. The containers are sealed. They're of a very  
5                   high grade plastic that if they drop or they fall down or, you  
6                   know, they -- they -- they -- even on the truck, if there's an  
7                   accident, they don't just open up or crack or have anything spill  
8                   from them. If they're liquids in any of the medical facilities that  
9                   require transportation, they as well are in a maximum 15 gallon -  
10                  - ordinary size in the industry is about 5 gallons, but, you know,  
11                  they are also of a specialized containers with polyurethane  
12                  linings and if they fall down, they don't crack. Your paper  
13                  towels or towels or anything non -- uh -- intrusive to skin, is kept  
14                  in your regular brute containers that you buy from Home Depot.  
15                  With an exception that specially designed bags, and that's why  
16                  they call them red bags for -- uh -- special bags are used by the  
17                  hospital as like your garbage bags in your kitchen. But they're  
18                  much, much more stronger, they're designed to collect and keep -  
19                  - uh -- paper towels, gloves, tissues or anything that the hospitals  
20                  or the dental staff dispose and you don't want it to find its way to

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1                    your everyday solid waste or the kitchen waste. These bags then  
2                    are placed by the generators in these plastic containers that there  
3                    are three different sizes in the industry that are about 95% of the  
4                    business. 20 gallon, 32 gallon and 44. Though other sizes exist,  
5                    no one uses them for the -- uh -- Department of Transportation's  
6                    -- uh -- driver safety. And as well as OSHA. You can't pick up  
7                    a 55 gallon -- uh -- driver without having adequate dollies or --  
8                    and help. So, no one in the industry uses anything more than 44.  
9                    So, their weight isn't really anything above the tear away plus,  
10                   you know, tissue and -- and so forth, ranging anywhere between I  
11                   want to say 25 to about 40 pounds maximum is what -- what  
12                   these containers contain. I'd like to touch -- uh -- a bit on what a  
13                   medical bio-waste is. Not hazardous waste. There's no blood  
14                   born pathogen that arrives from the containers that your doctor  
15                   keeps after your visit. There's no airborne infectious diseases  
16                   that come out of those containers that are sitting in the same  
17                   doctor's office that you go for a visit and there was a patient  
18                   there before you. And at the time, they're not up to 75% full.  
19                   According to the State law, they're not sealed because once you  
20                   seal them, you can't unseal them. I know I have. I take my

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1 children and I know every one of us have made a visit to a doctor  
2 where they have their special bins there and it's not sealed. So,  
3 there's -- there's no airborne diseases that come out of these.  
4 They're non-corrosive. As I -- I said, non-toxic and they exist.  
5 The plan about a transfer facility generated from a State  
6 regulation, both DTSE, Department of Toxic Waste and  
7 Department of Health. They have three different range of  
8 permits that they grant to companies that handle medical waste,  
9 such as ourselves. And those come with time limits that you as  
10 an operator are allowed to be in possession of that waste. If you  
11 are a transporter of waste, your waste must be in a treatment  
12 facility that you have contracted and you have informed the -- the  
13 -- the State who you're contracted and -- uh -- treatment facility  
14 that you work with and that's at -- uh -- 11:59 p.m. So, come  
15 strike of Midnight, you're not allowed to have the waste in your -  
16 - on your -- in your trucks or whatever your premise you're  
17 working out of. Next step would be a transfer station. It allows  
18 you a seven-day window to collect the waste and, you know,  
19 once a week go to wherever your (unintelligible) facility is, in  
20 our case, it's Fresno. And if you're a treatment facility itself, if

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1                   you're a waste processor like the Fresno -- uh -- companies that  
2                   we -- we contract with, they're allowed a -- a whole wide range  
3                   of 30 day to a 90 day depending of -- of what the collection of  
4                   the waste is. But in terms of a transporter and a transfer station,  
5                   it's about a one-day to a -- to a seven-day. Most of the logic  
6                   behind the transfer station is for safety of a community. No  
7                   matter what it is that the -- the generators generate, whether  
8                   they're Sharps, whether they're red bag waste, at the end of the  
9                   day, when they're mandated by State to have it collected by a  
10                  licensed operator who's in -- uh -- themselves are subject to high  
11                  levels of audits and inspections -- uh -- the State is, especially  
12                  California as -- amongst other states are extremely, extremely  
13                  cognizant of what happens in the medical waste community. So,  
14                  these -- these particular audits and inspections only bring benefit  
15                  to a community that currently is generating waste. So, it's not a  
16                  bizarre scenario for -- for Yuba City that it -- uh -- medical waste  
17                  is being produced here, generated by different doctors. Whereas  
18                  if we or other companies would service a specific area in a  
19                  region, there are no State influences -- audits or inspections  
20                  within that city other than what they impose as -- as the law and

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1                   the regulations go to the generators. In our case, being right in  
2                   Yuba City, the State would on a quarterly, and sometimes they  
3                   do it on a monthly basis, especially when you -- when you first  
4                   get it started, they want to make sure you're -- uh -- right on the  
5                   right track and they sometimes collaborate with a local  
6                   Department of Health as well and, you know, everyone kind of  
7                   sits around the roundtable and we follow these regulations to  
8                   make sure that we're obeying by all these -- uh -- laws and the  
9                   regulations set by State. So, it opens a whole channel of being  
10                  more environmentally savvy, following the regulations,  
11                  following the State laws of how to handle the medical waste, bio-  
12                  waste that is generated by these -- uh -- by these people. I've  
13                  heard some questions regarding the actual property itself that --  
14                  that we were shown and -- uh -- we found that's suitable for this.  
15                  The number of transport trucks or vans, as we all have them, are -  
16                  - uh -- I'll give you the size. It's roughly about 100 and -- uh --  
17                  your normal -- uh -- transportation vans, cargo van's about 118 to  
18                  about a maximum of 136-inch wheel base. Either your Ford or  
19                  Dodge trucks that -- or the vans that we use. The set facility has  
20                  three roll up doors. One in the front that is the largest and two on

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1                   the side from the gated area that these vans, you know, back up --  
2                   uh -- offload the waste or un, you know, load the waste and  
3                   leave. And two on the side for any larger truck which -- uh -- in  
4                   our business plan has never reached -- uh -- larger than your  
5                   largest -- uh -- U-Haul rental truck. I think it's about a 24 or a 26  
6                   footer. Uhm -- uh -- the area itself is not large enough -- uh -- of  
7                   a city or population or county that you would have, you know, 53  
8                   foot 18-wheelers and so forth, especially when you're not  
9                   shipping, you know, once a month or once a quarter. Uh -- if  
10                  you're doing it on a weekly basis as your permits mandate, you --  
11                  you really don't have those -- those large -- uh -- trucks that  
12                  come in. Even though the size on that yard that we're going to  
13                  develop and make -- uh -- safe for entry and so forth permits. So,  
14                  every one of these vans enter, back up the containers exactly how  
15                  they were sealed by the generators, the doctors and the dentists,  
16                  are offloaded, placed in that -- uh -- warehouse facility. Every  
17                  Friday, the vans that are taking that to Fresno will load them, the  
18                  roll up doors roll up and they head off south. And that's -- that  
19                  the gist of the operation. No treatment, there's no -- uh --  
20                  opening them. And again, (clearing throat) excuse me, we have a

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1 manifest system from a generator to the treatment facility and  
2 back to the generator with a certificate of destruction that is  
3 extremely -- uh -- harsh in terms of audits, inspections and  
4 regulations. There are no warning signs. If you don't keep them  
5 properly, your permit to operate from the State is in jeopardy.  
6 So, as they come in from the doctors, these are specific to what it  
7 is, the container. Uh -- the containers all have, you know,  
8 specific tags on them, all of your -- uh -- warnings that you have  
9 to put by the law, bar code, numbers. So, because when it goes  
10 to the transfer facility, they don't want to mix, you know, my  
11 containers with someone else's and so forth. So, they're very  
12 well identified. And as they come in, if they're not adequately  
13 sealed, the technicians that are the drivers who pick these up, are  
14 not permitted to remove them from the premises of the doctors,  
15 the hospitals or the facilities until they're sealed. Human error  
16 occurs, but that's why we have these technicians certified and  
17 licensed and, you know, they know what they're doing. They'll  
18 make sure they're sealed before they take them out of the waste  
19 room of the hospitals or the doctors. They're tagged, their noted,  
20 there's about a half a dozen signatures that goes on these

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1 manifests. They're brought out, placed here and the same way  
2 they go to Fresno, the same level of manifests come back and  
3 finally, it reaches the States. Copy, a hard copy is kept and the  
4 rest is circulated to everyone that needs to have a copy as well  
5 until the waste is destroyed. A certificate comes back again to  
6 every channel and finally rests with the doctor. Evidence of a  
7 proper disposal of the waste that they generate. So, there's --  
8 there's never ever a container that will reach this facility, that I  
9 will even go one step behind and say that's ever placed on our  
10 trucks, that are extension of our business under our permits, that  
11 have been sealed inadequately. So, I -- uh -- in this in a nutshell  
12 and the gist of what we do and what really medical bio-waste is.  
13 And I'm happy to answer any questions if -- uh -- if I can at this  
14 time.

15 Chair Shannon: Well, I have a list.

16 Applicant: Yes.

17 Chair Shannon: So, I'm gonna go through all of them and you can just -- we'll go  
18 back through them.

19 Applicant: Yes, ma'am.

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1 Chair Shannon: Because -- uhm -- some of them you sort of touched on. Uhm --  
2 number one, what other communities does Eco Compliance have  
3 facilities in? You mentioned that the inspections are monthly,  
4 quarterly, no longer than quarterly. Uhm -- what do you do in  
5 the event of a power failure, a fire or a flood? How are the red  
6 bags sealed? And biohazardous waste like surgery removals, you  
7 know, big body tissue things, not paper towels, who does -- who  
8 takes that? That's the incineration stuff. You guys don't do that  
9 I'm -- I'm assuming from what you're saying. Uhm -- and -- and  
10 one final just curiosity thing, will the public have access to bring  
11 in their Sharpe containers?

12 Applicant: Great question. We service the Northern California community  
13 first and foremost. We're out of San Jose, California, essentially  
14 the Bay Area. And as of I will say very beginning, first quarter  
15 of 2016, we expanded in providing service also to Southern  
16 California. And we're in the midst of -- uh -- going up to the  
17 northern States, Oregon and Washington. So, that's in the  
18 business plan in the -- in the next at least two years as we have it.  
19 Hence, the decision's strategically to select -- uh -- this area,  
20 Yuba City, or anything on 99 corridor that would kind of split the

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1 State. We do not have any other transfer facility anywhere in the  
2 State of California. The Yuba City application we put in is our --  
3 the very first. The waste that you refer to -- uh -- if our human  
4 organs -- uhm -- you know, body tissues and so forth, they -- they  
5 come in a -- a whole different category and the generators that --  
6 uhm -- like path labs, they do a lot of, you know, culture and --  
7 uh -- uh -- human tissues or facilities that do organs and so forth,  
8 we have never in -- in our existence have ever serviced those --  
9 uh -- generators or facilities, nor, you know, do we have the  
10 proper -- uh -- logistics and -- and the business plan in -- in plan  
11 where yes, they are incineratable to get those out to -- uh --  
12 Baltimore, Maryland. So, there are companies that are much,  
13 much larger, publicly traded companies as the gentleman  
14 mentioned (unintelligible), they have divisions and incinerators  
15 of their own and so forth that they cater to those -- uh -- almost a  
16 very few in the crowd of medical waste generators. Pathology  
17 labs have what -- what -- as a path lab, you have both. They're  
18 very used to contracting two companies that handle each side of  
19 their waste stream. And -- uh -- we do service a path lab  
20 currently in Marin County -- uh -- which is Marin General

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1 Hospital, Marin Pathology and -- and they have two companies  
2 that handle their waste stream. We do their regular, you know,  
3 day-to-day red bag and so forth. They have another company  
4 that -- uh -- specializes in more of a hazardous toxic corrosive  
5 material than a non-toxic -- uh -- medical waste. So, the  
6 generators who would approach, we always have our -- our, you  
7 know, our response is we handle X, Y, Z and for the other ones,  
8 you have to contact I think it's a handful of operators, I want to  
9 say, in the whole western region of the United States that are  
10 even permitted to do that. But -- uh -- neither do we have the  
11 permits for it or we even have it in our operating procedure to --  
12 to handle those. The red bags are tied with your zip ties, these  
13 specially provided. The bag manufacturers actually provide that  
14 to the generators. They put the zip tie and they put those bags in  
15 the containers. They close the containers and they leave them in  
16 the waste room for our collection.

17 Chair Shannon: Are they air tight?

18 Applicant: They're absolutely air tight. Absolutely.

19 Chair Shannon: Okay.

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1 Applicant: Uhm -- I -- I have to add something because it's critical even  
2 though it's not waste related. Eco Compliance Corporation is  
3 also a -- uh -- fully licensed and certified OSHA compliance  
4 services provider which is -- uh -- uh -- exclusive to the direction  
5 of medical and dental facilities as -- as broad as OSHA is. There  
6 are handful of licensees in the State of California that have -- uh -  
7 - the level of authorization that can, you know, they're -- we call  
8 them the trainer's trainer. And that part of our business is, you  
9 know, what they do, their daily operations is to educate and train  
10 your medical waste generators as to what the State laws are, what  
11 the federal laws are and more specifically, and as -- as stringent  
12 has become since -- uh -- January 1, how OSHA is, you know,  
13 cracking down on irresponsible generators. We provide -- uh --  
14 full courses of training, seminars and -- uh -- you know, -- uh --  
15 OSHA binders, booklets and a staff member on a -- on a -- uh --  
16 you know, available to consult your doctors, your dentists and  
17 your hospitals to make sure that they're all in compliance with  
18 state and federal level. Additionally, we are a handful of  
19 companies that provide a 24-hour emergency waste hotline.  
20 That's both for cleanup and collection. So, -- uhm -- it -- it

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1                   hasn't happened in my time as -- as the leader of this ship, but  
2                   that's not to say that a facility will not have an emergency waste  
3                   scenario or spillage at, you know, 2:00 in the morning and they  
4                   require someone to tend to it for public health purposes, clean it  
5                   up and so forth, seal it, bag it and then remove it from the  
6                   premises. And we do actually offer that as well.

7 Chair Shannon:       Do you respond to law enforcement situations?

8 Applicant:            Absolutely. Uhm -- not since I've been with the company, but  
9                   both -- uh -- the technicians and the Compliance Officer came  
10                   from a -- a company -- uh -- also local to where our current -- uh  
11                   -- jurisdiction is in -- uh -- Bay Area. They used to service -- uh --  
12                   - county jails -- uhm -- state prison system -- uhm -- I think one  
13                   of them was in -- uh -- Susanville up here. Uhm -- you know,  
14                   different pharmacies -- uh -- and what they would do as a -- uh --  
15                   almost a -- a community drug collection as different law  
16                   enforcement agencies, the Sheriff's Department, the police  
17                   department would put out to take, you know, bottles of  
18                   prescription drugs or your everyday -- uh -- uh --  
19                   pharmaceuticals brought in, you drop it in so it's disposed  
20                   properly rather than a lot of people and, believe me, the statistics

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1                   on this is -- is mindboggling. They'll -- they'll just drop it in the  
2                   kitchen -- uh -- uh -- you know, garbage right under your sink.  
3                   So, yes, they have experience with this extensively. I've only  
4                   been with the company for about two years. So, during my reign,  
5                   no. I -- I've never had any of those, but --

6 Chair Shannon:       So, that would be something that would be handled by another  
7                   branch of your company, but not this facility.

8 Applicant:           Well, the -- yes, the transporters, you know, they're all part of  
9                   under the same umbrella. They work either the -- you know, the  
10                  one van that we have designated for, you know, to be placed here  
11                  is going to be here with that one driver and then we have the  
12                  Southern California and we have the Bay Area. When we get  
13                  these accounts to assist either the Sheriff's Department -- uh --  
14                  different pharmacies where they have these collection scenarios,  
15                  those contracts are then handled by those drivers. We pick up the  
16                  waste. Again, pharmaceuticals are -- are also very -- uh --  
17                  specialized containers. They're usually blue or white, but they  
18                  have to have a blue sign. They have the proper labels on them.  
19                  They're sealed and they're handed to our technicians and to our  
20                  drivers. If those are part of -- uh -- we don't have current

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1 collections in the Yuba City vicinity or the area, but assuming  
2 that, you know, we get those accounts, same thing. We're in --  
3 uh -- kind of a supplemental support to them. They do it, we  
4 make sure we're there, it's in compliance, they seal it, they put it  
5 in our trucks, they're kept until the Friday trip to Fresno. So, --  
6 uhm -- we may or we may not, as of now, we don't have any of  
7 those customers Madam Chairperson, but if they come up, our  
8 expertise and our permits and -- and what we can do and train  
9 them to operate safely for the public health purposes just goes  
10 hand to hand with being able to -- to be here and provide them  
11 the -- the services as needed.

12 Chair Shannon: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else have any questions?

13 Commissioner Yeah, I -- I -- I'd like to clarify something. Uh -- the waste that  
14 you collect -- uh -- locally here from the various generators, that  
15 waste, and you transport those to the transfer station in Fresno  
16 where it is destroyed. Is it destroyed by incineration and how is  
17 it destroyed (inaudible) (both speaking at once).

18 Applicant: A commercial AutoCAD -- a commercial autoclave. They don't  
19 incinerate in California. They -- uh -- they -- uh -- treat the waste  
20 via autoclave --

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- 1 Commissioner           What's that mean? Would you explain?
- 2 Applicant:               It's a -- yes, of course. A big cylinder where they use steam.
- 3                               High grade -- I think about 4,000 degrees of steam and it's, you
- 4                               know, first steamed and then crushed into a biodegradable,
- 5                               almost a landfill stuff. And --
- 6 Commissioner           Oh, that's how it's destroyed then too.
- 7 Applicant:               Yes, in a commercial autoclave. It's nothing different that your
- 8                               little autoclave machines in your dentist office where they use it
- 9                               to sterilize the -- uh -- their tools. This one is just, you know, a
- 10                              big huge cylinder, massive, and can do several tons of -- of waste
- 11                              that they -- uh -- put in there, you know, per hour or per day
- 12                              depending on the size.
- 13 Commissioner           Okay, and that would be --
- 14 Applicant:               And they're all in Fresno.
- 15 Commissioner           -- transporting this -- uh -- waste to the transfer station -- uh --
- 16                              what, weekly? Is that -- uh -- your plan?
- 17 Applicant:               Yes, once a week on Fridays.
- 18 Commissioner           Okay. All right. Thank you.
- 19 Applicant:               Of course. Thank you, sir.
- 20 Chair Shannon:           Anyone else have questions? Uhm -- Paul?
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1 Commissioner Basi: Uhm -- just -- uhm -- so, I just want to clarify as well. So, I  
2 mean, the waste is gonna go here at the transfer station. Then it's  
3 gonna make its way over to Fresno.

4 Applicant: Yes, sir.

5 Commissioner Basi: And so the -- clarifying the waste, so there's the number one type  
6 you said there's towels and that kind of waste and then there's --  
7 then you've got the Sharpe needles. Then the third one is  
8 liquids?

9 Applicant: Some generators have liquids. Uhm -- the -- the -- very, very,  
10 very small percentage of -- uh -- for instance -- uh -- dental  
11 offices and they're very -- uh -- few left now, but not to say that  
12 they actually do exist, they still -- when you do your x-ray with  
13 them, they're not digital and they still use the same fixer  
14 developer that like your photo processing -- uh -- uh -- that's  
15 when -- when we would process photo -- photos -- uh -- from our  
16 cameras. So, they have those -- uh -- special containers where  
17 their x-ray facility is and this fixer developer, which is liquid,  
18 goes in these five gallon specialized containers and they're sealed  
19 and then when they're full -- uh -- they ask us to remove it.  
20 They're taken to a -- uh -- not the same treatment facility as your

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1                   medical waste. It's a specialized -- uh -- uh -- disposal center for  
2                   that in San Rafael in Marin County and they're the only in the  
3                   area that handle those. And time to time -- uh -- I want to say  
4                   less than half a percent of our current customer base -- uh -- the -  
5                   - the dental customer base -- uh -- still operate with those. So, in  
6                   the whole fiscal year, 2015, I think we collected maybe three of  
7                   those, the three five gallon ones from the dental practices. And I  
8                   want to say less than that in 2016 to year to date. So, there are  
9                   not that many of them left, but, you know, they do exist.

10 Commissioner Basi:    Okay.

11 Applicant:            I'm not sure what the -- the number is in Yuba City, but if they  
12                   do we're also properly licensed to dispose of those. So, they're  
13                   not -- believe it or not, and this mind boggling, poured down --  
14                   uh -- your regular sink which happens every day which  
15                   contaminates your water, the earth, bad for the environment and  
16                   nobody's looking. So, one of the benefits we have, every  
17                   community we go, there's so many people at the state and the  
18                   federal level and EPA that are looking where the public health  
19                   safety being number one, and that's really our business model in  
20                   the mission statement because essentially we have to be -- uh --

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1 licensed operators under those regulations to advocate for that.  
2 We're here to make sure the community health is not damaged or  
3 disturbed by generators being trained, tolled and sometimes  
4 reported -- uh -- to the authorities if they're not responsibly -- uh  
5 -- disposing of their waste. Because it is expensive. And when  
6 you have an expensive service, you're gonna have people that are  
7 -- either are not used to it since the regulations have changed, or  
8 they just don't care or they want to take a chance and -- uh -- you  
9 know, they -- they evade the law or -- and we report them. Our  
10 existence is almost policing that environment to make sure that  
11 community health -- uh -- stays intact, so.

12 Commissioner Basi: I appreciate that.

13 Applicant: Of course.

14 Commissioner Basi: The -- so, the -- the other part of my question was I know we had  
15 just mentioned fluid, so is there any blood that is handled at all or  
16 none?

17 Applicant: No, we don't handle any blood.

18 Commissioner Basi: Okay, I just wanted to clarify that.

19 Applicant: Uhm -- there are just -- just to be specific, you know, there may  
20 be bloody towels that the emergency room has put in those red

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1 bags that are collected in that red bag, but you know, it's not like  
2 dripping or a pool of or -- or, you know, in a -- a liquid container.  
3 They have very stringent regulations on that as well and most  
4 county -- uh -- state or private hospitals of reputation are  
5 extremely well-rounded on what to do with those. Our target,  
6 when I say we try to -- in addition to providing the necessary  
7 service for the -- for the community's benefit, when I say we  
8 police them, are about 80% of small practices. And some of the  
9 new urgent care centers that have been -- in the last three years  
10 you've seen them popping up for the -- the Affordable Medicare  
11 Act and so forth. Uhm -- bottom dollar for them may mean -- uh  
12 -- you know, let -- let's try to cut corners and so forth. So,  
13 they've been majority -- 80% of our targets when we go in. And  
14 if we see something that is not adequate, the DPA, Public Health  
15 -- uh -- Department of Public Health is called and I wouldn't  
16 want to be them. If you're very familiar with what they do and --  
17 and how they treat -- uh -- medical facility owners or doctors, the  
18 fines -- well, that's OSHA fines. They're -- they're absolutely --  
19 uh -- you know, five figure and high. But the Department of  
20 Health of mishandling the medical waste under that doctor or the

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1 dentist's license, there's no slap on the wrist or a warning or a  
2 fine. It -- it -- it's -- it's really important, public health is at stake  
3 here. The immediate suspension and revocation of the  
4 practitioner's license has been the number -- the go to for the  
5 DPH for -- since they've been enforcing this as far as I know and  
6 the statistics exist. So, we usually face these people, state the  
7 fact, it is published, you want to take that chance or, you know,  
8 would you like to take care of this properly. And 95% of the  
9 time, logic's does its job and -- and we're contracted to handle it  
10 properly.

11 Commissioner Basi: Okay, well thank you for that -- uhm --

12 Applicant: Yes.

13 Commissioner Basi: -- and the scenarios and --

14 Applicant: Of course.

15 Commissioner Basi: -- information, but I also wanted to follow up on -- Chairperson  
16 Shannon's comments about, you know, what are your  
17 representative measures for flood and fire at the building.

18 Applicant: And thank you for reminding me of that question. That's where  
19 that OSHA thing came in that I -- I added. We follow the -- uh --  
20 the same -- no different than the -- your regular, you know, -- uh

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1           -- medical supply or your regular -- uh -- total -- uh -- emergency  
2           evacuation, flood, fire, you know, whatever the -- the codes are at  
3           the local, state level that -- that we're operating in. We follow  
4           that fully. Uh -- fire extinguishers -- uh -- in fact, we -- we  
5           almost can't be looked at as not practicing what we preach. And  
6           when you're out there -- uh -- as one of the few -- uh -- OSHA  
7           spokesperson, spokespeople, and you're telling them they have to  
8           do this, they have to do that, their emergency exit strategy, they  
9           have to have signs here, you really can't have staff out there  
10          doing all of that when your own house isn't properly -- uh -- set  
11          as an example for these guys. So, whatever your safety  
12          guidelines would be, I could assure you our facilities both current  
13          and future will follow. And in sometimes -- uh -- in some cases -  
14          - uh -- Councilmember, we've surpassed that to set examples as  
15          what the codes are in -- in my opinion and sometimes some --  
16          some regions of the code could be -- uh -- redrafted to be better  
17          for public safety. And some are better. We usually go a few  
18          steps behind because it -- it -- not only it speaks of our  
19          knowledge of what we're trying -- the services we're trying to  
20          sell, but at the same time, we invite them as examples to see if

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1                   you really want to get the best exit plan in case of emergency for  
2                   your employees' safety, come and see our office. So, I'll call it a  
3                   showroom for, you know, the services that you sell. So, every  
4                   measure you can imagine, as we've also discussed with the -- the  
5                   -- uh -- the Planning meeting, will be taken to make sure that it's  
6                   -- it's all (inaudible) (both speaking at once).

7 Commissioner Basi: (Unintelligible).

8 Chair Shannon: I -- I think --

9 Commissioner Basi: Madam, one more comment, question.

10 Chair Shannon: On the same subject?

11 Commissioner Basi: Probably on the fire sprinklers. So Mr. -- uh -- Saldano, you  
12 know, one of your neighboring properties had expressed -- uhm -  
13 - a concern regarding that building that it's old and it may be  
14 outdated and we're not certain if there's fire sprinklers in there.  
15 So, that's something, you know, I would like to put into, you  
16 know, the -- as a condition most likely. So --

17 Applicant: Hm-hmm (affirmative).

18 Commissioner Basi: -- that it's there for safety.

19 Applicant: Good.

20 Commissioner Basi: Yeah.

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- 1 Chair Shannon: The other thing about this -- uhm -- flood, fire and so forth --  
2 uhm -- I was not so concerned about the people. I mean, I would  
3 hope that any astute business owner would have an escape plan.  
4 I mean, and OSHA requires it.
- 5 Applicant: Hm-hmm (affirmative).
- 6 Chair Shannon: The question that I have, and it comes from watching what's  
7 going on on the East Coast, if we were to have a flood, if we  
8 were to have a tornado, which we do occasionally, randomly  
9 have them, and it takes out your building or your building is  
10 filled with water -- uhm -- if the -- if everything's airtight, it's  
11 gonna float.
- 12 Applicant: Hm-hmm (affirmative).
- 13 Chair Shannon: I'm -- I'm making a supposition here, but this is --
- 14 Applicant: Yes, ma'am.
- 15 Chair Shannon: -- this is where that question is directed. I guess I should be more  
16 concerned with the people, but I'm concerned with the waste.
- 17 Applicant: Yes.
- 18 Chair Shannon: And if there is a natural disaster of some sort, what kind of plans  
19 do you have for that?
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1 Applicant: Sure. Good question. First of all, the -- the containers are kept at  
2 a certain height off the floor. That's for several different reasons.  
3 You know, call it flood or, you know -- uhm -- uh -- ease of and  
4 safety for loading and unloading and so forth because of the --  
5 the -- uh -- truck beds or the -- the beds of the van. But at the  
6 same time, we are in a -- uh -- earthquake prone State and I'm --  
7 I'm not even going as far as tornado or --

8 Chair Shannon: Right.

9 Applicant: -- so, they're not just -- uh -- imagine -- just imagine the platform  
10 that I'm speaking of where the waste is placed. It's not just, you  
11 know, placed right there unattended and, you know, you can kick  
12 it and it drops off. They're kind of kept securely where  
13 movement is limited. Uh -- if there is earthquake, you know,  
14 your containers, even though they're designed and built in the  
15 way where, you know, they can fall off the truck at 65 miles an  
16 hour and they're not going to, you know, explode into -- into the  
17 freeways, but even so -- uh -- we secure them as they're standing  
18 idle until the transportation time where they're not -- uh -- freely  
19 moved and -- uh -- you know -- uh -- there's very limited in the  
20 industry how you can do that because remember, you can't -- uh

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1                   -- puncture them. You can't have -- uh -- uh -- any kind of  
2                   encroachment that is so substantial where -- uh -- you kind of go  
3                   overboard. But it is -- it is kept in a way where it won't freely,  
4                   you know -- uh -- go in or go out, you know, change very nicely.  
5                   Non-intrusive and then when they're ready to be loaded, they're  
6                   opened, they're placed and then they're gone. But they are kept  
7                   above ground to -- to a level where, you know, (inaudible) (both  
8                   speaking at once).

9   Chair Shannon:       So, if a container floats out the door and down the road, --

10   Applicant:            Pardon me?

11   Chair Shannon:       A container floating down the road in a flood is still going to be  
12                         secure.

13   Applicant:            Yes. Uh -- uh -- yes. It's just gonna --

14   Chair Shannon:       Okay.

15   Applicant:            -- yeah, it won't open up in a -- in a flood.

16   Chair Shannon:       Okay.

17   Applicant:            I mean, I -- I -- you know, if a -- if a tornado picks it up and  
18                         smashes it at 65 miles an hour against a -- a concrete wall, I  
19                         mean, I don't know what the -- the schematics of those  
20                         containers are to withhold that, but no, it will not open in a -- in a

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1                   running water flood. They're not gonna leave our facility or the  
2                   platform where they're kept by an earthquake that is, you know,  
3                   up to -- uh -- not being an expert, but up to a certain shake -- uh -  
4                   - and so yes, we want to -- the -- the bottom line is, we want to  
5                   make sure, for efficiency of the operation, simply -- simplicity of  
6                   loading and unloading and in addition to that, security of these  
7                   containers within the -- the premises. The measures we'll take --  
8                   uh -- you'll see that it would -- it would -- uh -- correctly respond  
9                   to some of these concerns that you're bringing up as well.

10 Chair Shannon:       Thank you.

11 Applicant:           Of course.

12 Commissioner:       Uh -- the waste if I could -- the waste that you collect from the --  
13                   uh -- local mortuaries, I assume that's primarily liquid.

14 Applicant:           Mortuaries have a combination -- uh -- yes. They do have a lot  
15                   of solid. And --

16 Commissioner:       Oh, they do?

17 Applicant:           -- yes, of course. They have a lot of solid and those who dispose  
18                   -- in mortuaries specifically, who dispose in a liquid form -- uh --  
19                   we have a free training for them. Our technicians train them for  
20                   free. You're supposed to -- it's very easy to soak them in towel

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1 and properly dispose it in a container with a red bag or whatever  
2 the applicable regulation is for that particular waste rather than  
3 just, you know, keeping it in the liquid form. It's a bit heavier --  
4 uh -- but much easier for transportation. Uh -- it's like a sponge  
5 effect, you know. It -- it'll soak it up, it's safer, it can't spill, and  
6 so it'll be 100% spill proof. So, we set these training -- uh --  
7 trainings for facilities that have not been told or caught on that  
8 there are ways to -- uh -- transform -- uh -- your waste into much,  
9 much more safe -- uh -- waste that could be transported in this  
10 way. But some of them do have, yes, -- uh -- liquid still. They  
11 haven't been trained and same as those fixer developer. If it's a -  
12 - if it's a waste stream specific under a certain permit, they call  
13 those companies. If it's not, it's the like fixer developer like for  
14 example I'm -- I'm using an example, then under our permits,  
15 what we're allowed to, we will properly dispose it to the right --  
16 right treatment center.

17 Commissioner: And the waste that you collect there, that's -- uh -- in sealed  
18 containers I assume?

19 Applicant: Absolutely. All waste in California must be in sealed containers.  
20 Or the generators are in trouble.

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1 Commissioner: Okay. All right, thank you.

2 Applicant: Yes, sir.

3 Chair Shannon: Commissioner Ali.

4 Commissioner Ali: Thank you Madam Chair. Uhm -- my question is you had  
5 mentioned that this is your first transfer station and that you're  
6 expanding to Northern California and up into Oregon. Are you  
7 planning to do transfer stations in multiple communities or are  
8 you anticipating having Yuba City be the location for all of this  
9 to come and then be gathered and taken to Fresno?

10 Applicant: No -- uh -- uh -- business wise, the logistically and so forth, you  
11 only have a certain radius within your -- the -- your jurisdiction  
12 that you're operating and you're providing waste services to -- to  
13 generators that it would make sense to, you know, have a  
14 collection and a transfer station. So, I'll give you an example,  
15 you know, if we ever expand to Shasta or close to Oregon border  
16 -- well, it -- it doesn't make business sense to, you know, bring  
17 them down to Yuba City as a transfer. You -- you almost have to  
18 stay within I want to say no more than about 75 to about a 90 mil  
19 radius to make it kind of make sense. So, the farthest that on our  
20 business plan that we have in the -- in the collection range for

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1                   Yuba City to go down to Fresno is Sacramento. We can't go  
2                   beyond because if we do, then I think it -- business wise, you  
3                   would have to set yourself up a -- a station there. The whole  
4                   point of the station is so that your trucks are providing that  
5                   service up to the adequate business hour that the generators have.  
6                   If I were to take off from here to Fresno on a daily basis,  
7                   considering traffic and other incidentals to make sure that the  
8                   waste securely gets to Fresno, I would have to kind of make my  
9                   working day here at Noon and then prepare and then have the  
10                  drivers kind of take off because the treatment facilities in Fresno,  
11                  they do have a closing hour where they close their gates. Some  
12                  of them at 5 and maybe 5:30. So, and you can't be caught with  
13                  the waste on your truck overnight. So, in order to make it to  
14                  Fresno by 5 or 5:30, you know the distances. So, that's why you  
15                  plan and the State does provide such -- uh -- level, the -- the --  
16                  the second tier or the transporter's operation with a transfer. It --  
17                  it gives you that much more -- uh -- about maybe a six day more  
18                  of -- of being able to collect and transfer so you can service better  
19                  areas.

20 Chair Shannon:       Thank you.

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1 Applicant: Yes, thank you, ma'am.

2 Commissioner: Am I correct that the nearest transfer station that you have  
3 available to you is Fresno?

4 Applicant: Yes, sir.

5 Commissioner: A transfer station. The -- the facility in Fresno is not a transfer  
6 station.

7 Applicant: Well, if you get from the State --

8 Commissioner: Or --

9 Applicant: -- a treatment facility permit --

10 Commissioner: Hm-hmm (affirmative).

11 Applicant: -- which is like the tier three and the cream of the crop, the  
12 highest license you can -- you can get in the waste management,  
13 a -- a transfer station is inclusive in that permit.

14 Commissioner: Oh, okay.

15 Applicant: So, it acts for both.

16 Commissioner: Got it.

17 Applicant: Uh -- for instance, for people that, you know, send their waste  
18 elsewhere from Los Angeles, Fresno, they may not treat their  
19 waste, but they have a transfer contract where do I -- they

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1 discussion about waste management that's occurring now and --  
2 and workshops and such. Uhm -- and one of the things that came  
3 up was some communities, and I don't think that that -- that this  
4 is a direction that our community is going, that some  
5 communities actually have Sharps pick up on the street. So, are  
6 we moving in that kind of direction with this and that's was a  
7 concern.

8 Applicant: Yes. That's in our business model, even in our current forum, we  
9 provide that. Yes. Uh -- obviously, the area is highly secured  
10 and locked down. But we will have a public access for dropping  
11 off and we have brochures and proper medical waste regulation  
12 act that we've kind of -- uh -- narrowed from the -- I think it was  
13 a 625 page federal and state level to a very small -- uhm -- I want  
14 to say between, you know, 12 to 13 pages for the public's  
15 benefit. So yes, we encourage and if we're invited to play, you  
16 know, put seminars and training because -- uh -- you would be  
17 very surprised if you have the stats of -- of households that -- for  
18 -- uh -- diabetes or, you know, other purposes, they have these  
19 Sharps and -- and -- uh -- medical waste. They're all in your  
20 kitchen. We take them and we take them for free in every

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1 community that we are. Bring it in, you don't have to pay  
2 anything if it's a public service.

3 Commissioner Ali: Right, so --

4 Commissioner: So, I can bring my used needles directly to your facility then,  
5 huh?

6 Applicant: Yes sir, we'll take it for free. And it's a -- the collection -- it's  
7 almost like a -- uhm -- you know, these -- uh -- uh -- library book  
8 deposits or your mail center, extremely secured in one way. If  
9 it's off, you know, because we're not a 24-hour facility and  
10 someone may show up after work at 9:00, so these are -- in the  
11 City of Fresno in fact -- uh -- they had them and -- uh -- the City  
12 had approved them to be in certain public areas or shopping  
13 centers -- uh -- for the -- for the public safety. What -- after we  
14 developed the property, bring it up a little and work with the --  
15 the City to follow their leads and conditions to -- to do it, we're  
16 going to try to apply for that -- that requires a -- a local permit for  
17 us to have a kind of one of those, you know, library book or  
18 (inaudible) (both speaking at once).

19 Commissioner: A drop off.

20 Applicant: A drop off, yes.

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1 Commissioner: Yeah.

2 Applicant: Now, during business hours from the front office, absolutely.

3 They come in and, you know, for free they will -- they can

4 dispose and there will be no charge to them. And most of the

5 time for needles, it kind of like the Sheriff's station does, you

6 know, no questions asked and here's a pamphlet or a little

7 brochure. We'll trade you and it has a little bit of educational

8 matters on it and -- and material. We hope that they read it and

9 some don't. But we'll collect it for free and -- and we do have

10 obviously trucks that leave here every Friday. So, they're taken

11 out to the processing facilities -- uh -- almost on a weekly basis.

12 (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

13 Commissioner: When I deliver -- when I deliver my needles to you, do I have to

14 have them in a particular -- uh -- container?

15 Applicant: We suggest because no, you know, these containers that hospitals

16 buy are expensive. They're not your ordinary because, you

17 know, they're sealed. The ones for the Sharps or the one that --

18 uh -- Arnoldo referred to here, you have them here in the

19 restroom. They're -- they're -- they're pretty pricey for an

20 individual use.

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- 1 Commissioner: Yeah.
- 2 Applicant: If it's a regular party who like for diabetes uses it --
- 3 Commissioner: Yeah.
- 4 Applicant: -- as a -- uh -- contribution to the community, we just provide  
5 them one. Take it home.
- 6 Commissioner: Oh, is that right?
- 7 Applicant: Absolutely. However, where they got this education from, and  
8 I'm glad they did, a lot of people use your -- uh -- coffee  
9 containers.
- 10 Commissioner: That's what I was gonna ask you.
- 11 Applicant: Yeah. Which is about the most secured kind of a homemade  
12 scenario if you're -- if you're not using the --
- 13 Commissioner: So, I can bring my needles to you in my empty coffee can, huh?
- 14 Applicant: Yes. And then we have then the proper 16 gallon sealable Sharps  
15 --
- 16 Chair Shannon: Okay.
- 17 Applicant: -- uh -- exclusive Sharps container. We drop them exactly as is.  
18 We can't open them, you know, not -- you just drop them in.  
19 They get sealed and they're taken.
- 20 Commissioner: Okay. Thank you.
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1 Applicant: Yes, sir.

2 Commissioner Ali: No, thank you. I've actually, you know, had somebody had some  
3 medical care and had -- we had to take it to the Sheriff's office  
4 and it's pretty -- they have a place out in the lobby, but notes  
5 everywhere to call -- and you have to have a special person  
6 comes out and takes them and disposes of them. So, --

7 Applicant: That's right. Well, --

8 Commissioner Ali: -- and -- and -- and I know that there are not adequate facilities in  
9 our community for dealing with that. So, I think a lot more ends  
10 up in the trash and it's a bigger hazard for us.

11 Applicant: It does.

12 Commissioner Ali: (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

13 Applicant: That's why -- and these -- these -- uh -- public containers like  
14 these big metal, you know, very, very heavy almost -- uh -- you  
15 know, impossible and it's -- uh -- bolted down, the cities that  
16 approve this for the public health benefit, they're very costly.  
17 And in a few environments, right within Fresno, downtown  
18 Fresno -- uh -- my predecessor had approved a -- a kind of a -- a  
19 donation to the City to make sure that let's have this shopping  
20 center that has this much traffic, you know, they have two post

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1 office, three library book collections and let's put this right next  
2 to it and kind of give them a little bit and they were brochures  
3 filled there by drivers every day so they can take them. You're  
4 absolutely right. Same thing. Imagine what you just described in  
5 the Sheriff's station, but that expert with that knowledge, that  
6 certification and license in the entire facility. So, everyone is --  
7 is -- as that special party that came out to collect.

8 Commissioner: Well, my local pharmacy will actually take my used needles.

9 Applicant: Yes, sir.

10 Commissioner: Okay.

11 Applicant: And we contract pharmacies a lot, sir.

12 Commissioner: Yeah, I know you do.

13 Applicant: Yeah. Yeah.

14 Commissioner: Yeah. Okay.

15 Chair Shannon: Okay, does anyone else have any questions? Okay. Thank you  
16 very much.

17 Applicant: You're very welcome. Thank you for having me here, Madam  
18 Chairperson and Councilmembers.

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1 Chair Shannon: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak in favor of this project?

2 There being none, I will close the public hearing. And bring it  
3 back to the Board and what's your pleasure?

4 Commissioner: Uh -- just -- yeah, there it is. Just some follow up -- uhm --  
5 comments. I -- first of all, thank you so much for your very  
6 detailed and thorough -- the explanation of this particular  
7 industry because this is something kind of new that we are  
8 learning as a community and -- uhm -- so, it's -- it's very  
9 beneficial to us to get that background and history of actually  
10 how the whole process works. So, I appreciate that and -- uh --

11 Applicant: Thank you, sir.

12 Commissioner: -- and -- uh -- I -- I honestly don't have a whole lot of concerns.  
13 I think most of the concerns that we did have as a Commission,  
14 you pretty much have answered those and even some of the  
15 community members. You know, I think there's so much  
16 compliance, you guys are so heavily regulated which I can -- uh -  
17 - obviously understand that in the medical industry. But -- and I  
18 think you're also providing a very good service as well to the  
19 community for safety reasons. And -- uh -- to increase that

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1 efficiency and transportation which is safer so, I mean, I -- I -- I  
2 like all the things that you guys are doing.

3 Applicant: Thank you, sir. Appreciate the comment.

4 Commissioner: Uh -- Madam Chair, I -- I feel very comfortable with the project  
5 after the detailed explanation we've gotten -- uh -- as far as the  
6 nature of the -- uh -- the industry. And exactly, I -- I appreciate  
7 how -- how much it is regulated, both at the federal and state  
8 level. So, I feel very comfortable with the project -- uh.

9 Commissioner Ali: Madam Chair, my comments are that I -- I also appreciate  
10 everything that you shared. I was, you know, I -- I heard the  
11 concerns of the community and I think that from what you have  
12 shared with us with what you are actually dealing with that --  
13 hopefully that those concerns are put to rest, but I think that -  
14 - that because these community members have spoken, I think  
15 that it's going to take some education in the community to  
16 understand what it is that you do have there so that -- that there  
17 isn't concern about property value and -- and risk to the -- the  
18 local community.

19 Applicant: May I make a comment -- uh -- we have been invited once or  
20 twice to put on a seminar in the new jurisdictions that we've

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1 entered and as I said, we've just a very few -- uh -- we have one  
2 of the very few highly licensed State of California license  
3 Compliance Officers for medical waste in the regulatory bodies  
4 and so forth and we'd be more than glad to provide --

5 Chair Shannon: (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

6 Applicant: Absolutely.

7 Commissioner: (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

8 Applicant: Absolutely. That would be our pleasure. Because -- uh -- as I  
9 said, we're here because no one else is. And -- and there's no  
10 education, there's no information that says this has to be taken  
11 seriously. And going down the same roads that the schools are  
12 on, no residential areas are on connecting the facilities --

13 Commissioner: (Inaudible) (both speaking at once).

14 Applicant: -- you know, you've got your dental offices standing and -- and  
15 so forth, it's important for the public to know and we're here to  
16 make sure that it's all clean. But thank you for the comment,  
17 excuse me.

18 Chair Shannon: Thank you. Uhm -- we've closed the public hearing so --

19 Applicant: Yes, ma'am.

20 Chair Shannon: -- you may take a seat.

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1 Applicant: Thank you, ma'am. Thanks for having me.

2 Commissioner: I just want to echo -- uh -- Commissioner Ali's -- uh -- comments  
3 as well. I -- I'm -- like I said, I'm new to the Commission, but --  
4 uh -- I'm not new to hazardous waste issues. Uh -- especially in  
5 regards to the air quality impacts. Uhm -- and I wouldn't mind if  
6 this facility was in -- in my neighborhood. Uh -- I am completely  
7 satisfied with the safety and the precautions being -- uh -- being  
8 undertaken here and the regulation is some of the heaviest of any  
9 industry. Uh -- the -- the audits are intense. Uhm -- so, I also am  
10 concerned that the community may not understand just how safe  
11 this kind of facility is and the education would be smart. So, I  
12 would also echo those comments.

13 Chair Shannon: Do I have a motion?

14 Commissioner: Uh -- Madam Chair, if there's no further discussion, I'm  
15 prepared to move on the project and I would -- uh -- move that  
16 we approve the project, make the findings reflected on both page  
17 3 and 4 of the staff report which are fairly detailed. Adopt the  
18 Negative Declaration that's been prepared, and approve the -- uh  
19 -- the Land Use Permit for the project subject to the conditions  
20 that are listed -- uhm --

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1 Commissioner: I'll second it.

2 Clerk: Madam Chair -- uh -- I believe you wanted to add one condition -  
3 - uh -- in terms of the sprinklers. Was that correct?

4 Commissioner: Oh, yes.

5 Commissioner: I think that's gonna be a condition anyways, isn't it Arnoldo?

6 Mr. Rodriguez: No -- uhm -- so, the question about sprinklers -- uh -- I was going  
7 back through my notes right now. We did have a meeting with  
8 the fire department a couple of months ago with the applicant,  
9 with the real estate agent, and with the representative and their  
10 engineer, including our Chief Building Official. Uhm -- I was  
11 trying to -- uhm -- so, I was breezing my notes and I note that the  
12 fire department has reviewed it. I do not recall if our sprinklers  
13 are required based on the size of the building. So, one issue is  
14 the size of the building. The second one would be the occupants  
15 of the building. However, prior to them occupying the building,  
16 I -- uhm -- I will reach back out to the -- uh -- City's Fire  
17 Marshal to see if our sprinklers are required. In -- in certain  
18 circumstances -- uhm -- uhm -- in certain cases, fire sprinklers  
19 would be required, in others they would not be. And again, it --  
20 it's largely depending on those two factors. One, the size of the

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1 building. Two, the use of the building. Uhm -- but I can assure  
2 you that I -- I'll circle back. I do not recall off the top of my  
3 head, and unfortunately I did not see it in my notes if fire  
4 sprinklers are required. I did however find notes from the fire  
5 department in the file in the form of an e-mail that they provided  
6 me and they simply stated that they do not have any concerns at  
7 this time and to please have the -- uh -- applicant contact them --  
8 uh -- regarding -- uhm -- fire extinguishers. So again, there's no  
9 mention -- uh -- for the need of sprinklers -- uh --

10 Commissioner: I would -- I would suggest that you at least follow up with the  
11 Fire Marshal and find out --

12 Mr. Rodriguez: I will definitely follow up with them and -- uhm --

13 Commissioner: Since the nature of the use.

14 Mr. Rodriguez: Absolutely.

15 Commissioner: Thank you.

16 Chair Shannon: So, do we --

17 Commissioner: One further question, Madam Chair.

18 Chair Shannon: Uhm -- I was wondering if we need to amend the conditions of  
19 approval to include -- uh -- a subject to findings from the Fire  
20 Marshal. I mean, I that -- would that be appropriate?

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1 Mr. Rodriguez: If it's the -- uh -- if it's the prerogative -- uh -- well, the -- the --  
2 the actual -- uh -- fire sprinkler requirement or actually -- uh --  
3 they're actually dictated by State Building Code and not  
4 necessarily local code. Uhm -- in this particular case -- uhm -- it  
5 -- if it's the prerogative of the -- of the Planning Commission to  
6 include language that the Fire Marshal make a determination that  
7 sprinklers are or are not required, that's actually part of the  
8 process itself. However, for peace of mind, and for the  
9 community, again, that's a prerogative of the Planning  
10 Commission. But I can assure you that before -- uh -- Eco  
11 Compliance commences any operations of business, we will sit  
12 down with both the applicant, their engineer, the Chief Building  
13 Official of the City, as well as the Fire Marshal to ensure that if  
14 fire sprinklers are required, that they be installed according to  
15 state and local regulations.

16 Chair Shannon: Thank you. That being said, I am satisfied that we don't need to  
17 amend the motion. So, we have a motion and we have a second.  
18 My I have a roll call, please.

19 Clerk: Commissioner Ali.

20 Commissioner Ali: Yes.

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1 Clerk: Commissioner Sandbrook.  
2 Com. Sanbrook: Yes.  
3 Clerk: Commissioner Basi.  
4 Commissioner Basi: Yes.  
5 Clerk: Commissioner Robinson.  
6 Com. Robinson: Yes.  
7 Clerk: Chair Shannon.  
8 Chair Shannon: Yes.  
9 Clerk: It passes by a vote of 5-0.  
10 Chair Shannon: And we thank you. Now, I have to dig out -- here we go.  
11 Commissioner: Director reports.  
12 Chair Shannon: Moving along to Development Service Director reports, do you  
13 have anything to report?  
14 Mr. Rodriguez: Chair Shannon, just a couple of -- uh -- highlights of -- of -- uh --  
15 items or projects that are occurring in our local community. Uh -  
16 - just last week, or I believe those two weeks (unintelligible)  
17 unfortunately I was not able to attend -- uhm -- I happened to be  
18 in Fresno. Uhm -- uh -- Pete's Brewhouse and -- uh -- or Pizza  
19 and Brewhouse broke ground and -- and that's a brand new  
20 restaurant. Uhm -- so it's a restaurant, pizzeria. That's gonna be

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1 located on -- on Scott Road, just south of the -- uh -- just south of  
2 Sizzler on Highway 99. So, on -- actually I said on Scott -- yeah,  
3 that's on Scott Road. So, on the south side of Sizzler, they just  
4 broke ground on -- uh -- it -- it -- it's a relatively large -- uh --  
5 restaurant with -- uh -- with a roughly, it's over 2,000 square foot  
6 outdoor dining area. Pete's Brewhouse -- uh -- there's one I  
7 think in Elk Grove. Uh -- there's a new one in Antioch and one  
8 just recently opened up in City of Manteca -- uh -- just on the  
9 Southside of Highway 120. Uh -- they -- uhm -- I am not very  
10 familiar with their menu; however, from speaking with the  
11 applicants, they stated that it's very similar to a BJ's -- uhm --  
12 which -- uh -- I patronize BJ's and (unintelligible) and it's -- it --  
13 it's extremely good. Uhm -- and -- and then to the north side of  
14 it is the animal vet hospital which is nearing completion and  
15 that's a very large hospital. It's an animal vet hospital, 24-hours.  
16 Uhm -- there's also a brand new building being constructed right  
17 now. It's a roughly 5,000 square foot office building on the  
18 south side of Lassen Boulevard. There is -- uhm -- we approved  
19 four buildings. For the meantime, there will be building one and  
20 that's North Star Development. They're gonna be developing

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1                   their corporate headquarters. They largely build -- uh -- they do  
2                   a lot of work out at Beal Air Force Base. Uhm -- so, they -- uhm  
3                   -- they are local contractors -- uhm -- based out of Yuba City.  
4                   There's also a lot of interest on Lassen Boulevard. I've been  
5                   meeting with numerous property owners on -- on -- uh -- for both  
6                   the corner of Lassen and Tharp and the entire south side of  
7                   Lassen Boulevard. Uhm -- it definitely seems like our -- our  
8                   local community, there -- there's a lot of interest in office  
9                   development and I've been meeting with -- uh -- with three  
10                  different property owners, again on the south side of Lassen  
11                  Boulevard all for various office complexes. So, that's -- that's  
12                  extremely positive. The other thing is that we -- uh -- for the past  
13                  three days, I -- uh -- uhm -- have actually been in training -- uhm  
14                  -- the City of Yuba City, both for the Building and Planning  
15                  Department, as well as the Finance Department, we are gonna be  
16                  rolling out a brand new software system. And the software  
17                  system's gonna be integrated. It's -- uh -- it's extremely robust.  
18                  It's -- uh -- it has a very Google -- uh -- web 2.0 type of feel and -  
19                  - uh -- uhm -- uhm -- in terms of -- uh -- public accessibility, it is  
20                  gonna allow -- allow the public to -- to -- uh -- submit both

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1 Planning permits and building permits and business licenses and  
2 finance licenses online. It's gonna allow you to pay for it online.  
3 Uhm -- and at the same time, you can also schedule appointments  
4 for inspections online. Uhm -- so, it's a very -- again, very user  
5 friendly, very robust system. The existing system was -- uhm --  
6 was purchased in the year -- uh -- 1994. We'll -- we'll be -- uh --  
7 uh -- slowly getting out of that system and going to the new  
8 system. Uh -- there's still additional training that we'll be going  
9 through. So, just in case you do happen to hear that the Planning  
10 Department, that the City's purchased new software -- uh -- it's a  
11 brand new software system and again, we're extremely excited.  
12 Probably a long-time coming. Uhm -- and we went with a very  
13 reputable firm -- uh -- named Accela. It's a California based  
14 company -- uhm -- and a lot of the Sacramento region local  
15 government agencies use it. Uhm -- we've actually visited some  
16 of those and again -- uh -- everyone we spoke with -- spoke  
17 extremely highly of Accela and -- uh -- it's again a very  
18 reputable firm.

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**CITY OF YUBA CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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1 Chair Shannon: So, all the City departments eventually will be able to -- uhm --  
2 access the same information -- I mean, they'll be able to talk to  
3 one another?

4 Mr. Rodriguez: And that's plan. Yeah, so Public Works is also gonna be using  
5 that system. Uhm -- the fire department uses a different -- uh --  
6 software system called -- called Fire House and I don't believe  
7 they'll be accessing our system for plan review. But I'm not too  
8 sure if they're gonna be going away from that system. And then  
9 also the -- uh -- the police department, for security reasons, uses  
10 a completely different system.

11 Chair Shannon: Okay.

12 Mr. Rodriguez: However, the rest of the City is largely gonna be using Accela.  
13 There's different modules and right now, we're gonna be rolling  
14 out Planning which also including Building, Code Enforcement,  
15 Public Works and the Finance Department. So -- uh -- more than  
16 half of the departments. The El Margarita Specific Plan -- uh --  
17 which actually, unfortunately, I did not print a map, but the El  
18 Margarita Specific Plan borders the south side of River Valley  
19 High School all the way to El Margarita Boulevard hence the  
20 name El Margarita Specific Plan. Uhm -- kind of in this area, it

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1                                actually goes to the east a little bit more. We -- uh -- that plan I  
2                                believe started a number of years ago. Uhm -- that plan has  
3                                never been surfaced. It kind of sat on the back burner for a  
4                                number of years.

5 Chair Shannon:                So, it was never finalized?

6 Mr. Rodriguez:                It was never finalized. Uh --

7 Commissioner:                Now, this is a specific plan is it?

8 Mr. Rodriguez:                It's -- it's a master plan. Correct.

9 Commissioner:                Master. Okay.

10 Mr. Rodriguez:                Yeah. Uhm -- and so that plan -- uhm -- Dennis Cooke and  
11                                myself, Dennis Cooke being the former Planning Director that  
12                                retired about 10 years ago or so, we -- we've been -- uh --  
13                                preparing that plan. We are gonna be surfacing that plan -- uh --  
14                                relatively soon. Uhm -- however -- uhm -- during -- uhm --  
15                                during the surfacing of that plan, we're gonna be having a  
16                                workshop with both the Planning Commission and the City  
17                                Council. One of the things that we're exploring is potentially  
18                                having a joint workshop. However, with the holidays upon us,  
19                                we're -- uh -- shortly upon us -- uhm -- one of the things that we  
20                                have to take a look at is our calendar because of the election and

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1                   when those Councilmembers will be coming onboard. Uhm -- so  
2                   the plan itself, it's -- uh -- it -- it -- there's a fairly -- uh -- healthy  
3                   discussion on public infrastructure which is largely lacking in  
4                   that area. And then also some design criteria above and beyond  
5                   what's outlined in our Municipal Code. And it's not so much --  
6                   uh -- it's actually more about neighborhood feel and design -- uh  
7                   -- try -- trying to make walkable -- uh -- pedestrian friendly  
8                   neighborhoods and at the same time, trying to make sure that  
9                   we're right sizing our streets because if your streets are too wide,  
10                  obviously that encourages -- uh -- speeding and at the same time,  
11                  it actually in the long run costs more money to maintain. Uhm --  
12                  so, we want to make sure that -- uhm -- and that that's a solid  
13                  plan. Again, long time coming. Uhm -- it's been in the works  
14                  for a number of years. Uhm -- but we'll be preparing that -- uh --  
15                  or surfacing that again to both the Planning Commission, the City  
16                  Council and -- and the public here relatively soon. But at -- at  
17                  least the public draft knowing that we anticipate -- uhm -- some  
18                  community outreach meetings within the plan area to -- to allow  
19                  the community members -- uh -- to review it and to provide  
20                  feedback. And then at that point, we'll establish a timeline based

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1                                   on how -- how -- uh -- how much feedback we get or -- or -- or --  
2                                   uh -- just to make sure that we address any potential concerns.  
3                                   The other thing that I wanted to highlight is we are -- uhm -- we  
4                                   are -- uh -- we'll be conducting -- uh -- interviews this Friday for  
5                                   Senior Planners. Uhm -- as a lot of folks know, we haven't had a  
6                                   Senior Planner now I think in six or seven years we have not had  
7                                   a Senior Planner. So, we will be conducting interviews this  
8                                   Friday and hopefully, we'll be able to announce -- uh -- uhm --  
9                                   our candidate here shortly. So, that's all I have. Thank you -- uh  
10                                  -- I know it was a -- it was kind of a lengthy night, so thank you  
11                                  for your patience.

12 Chair Shannon:           Thank you. Does anyone on the -- uh -- Planning Commission  
13                                  have anything to report? There being none, this meeting is  
14                                  adjourned.

15 (All Speaking in Background)

16 **[END OF MEETING]**

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Attachment 3: Applicant's operational statement and relevant information

## **SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

ECO Compliance Corporation is a fully licensed and permitted Biohazardous Waste (Medical/Dental Waste) transporter. Transporters collect waste from Generators (hospitals, clinics, medical and dental practices, pharmacies, vet clinics and mortuary(s)) and deliver the waste to a permitted treatment facility. Transporters are the conduit between generators and proper processing facilities, making sure that treatment and disposal of waste adheres to all state and federal regulations so that it inure to the benefit of the public health and the community as a whole.

Additionally, ECO will be operating a transfer station for the waste that it transports, along with receiving waste from other permitted transporters. Transfer stations are designed to be the collection hub or the conduit between Transporters and treatment facilities. Transfer stations receive and store the waste until the required weekly transport to a facility of their choice, all in accord with the permits issued by state and federal regulatory agencies.

## **QUESTIONS:**

### **1- The origin of the materials:**

The material will come from hospitals, medical and dental clinics, vet clinics, urgent care facilities, pharmacies, laboratories, mortuary(s) and other facilities that generate Biohazardous waste. It will also come from other transporters.

### **2- How is it delivered to your facility:**

The waste will be delivered by other transporters' approved vehicles that have all required permits, in addition to our own vehicles that have all required licenses and permits.

### **3- What kind of waste we are dealing with (needles...etc):**

Bio waste which consists of sharps waste in certified containment. Pathology, trace chemo, and pharmaceutical waste which are all in certified containment.

### **4- How is it stored:**

It will be stored in containers. Some waste after a certain amount of time may need to be stored in a refrigerator at a certain temp. Of course, ECO will have all necessary equipment for handling the containers as they arrive, and all required equipment for proper storage of containers until the scheduled departure to the treatment facility. (Since we are not a treatment center, the special approved containers are never opened. They go out as they arrive in the specially marked containers, all indicative of the type of waste within the containment)

### **5- Where is the final destination:**

ECO will transport the sealed containers to a treatment facility of its choice. Treatment facilities are chosen based on several key factors. Contract terms with the facility, price, logistics and operating hours. At ECO, since our mission statement is to serve our community while maintaining the highest

environmental standards, we take pride in contracting with treatment facilities overlooking the contract price as the determining factor. Having said that, if a few treatment centers meet our standards, then we apply the distance and price formula as a designation tool.

6- How and who will transport it to the final disposal:

ECO will transport all the sealed containers to the designated treatment facilities.

7- Will there be another tenant occupying the building or will it be all occupied by Eco Compliance:

There will NOT be other tenants. The building will be an owner occupied business which is ECO. The space is just large enough for ECO's operation for a transfer station and cannot accommodate any other tenants or occupants.



24 October 2016

Honorable John Buckland, Mayor  
Stanley Cleveland, Vice Mayor  
Preet Didbal, Council Member  
John Dukes, Council Member  
Kash Gill, Council Member

City of Yuba City  
1201 Civic Center Boulevard  
Yuba City, CA 95993

Subject: Use Permit 16.03

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

This letter of transmittal is the response of ECO Compliance Corporation ("ECO") to that certain letter of appeal filed on October 17, 2016 with the City Council of Yuba City as concerns Use Permit 16.03 approved on October 12th, 2016 for and in behalf of applicant ECO.

Accordingly, we wish therefore to respond forthwith as follows:

- 1- Reference by Appellants Reuben Saldano and Dave Eryehara state their claim is based upon (interpretation) of Yuba City Municipal Code, Section 85.7003(d) and that the grant of Use Permit 16.03 would be in violation of such Code. We disagree with their claim as being both unclear, misinformed and taking license with interpretation of fact as written and under which the appropriate governing authorities of the City of Yuba City are empowered to act with regard to approval and issuance of Use Permits such as submitted by ECO. Further, we feel that the City Attorney for the City of Yuba City will confirm, if so deemed appropriate, that the Planning Commission and City Council have acted in accord and within the parameters granted by law.
- 2- Applicant ECO operates under exceedingly stringent and enforceable California and U.S. legal codes of conduct as concerns its business of transporting medical and or biohazardous waste and ECO will continue to do so within Yuba City and the site selected. We point out herein that heavy oversight is placed upon our operations and that such oversight has been acknowledged as an integral part of our application which places ECO under the watchful eyes of the following governmental agencies throughout California operations:



- A. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- B. California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- C. California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch
- D. California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC)
- E. California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Our mission is therefore to provide safe, secure and key necessary transport services to generators of medical, dental and or biohazardous waste within the state of California and for transport/transfer to final disposal locations in a logistically sound and safe manner from Yuba City via another licensed and approved California location which has been disclosed to Yuba City Planning Commission on a confidential basis to provide transparency.

- 3- Applicant ECO, in good and transparent faith, hereby provides the attached information as an exhibit hereto, some of which may have previously been supplied to the Planning Commission, affirming our position, application and commitment to the Yuba City community as a good, worthwhile and legally responsible neighbor conducting our business in an authorized industrial zoned area.

In summary, we respectfully request your dismissal of the referenced appeal so that we may proceed ahead with the business operation planned. If any additional or required information or data from ECO is needed, please so advise and we will address on an expedited basis.

Thanking you in advance, we are

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reza Tariverdi', is written over a horizontal line.

ECO Compliance Corporation  
Reza Tariverdi  
President & CEO



## Choose Eco Compliance Medical Waste Services

- Reliable scheduled pick-up service
- On call service
- Prepaid sharps service
- Experienced drivers for safe medical waste handling
- No binding contract

### Meeting your expectations:

- Dedicated customer support during business hours.
- Emergency line available 24/7.
- Striving to be the most cost-effective company in the industry.
- We base our policies and procedures in reference to the CA Medical Waste Act & abide by your city, county, state, and federal medical waste compliance requirements.
- Our drivers are certified in safety trainings.
- We are licensed, permitted and insured.
- We provide group/multi-site discounts.
- Cal OSHA approved Safety Trainings Onsite & Online.

## About Us

Eco Comp is a locally owned and operated provider of medical waste disposal services spanning Northern to Southern California. We proudly offer our customers integrated waste solutions, superior customer service, and risk management.

Eco Comp is certified and licensed to handle all your medical and hazardous waste removal needs. We ensure that your waste stream follows all city, state and federal guidelines for proper transportation and destruction. Staying on top of industry trends allows us to offer our customers the most advanced products and medical waste management procedures.

### We provide assistance with the following Regulatory Agencies:

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
- Radiologic Health Branch (RHB)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Medical Boards
- Dental Boards





## Sharps Disposal Services

Our sharps disposal services help protect you from accidental injuries. Proper sharps disposal also helps protect the environment.

We offer a variety of waste service solutions to match our customers' sharps disposal needs:

- Sharps Management Services
- Sharps Containers in all sizes
- Pre-Paid Sharps Program

## Compliance Solutions

- Online & Onsite Trainings:
  - ❖ Annual Bloodborne Pathogen
  - ❖ GHS Haz-Com
- NEW! Coding Compliance Solutions (Certified Chart Auditing)
- HIPAA Compliance Solutions
- Safety Inspection & Audits w/ Compliance Tools

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## Waste Management

**Eco Compliance Corp** provides services to a wide range of industries including the following: Ambulatory Services, Medical & Dental Practices, Pharmacies, Fire & Police Stations, Clinical Laboratories, Home Health Agencies, Dialysis Centers, Hospitals, Surgery Centers, Correctional Institutions, Tattoo & Piercing Studios, Hotels, Government Agencies, Animal Hospitals & Clinics, Mortuary/Funeral Service Providers, and Acute Care Facilities.

### Biohazard Waste Disposal

- UN3291 Sharps & Red Bag Waste
- Chemotherapy Waste
- Non-RCRA Pharmaceutical Waste
- Pathology Waste

### Hazardous Waste Management

### Our Waste Disposal Management Provides All-in-One Convenience

To make compliance easy and to keep your clinical service, practice, or company running smoothly, our medical waste management services include:

- Appropriate transport containers and labels.
- Professional pickup, removal, and transport of biohazardous waste.
- Compliant medical waste treatment and disposal.
- Complete chain of custody documentation for the collection and treatment of biohazardous waste, which includes step-by-step tracking of your waste using required shipping manifests.
- Training programs for your staff to understand regulated medical waste handling requirements.



**2016**

## **TRANSFER STATION – OPERATION PLAN**



**A MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT  
TRANSPORT & TRANSFER FACILITY  
AND OSHA COMPLIANCE COMPANY**

**PREPARED FOR:  
HONORABLE MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL – YUBA CITY, CA**

**Mill Valley, CA – USA  
San Jose, CA – USA  
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**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:**

ECO Compliance Corporation ("ECO") is certified and licensed to handle all medical, dental and bio-waste removal needs. We ensure that our waste stream follows all city, state and federal guidelines with appropriate labeled containers, proper transportation and destruction. Under our waste removal services, we also provide our clients a complete chain of custody documentation for the collection and treatment of biohazardous waste, which includes step-by-step tracking of their waste using required shipping manifests. Training programs for staff to understand regulated medical waste handling requirements is also provided upon request. We strive to be the most cost-effective company in the medical and compliance services. Staying on top of the industry trends allows us to offer our customers the most advanced products and medical waste management procedures.

**Medical Waste Description:**

ECO is a medical waste transporter that collects, transfers and disposes the medical waste. ECO is fully insured and permitted and is regulated by State and Federal Agencies. ECO driver/s collect the pre-approved and properly pre-sealed bins which will be loaded on to the permitted transport vehicle/s. Customers are provided special manifests with the number count of bins and their exact weight. At the end of each day, the waste is transported to a licensed transfer station and from there, to a treatment facility that is also fully permitted to treat regulated medical waste.

ECO also provides a comprehensive safety programs which focuses on the OSHA federal regulations as well as your state and local regulations. Our customized safety programs are written with an easy to understand in complying with the general industry sector, specifically for medical and dental businesses. Our goal is to provide a customized safety programs that fits for our client's business needs.

**Our Regulatory Compliance Services Includes the following but not limited:**

- Online Training: Easy Portal Simplifies mandatory safety training
- Onsite Trainings
- Site-Level Reporting Lets you easily manage training across multiple locations.
- Regulatory Updates Provide information to keep you up-to-date, confident and compliant.
- Choice of Level On-Site Services Available to give you support by compliance specialists including facility evaluations, employee training and answers to your questions year-round.
- State Specific OSHA Safety Manual
- On-site and/or online training resources and tools that protect your employees and your reputation.
- Regulatory expertise in OSHA medical and healthcare-related industries
- Innovative Safety Plan to customize site and Cal OSHA plans
- Continuous New Regulatory updates
- GHS hazard communication services



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## Safety Operating Plan for: ECO Compliance Corporation Transfer Station

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DRAFT:

*ECO Compliance Corporation (“ECO”) transfer station facilities may use this template to complete the Operating Plan of their T permit/registration application. Where applicable, facilities will provide detailed information to complete this document. Notes in italics indicate where detailed information may be needed. Additional pages may be attached and will include associated section headings.*

The Site Operating Plan (SOP) contains information about how ECO will conduct operations at the facility, but is not intended to be a comprehensive operating manual. The SOP represents the general instruction for facility management and personnel to operate the facility in a manner consistent with the approved safety rules to protect human health and the environment and prevent nuisances.

The SOP is permit/registration application and consists of the information required by Title 21, T22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 65602 (relating to Operational Standards for Transfer Station Waste Storage and Processing).

“Transfer station” means any offsite location where medical waste is loaded, unloaded, or stored during the normal course of transportation of the medical waste. “Transfer station” does not include common storage facilities, large quantity generators used for the purpose of consolidation, or onsite treatment facilities.

### NOTE

*Authority cited: Sections 208 and 25017, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25020.8, 25027.5, 25062, 25070.2 and 25070.3, Health and Safety Code*

At a minimum, the SOP must include provisions for facility management and operating personnel to meet the general and site-specific requirements of these rules.

Facility Name:
CA MW Permit Number:
Facility Address:
EPA Number:
DOT Number:
Program Manager:

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transfer Station Personnel**

Table-1 summarizes personnel types and descriptions. The following are examples. Please add/edit any information as appropriate. Attach any separate page(s), including the applicable section heading.

**Table-1: Personnel Types and Descriptions**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Lead Operator/ Facility Supervisor	1	Must hold and maintain TMW Supervisor Occupational license Grade C or above	Managing daily work operations; equipment maintenance and repair; personnel safety.
Waste Unloading Attendant	_____ (Indicate number of staff)	Six (6) month minimum experience in operations or on the job training by supervisor or by manager in SOP requirements for prohibited waste	Responsible for screening for prohibited or unauthorized waste.
Gate Attendant	1	Training by supervisor or manager in the SOP, record keeping requirements, and waste screening	Levies fees on customers, operates the scale, keeps appropriate records, controls facility access, screens for unauthorized waste, and provides general customer direction and information.
Litter Control	1	Internal safety and personal protective equipment	Picks up windblown litter as directed.

**Facility Inspections and Maintenance:**

Table-2: outlines the facility inspection and maintenance list of the facility. The facility supervisor or a designee will perform the task. The inspection documentation will be retained in the operating record. *If the facility's operation includes additional items not listed in Table-2, please attach separate page(s) including the applicable section heading. Also, if any of the items do not take place at the facility, please indicate as well.*

**Table-2: Facility Inspection and Maintenance List. Ex.**

Item	Task	Frequency
<i>Fence/Gates</i>	Inspect perimeter fence and gates for damage. Make repairs if necessary.	Weekly
<i>Windblown Waste</i>	Police working area, wind fences, access roads, entrance areas, and perimeter fence for loose trash. Clean up as necessary.	Daily as specified in Section 4.5.
<i>Waste Spilled on Route to the Facility</i>	Police the entrance areas and all roads at least 2 miles from the facility entrances for loose trash. Clean up as necessary.	Daily as specified in Section 4.8.
<i>Facility Access Road</i>	Inspect facility access road for damage from vehicle traffic, erosion, or excessive mud accumulation. Maintain as needed with crushed rock or stone. Grading equipment will be used at least once per week to control or remove mud accumulations on roads as well as minimize depressions, ruts, and potholes.	Daily – more often during wet weather or extended dry weather periods.
<i>Facility Signs</i>	Inspect all facility signs for damage, general location, and accuracy of posted information.	Weekly
<i>Odor</i>	Inspect the perimeter of the facility to assess the performance of facility operations to control odor.	Daily
<i>Perimeter Channels/Ponds</i>	Inspect perimeter channels and detention ponds to verify that they are functioning as designed (e.g., excess sediment removed, outlet structures intact).	Weekly and within 72-hours of a rainfall event of 0.5 inches or more.

### Training Requirements

Personnel training records will be maintained in accordance with T22, CCR 65623 (3)

Personnel operator licenses issued in accordance with §30, Subchapter F, Municipal Solid Waste Facility Supervisors, will be maintained as required.

1. The owner or Safety Officer/ Prog Administrator (Name) will ensure that the transfer station manager/supervisor at the facility is knowledgeable in the proper operation of Transfer Station MW facility and the current operational standards required by the CA Dept Pub Health MWMP.
2. The manager/supervisor will be experienced and will maintain a Class A, B, or C license as defined in CCR()
3. The manager/supervisor will ensure that all personnel are properly trained and are operating the transfer station in accordance with this SOP and operational standards required by the permit/registration CA MWMP regulations.
4. The personnel training program will be directed by a person trained in waste management procedures, and will include instruction that teaches facility personnel waste management procedures and contingency plan implementation relevant to the positions in which they are employed.
5. New employees will receive a comprehensive overview of all aspects of transfer station operations, focusing on information that is necessary to protect the health and welfare of the new employee and enable them to perform their duties in accordance with this SOP and operational standards required by the permit/registration and the CA MWMP regulations.
6. Initial training subject matter will include applicable requirements found in the attachments to the SOP and other plans such as the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
7. Following the initial training, the new employee training will continue during monthly training sessions, during on-the-job training, and during the annual review of their initial training.
8. Training meetings will be scheduled and conducted for all employees at least once per month. If a regular monthly meeting is cancelled, it will be rescheduled or combined with the scheduled training the next month. Training sessions will be scheduled to allow facility operations to be uninterrupted. Records of personnel attending each training session and the topics covered will be maintained at the facility. Topics for training may vary, but will be conducted annually for the following:
  - Gen Operations Plan: T22-65625(a) (1) Safety SOP Manual/Subj Chapters...
  - Emergency Action Plan: T22, CCR-65625(a)(12) Fire protection, prevention, and evacuation
    - Fire extinguisher use
    - Emergency response
  - Training Plan: T22, CCR Sec 65625 (a)(13) MWP waste pick-up
  - Closure Plan: T22, CCR Sec 65625(a)(14)
  - Monitoring Equipment and Schedule: T22, CCR, Sec 65625(a)(16) & (17)
  - Hazardous waste and waste detection and control (Waste screening), if applicable
  - Prohibited waste management
  - Random inspection procedures

Facility personnel will take part in an annual review of their initial training. A written description of the type and amount of introductory and continued training provided to each employee will be maintained in the facility operating record.

## Waste Acceptance and Analysis

### Authorized Wastes

The transfer station will receive the following wastes for storage (*optional: and processing*): list as many of the following as appropriate.

### Special Waste Receipt

Provide an operational plan containing the proposed procedures for handling each waste and listing required protective equipment for operating personnel and on-site emergency equipment; as well as a contingency plan outlining responsibility for containment and cleanup of any accidental spills occurring during the delivery and/or disposal operation.

The Prog Admin/director may revoke an authorization to accept special waste if the owner or operator does not maintain compliance with conditions imposed to accept special waste.

What follows are examples of language that can be used for some types of special wastes that may be received at a transfer station. Other special wastes, such as dead animals,

The generator will provide a complete description of the chemical and physical characteristics of each special waste, a statement as to whether or not each of the special waste is a Class 1 industrial waste as defined in this title, and the quantity and rate at which each waste is produced.

A contingency plan in the event of accidental spills (e.g., ruptured bags or containers) will be prepared by the operator prior to accepting RMW/HW.

The plan will specify the responsible person(s) and the procedure for the collection and disposal of the spilled material.

### Measures for Controlling Prohibited Wastes

Procedures to detect and control the receipt of prohibited wastes include:

- 1- Informing facility clients of prohibited wastes by posting one or more signs at the facility entrance listing prohibited wastes.
- 2- Providing customers (regular and one-time or occasional) with a written list of prohibited wastes.
- 3- Informing all drivers of incoming waste hauling vehicles that have indicated they will deliver waste to the facility by:
  - Posting one or more signs at the facility entrance listing prohibited wastes.
  - Providing all vehicle drivers and transfer station operators with a written list of prohibited wastes.
- 4- Facility personnel training and activities:

Facility personnel will be trained to inspect vehicles and identify regulated hazardous waste, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste, and other prohibited wastes. At a minimum, the gatehouse attendant and equipment operators will be trained in inspection procedures for prohibited waste. The personnel will be trained on an on-the-job basis by their supervisors. Records of employee training on prohibited waste control procedures will be maintained in the facility operating record. The personnel will be trained to look for the following indications of prohibited waste:

- Yellow hazardous waste or PCB labels
- DOT hazard placards or markings

- Liquids
- 55-gallon drums
- 85-gallon over pack drums
- Powders or dusts
- Odors or chemical fumes
- Bright or unusual colored wastes
- Include any other items, as applicable

If transfer station personnel identify any of the above indications with an incoming load, then that load will be directed to an area out of the flow of traffic, and the personnel will further assess the load. If the load is determined to contain prohibited waste or if there is any possibility that it may be prohibited waste, the load will be rejected and directed back to the generator. All gate/scale attendants will be diligent in looking for trucks/van bringing in waste loads from potential sources of prohibited waste such as industrial facilities, microelectronics manufacturers, electronic companies, metal plating industry, automotive and vehicle repair service companies, and dry cleaning establishments.

The transfer station will receive a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ (LBS) waste to be received daily; a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ (cubic yards/tons) waste to be stored at any one point in time; for an average length of time of \_\_\_\_\_ days up to a maximum length of time not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ days/hours (72 hours maximum).

#### **Facility-Generated Wastes**

No waste shall be generated by the transfer station.

#### **Water Management**

All water used in the transfer station will be the normal use by staff and will be disposed of in a manner that is in accord with all municipal regulations.

#### **Storage Requirements**

The medical waste will be stored in such a manner that does not constitute a fire, safety, or health hazard or provide food or harborage for animals and vectors, and shall be contained or bundled so as not to result in litter.

*As appropriate:* Control of odors, from the storage area will be maintained.

#### **Approved Containers**

The medical waste will be stored in covered, closed and sealed containers that are leak proof, durable, and designed for safe handling.

Containers to be mechanically handled will be designed to prevent spillage or leakage during storage, handling, or transport.

#### **Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements**

A copy of the permit/registration, the approved application, and any other required plan or other related document will be maintained at \_\_\_\_\_  
(facility name)

The following records will be kept, maintained and filed as part of the facility operating record. Log books and schedules may be used.

- Access Control Inspection and Maintenance
- Daily Pickup
- Waste Control Operations
- Special Waste Acceptance Plan Compliance, if applicable
- Waste Acceptance Plan Compliance, if applicable
- Fire Occurrence Notices, if applicable
- Documentation of Compliance with Cal-OSHA
- Trainings

**Table-5: Operating Record**

Records to be Maintained	Rule Citation
1. All location-restriction demonstrations	
2. Inspection records and training procedures	
3. All cost estimates and financial assurance documentation relating to financial assurance for closure	
4. Copies of all correspondence and responses relating to the operation of the facility, modifications to the permit/registration, approvals, and other matters pertaining to technical assistance	
5. All documents, manifests, shipping documents, trip tickets, etc., involving medical waste	
6. Any other document(s) as specified by the approved permit/registration or by the executive director	
7. Alternative schedules and notification requirements if applicable	
8. Records on a quarterly basis to document the relevant percentage of incoming processed waste (as is required to be filed with CA Department of Health.	
9. Inspection records and training procedures relating to fire prevention and facility safety	
10. Record of alternative operating hours if applicable	

**Fire Protection Plan**

The following steps are taken regularly at the facility by designated personnel to prevent fires:

- Operators will be alert for posted signs.
- Equipment used such as fire extinguishers.
- Smoking is not permitted near waste collection area.

**Procedures in the Event of a Fire**

Staff will take the following steps if a fire is discovered:

- Contact the Local Fire Department by calling 911.
- Alert other facility personnel.

- Assess extent of fire, possibilities for the fire to spread, and alternatives for extinguishing the fire.
- If it appears that the fire can be safely fought with available firefighting devices until arrival of the Local Fire Department, attempt to contain or extinguish the fire.
- Upon arrival of Local Fire Department personnel, direct them to the fire and provide assistance as appropriate.
- Do not attempt to fight the fire alone. Do not attempt to fight the fire without adequate personal protective equipment. Be familiar with the use and limitations of firefighting equipment available onsite.

### **Fire Fighting Methods**

Firefighting methods are, spraying with water if available from an on-site water truck or detention pond. Small fires might be controlled with hand-held extinguishers.

If a fire occurs on a vehicle or piece of equipment, the equipment operator will bring the vehicle or equipment to a safe stop. If safety of personnel will allow, the vehicle will be parked away from fuel supplies. The engine will be shut off and the brake engaged to prevent movement of the vehicle or piece of equipment.

### **Water Supply**

A pressurized water supply capable of delivering \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per minute will be maintained on-site.

### **Fire Equipment**

The facility will be equipped with fire extinguishers of a type, size, location, and number as recommended by the local fire department and Cal-OSHA. Each fire extinguisher will be fully charged and ready for use at all times. Each extinguisher will be inspected on an annual basis and recharged as necessary. A qualified and authorized Cal-OSHA safety officer, currently in the employ of ECO shall conduct periodic inspections, and all extinguishers will display a current inspection tag. Inspection and recharging will be performed following each use. The receiving gatehouse, and all equipment (if applicable) and vehicles will be equipped with fully charged fire extinguishers.

### **Fire Protection Training**

Training of on-site personnel in firefighting techniques, fire prevention, response, and the fire protection aspects of the SOP will be provided, by established professionals, on an annual basis. Personnel will be familiar with the use and limitations of firefighting equipment available onsite. Records of this training will be included in the operating record for the facility.

### **Access Control**

#### **Facility Security**

Public access will be controlled to minimize unauthorized vehicular traffic, unauthorized and illegal dumping, and public exposure to hazards associated with waste management. Controlled access will be obtained by fences, gates, and any natural barriers.

#### **Vehicle Access**

Only vehicles authorized by the manager, personnel vehicles, and authorized transportation vehicles will have access beyond the facility entrance. Signage will provide direction to customers and the

public to the public entrances of the facility. Additional signage within the facility will provide direction to public drop-off areas.

Vehicles transporting the waste arriving at the facility will be directed to an unloading area by on-site personnel or signage. Operations will be conducted in a manner that allows the prompt and efficient unloading of waste, and all in accord with state regulations.

The facility will comply with the schedule and notification requirements in Table-6 for any access breach.

**Table-6: Schedule for notification and repair of perimeter access control breaches**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Access Breach Permanently Repaired Within 8 Hours</b>	<b>Access Breach Not Permanently Repaired Within 8 Hours</b>
Notify region office of breach and repair schedule	Not required	Within 24 hours of breach detection
Make temporary repairs	(not applicable)	Within 24 hours of breach detection
Make permanent repairs	Within 48 hours of breach detection	Within schedule indicated in initial breach report submitted to regional office
Notify regional office when permanent repair completed	Not required	Within schedule indicated in initial breach report submitted to regional office

**Unloading of Waste**

The unloading of waste will be confined to as small an area as practical. The maximum size of the unloading area will be \_\_\_\_\_ feet in length by \_\_\_\_\_ feet in width.

- 1- The unloading of waste in unauthorized areas is prohibited. A trained employee will be present at the entrance at all times during operating hours to monitor all incoming loads of waste, and will direct traffic to the appropriate unloading area.
- 2- Gate attendants (if applicable) and equipment operators will monitor the incoming waste. These personnel will be familiar with the rules and regulations governing our industry, specifically with the various types of waste that can or cannot be accepted into the facility. The personnel will also have a basic understanding of both bio waste and hazardous waste and their transportation and management requirements. The facility is not required to accept any solid waste or hazardous waste that may cause problems in maintaining full and continuous compliance with the permit/registration.

- 3- Certain wastes are prohibited from management at the facility. Prohibited wastes are described in Waste Acceptance and Analysis section of this plan. The unloading of prohibited wastes at the facility will not be allowed. The operator will take necessary steps to ensure compliance. Personnel have the authority and responsibility to reject unauthorized loads, have unauthorized material removed by the transporter, and/or assess appropriate surcharges, or have the unauthorized material removed by on-site personnel. Any prohibited waste not discovered until after unloading will be placed back in the offending transporter's vehicle, if possible, or otherwise returned promptly to the transporter or generator of the waste. The driver may be advised where the waste may be managed or disposed of legally and will be responsible for the proper handling of this rejected waste.
- 4- In the event the unauthorized waste is not discovered until after the delivery vehicle is gone, the waste will be segregated and controlled as necessary. The manager/supervisor will make an effort to identify the entity that deposited the prohibited waste and have them return to the facility and properly dispose of the waste. In the event that identification is not possible, the manager/supervisor will notify the regulatory bodies and seek guidance on how to remove and dispose of the waste as soon as practical. A record of unauthorized material removal will be maintained in the operating record.

Only those persons operating vehicles that comply with the following requirements will be authorized by the manager/supervisor to transport waste to and from this facility:

- 1- All vehicles and equipment used for the collection and transportation of waste will be operated, and maintained to prevent loss of waste material and to limit health and safety hazards to facility personnel and the public.
- 2- Collection vehicles and equipment will be maintained in a sanitary condition to preclude odors and fly breeding.

Facility personnel will keep vigilant watch for compliance with operating requirements. Signs with directional arrows and/or portable traffic barricades will help to restrict traffic to designated unloading locations. In addition, rules for waste receipt and prohibited waste will be prominently displayed on signs at the facility entrance.

### **Spill Prevention and Control**

Storage areas will be designed to control and contain spills.

For each storage area, provide the following information. The design will control and contain a worst case spill. As appropriate, add the following statement for each unenclosed area. Unenclosed containment areas will also account for \_\_\_\_\_ inches precipitation (from a 25-year, 24-hour storm) for a total containment.

### **Facility Operating Hours**

The facility will be authorized to accept waste and operate during the following timeframes:

- The regular waste acceptance hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 24 hours a day, seven days a week for emergency cases. These hours will be posted on a sign at the entrance to the facility.

- Normal hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 24 hours a day, seven days a week for emergency cases.

In addition, the transfer station will include alternative operating hours to accommodate special occasions, special purpose events, holidays, or other special occurrences.

When warranted, the facility manager/supervisor will request approval from headquarters to allow additional temporary operating hours to address disaster or other emergency situations, or other unforeseen circumstances (such as traffic delays or adverse weather) that could result in the disruption of waste management services in the area. The facility prog admin/manager/supervisor will document the reason or reasons for the delay for each day on which a delay occurs and place the documentation in the operating record. In addition to the waste acceptance and operating hours, including administrative and maintenance activities may occur twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

### Facility Sign

A conspicuous sign will be maintained at the public entrance to the facility. The sign shall state the following information:

- Type of Waste Facility: \_\_\_\_\_
- Authorized by CA MW Permit/Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hours of Operation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency 24-hour Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Emergency Fire Department Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The sign will be visible and readable from the facility entrance. The sign will state that the following wastes are prohibited from receipt at the facility: *List all unauthorized or prohibited waste. Some site-specific examples can be industrial solid waste and hazardous waste.*

Signs prohibiting smoking will be posted near the waste storage area. A sign will be prominently displayed at the facility entrance stating that all loads will be properly secured.

### Materials along the Route to the Facility

The facility operator will take steps to encourage that vehicles delivering waste to the facility, effectively secure the load in order to prevent the escape of any part of the load or spilling. The operator will take actions such as posting signs, reporting offenders to proper law enforcement officers, adding surcharges, or similar measures.

### Sanitation

All working surfaces that come in contact with wastes will be washed down on a weekly basis or as required and necessary.

All wash waters will be disposed of through the designated sewage system in an authorized manner.

### Health and Safety

- Facility personnel will be trained in the appropriate sections of the facility's health and safety plan.
- Employee Sanitation Facilities
- The facility will have sanitary facilities for all employees and visitors.

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**I. PURPOSE:**

This plan prescribes requirements for providing and maintaining emergency response information during transportation and at facilities where medical waste is loaded for transportation, stored incidental to transportation or otherwise handled during any phase of transportation and storing.

This plan describes protocols for basic emergencies, and spill response.

**II. APPLICATION:**

This plan applies to persons who offer for transportation, accept for transportation, transfer or otherwise handle medical waste during transportation.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY:**

ECO is responsible to ensure that no employee may offer for transportation, accept for transportation, transfer, and store or otherwise handle during transportation any medical waste unless:

1. Emergency response information is immediately available for use at all times the medical waste is present; and
2. Emergency response information, including the emergency response telephone number is immediately available to any person who, as a representative of a Federal, State or local government agency, responds to an incident involving medical waste, or conducting an investigation which involves medical waste.
3. Operators of the vehicle have been instructed to contact the carrier (i.e., by telephone or mobile radio) in the event of an incident involving the medical waste.
4. Shipping papers (manifests) and emergency response information is readily available on the transport vehicle.

5. ECO provides a 24/7 emergency response telephone number, including the area code or international access code, for use in the event of an emergency involving medical waste. The telephone number must be:
  - a. Monitored at all times to ensure that the medical waste is in transit, including storage incidental to transportation;
  - b. The telephone number of a person who is either knowledgeable of the medical waste being shipped and has comprehensive emergency response and incident mitigation information for the cargo, or has immediate access to a person whom possesses such knowledge and information. A telephone number that requires a call back (such as an answering service, answering machine, or beeper device) does not meet the requirements; and
  - c. Entered on a shipping paper, as follows:
    - i. Immediately following the description of the medical waste; or
    - ii. Entered once on the shipping manifest in a clearly visible location. This provision may be used only if the telephone number applies to each medical waste entered on the shipping document, and if it is indicated that the telephone number is for emergency response information (for example: "EMERGENCY CONTACT").
  - d. The telephone number must be the number of the licensed company offering the medical waste for transportation or the number of an agency or organization capable of, and accepting responsibility for, providing the detailed information concerning the medical waste. A person offering medical waste for transportation who lists the telephone number of an agency or organization shall ensure that agency or organization has received current information on the waste before it is offered for transportation.

#### IV. MEDICAL WASTE EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

The following is information that can be used in the mitigation of an incident involving medical waste as the waste profile and emergency response information:

**1. Name of Hazardous Material:**

Regulated Medical Waste, 6.2 UN 3291, PG II

**2. Basic Description:**

A regulated medical waste (RMW) is a waste, or reusable material that contains an infectious substance and is generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or research of humans or animals.

RMW may contain the following: human pathological wastes, including tissues and body fluids, waste blood and items saturated with blood or caked with dried blood; sharps, including needles, syringes, tubing, vials, beakers, etc.; contaminated animal carcasses, body parts and bedding; surgery wastes, including soiled dressings, sponge drapes, under-pads and surgical gloves, laboratory wastes; and dialysis wastes.

RMW may contain plastic medical apparatus, PVC or rubber gloves, paper and cardboard packaging materials.

- 3. 24-Hour Response #: (7 days a week)**  
(415) 525 - 2005

**4. Risks of Fire/Explosion:**

Minimal risk, since the waste generally has a high degree of moisture, although the packaging may be primarily corrugated materials. For small fires, preference should be given to dry chemical extinguishers, soda ash, lime or sand. Use extinguishing agent suitable for the type of surrounding fire. Move containers from fire area if possible without risk. DO NOT SCATTER SPILLED WASTE WITH HIGH PRESSURE WATER STREAMS. The risk of explosion is negligible.

**5. Immediate Precautions:**

In the event of an accident or spill, do not touch or walk through spilled waste. Cordon off the area surrounding an accident or spill to prevent access to unauthorized persons.

**6. Immediate Fire Methods:**

In the event of a small fire, follow the procedures described above in "Risk of Fire/Explosion".

**7. Handling Spills/Leaks:**

ASSUME UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS FOR ALL WASTE. ASSUME THAT ALL WASTE IS POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS. DO NOT HANDLE ANY WASTE WITH BARE HANDS. BE CAUTIOUS FOR NEEDLES INJURIES. DO NOT TOUCH DAMAGED CONTAINERS OR SPILLED MATERIALS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE).

Damage to the outer container may not affect primary inner containers.

If there is a spill or leak, first put on PPE consisting of disposable tyvek suit, dust mask, eye protection, and rubber/PVC/neoprene gloves.

Designate the spill area with caution tape to keep others away.

Proceed to decontaminate the spill area by spreading absorbent materials, such as speedy dry, over liquid spills, and then pour bleach or bleach/water solution of 1:10 on the spilled waste.

Absorb the bleach with more speedy dry type absorbent and discard using a shovel or dustpan, and a mop or broom and discard in appropriate medical waste containers.

Decontaminate equipment, such as the shovel and broom and reusable PPE with bleach. Discard disposable PPE, and equipment, such as mops, in medical waste containers.

**8. Initial First Aid:**

Move party to fresh air. Call emergency medical care. In case of contact with RMW, immediately flush eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes. Wash skin with soap and water. Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes at the site. Effects of exposure (inhalation, ingestion or skin contact) to material may be delayed.

**V. SPILL KIT REQUIREMENTS**

All ECO vehicles utilized for the transportation of waste will have onboard at all times a spill kit containing the following items in a drum labeled Spill Kit.

1. Absorbent material
2. 1 Gallon of Bleach (Disinfectant)
3. 1 Sprayer
4. A roll Large Red Bags for Repackaging of spilled material
5. Labels for the Red Bags
6. 2 Rolls of sealing tape
7. 1 Sets of PPE including gloves, suits, boot covers, hoods, mask and face shield
8. Shovel, broom and dust pan for clean up
9. Scoop and Bucket
10. Additional copy of this plan
11. 1 Flashlight
12. Pad, Pen and incident report forms
13. Cell phone
14. Triangles
15. First Aid Kit
16. Fire Extinguisher

**VI. DRIVER PREVENTIVE MEASURES (PRE-TRIP INSPECTION)**

1. The driver will ensure all loads are enclosed, covered, or tarped to prevent accidental discharge of the waste during transport to the disposal facility.
2. All waste must be properly packaged and labeled.
3. Drivers will ensure that all loads are properly secured prior to transport.

**VII. SPILL RESPONSE AND CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES**

In the event of a spill from the vehicle the following procedures must be adhered to:

1. Notify appropriate people of situation (Police, ECO Personnel or office and Regulatory if necessary) including if there are injuries or other emergencies involved and extent of any spill.
2. Determine the source of the spill and determine the material leaking.
3. If you can handle spill as per your training, follow procedures below if not evacuate to safe distance with manifests and await help.
4. Remove the spill kit from the vehicle and put on the appropriate PPE.
5. Isolate the area around the leak to restrict people from coming to contact with the spill with caution tape.
6. Stop leak if possible, or contain leak if unable to stop.
7. If the spill is liquids which can be collected utilize the spill kit drum to catch the liquid.  
**If the spill is Regulated Medical Waste take additional precautions to protect you and notify municipality in which spill occurs.**
8. Once the spill area has been designated and the spill is properly secured, pour hypochlorite or otherwise designated disinfectant solution on the spill. After the spill has been saturated, pour speedy dry to absorb the bleach and spill.
9. Proceed to scoop up the spill with a dust pan and broom. Discard the unused medical waste containers.
10. Decontaminate all surfaces that came to contact with spilled material and follow all regulations for packaging of regulated medical waste.

11. Package all clean up material used along with spill material. Place all PPE in container as well.
12. All containers filled must be re-labeled with generator information. After all containers are fully labeled and sealed, you must re-manifest them. Manifest material in accordance with all federal and state regulations.
13. Fill out spill scene report.
14. Return to Company facility
15. When returning to yard, replenish all items used from spill kit.
16. Fill out incident report and attach spill scene report.

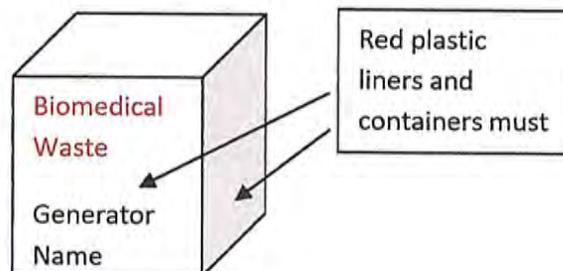
#### VIII. DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES:

Disinfection and routine decontamination procedures for the surfaces soiled with Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Expose to hot water of at least 82 degrees Celsius/ 180 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 15 seconds or expose to a chemical sanitizer by rinsing with or immersion in a chemical disinfectant.
2. Such disinfectants shall be registered with the US EPA as hospital disinfectants that are tuberculin, fungicidal, virucidal, and effective against HIV. Or a 10% bleach in water solution.
3. NOTE: Do not scatter spilled waste materials with high-pressure water streams.
4. Disinfectant and absorbent material is preferred to hot water exposure for spills of RMW.

#### IX. MEDICAL WASTE HANDLING PROCEDURES:

1. Packaging:
  - A. Boxes must be lined with a red bag. If ONLY sharps containers – no red bag is required.
  - B. Inside bags must be sealed and labeled.
  - C. Box must have all seams sealed with tape.
  - D. Boxes have a maximum weight of 30 lbs., although they may weigh more.
2. Labeling:
  - A. Boxes and sharps containers must be labeled with the following information:
    - i. Generator Name
    - ii. Generator Address
    - iii. Generator ID#
    - iv. Total Weight of Waste



- 3. Paperwork:
  - A. Manifest:
    - i. Boxes 1-13, 15 and 16 must be completed on the tracking form.
    - ii. After both the generator and the transporter sign the manifest, remove back copy (gold) and leave it with the generator.
- 4. Transporting:
  - A. Drivers must wear protective gloves while handling waste.
  - B. All sharps containers must be placed in a secured sharps bin.
  - C. All boxes and drums must be secured with a cargo bar during transport.
  - D. Paperwork, including vehicle inspection reports, manifests, invoices, medical cards, etc., must be in the cab of the vehicle and easily accessible at all times.

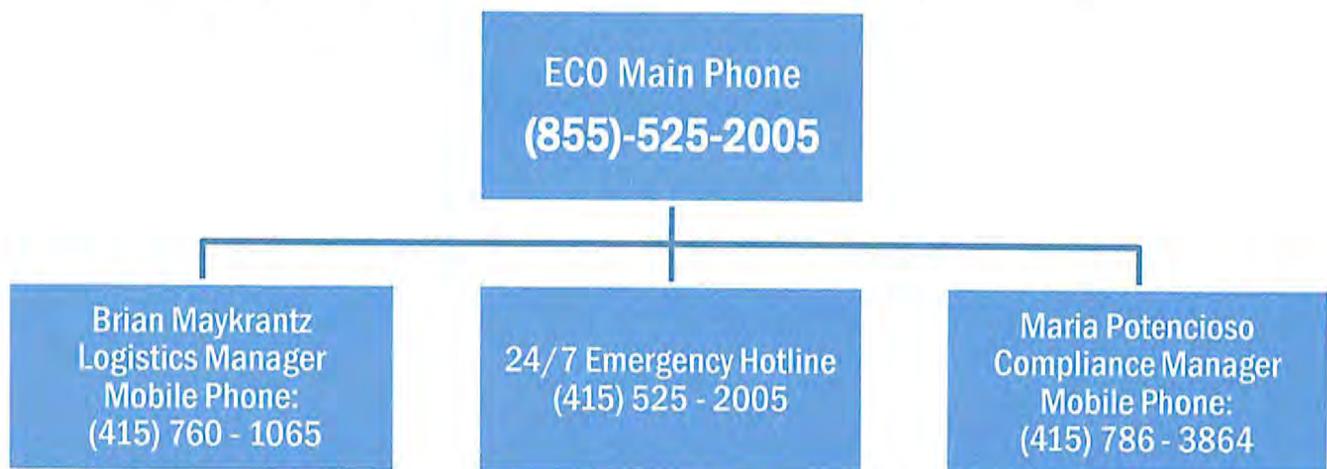
**X. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTING PROCEDURES**

The following call tree will be used in the event of a major emergency or spill involving Federal, State or local emergency response teams.

The answering service should be aware of the importance of contacting ECO staff immediately upon receiving a call.

All incoming calls will be immediately answered. All detailed information will be disseminated to the appropriate authority within one hour of reception.

Once the information is disseminated to the Manager, the information will be passed on to the appropriate State, or local response center, as necessary.



If there is an accident or other emergency which causes a portion of the load to be spilled, the driver, if uninjured, will contact the following designated company coordinator:

The designated coordinator will contact the state and municipal authorities where the accident occurred. If the accident or spill has the potential to cause environmental damage, (either due to the nature of the waste, the location of the incident, or additional factors such as leaking oil, fuel, etc.) the person contacted will notify the state emergency response team, by calling one of the following numbers:

Provide written details of incident so that a written report on the accident report form can be prepared and submitted to appropriate authorities within 48 hours of the occurrence of the spill.

Police, Fire, or Paramedics:	911
Local Medical Center:	
UCSF Medical Center:	<u>(415) 353-1664</u>
Department of Public Health:	(916) 449-5671
Department of Toxic Substance Control:	(800) 728-6942
Poison Control:	(800) 222-1222

**XI. TRAINING:**

All drivers must be trained on the following prior to operating a vehicle:

1. Pre-trip vehicle inspection
2. Use of vehicle's controls
3. Turning the vehicle
4. Backing and parking the vehicle
5. Manifest
6. Picking Ticket
7. Waste container inspection
8. Cargo Fastening

All training must be documented by paragraph **O. Trainee Report**, below.

**XII. RECORDKEEPING:**

Copies of all accident reports shall be maintained on file at the main office of ECO for a minimum of three (3) years.

Copies of all Spill Drills shall be maintained on file at the main office of ECO for a minimum of three (3) years

Copies of all personnel training shall be kept on file main office of Tri ECO for a minimum of three (3) years.

**XIII. SPILL DRILL CHECKLIST:**

All medical waste drivers must be tested on spill procedures. Each driver is required after reading the emergency management plan to perform and actual spill drill supervised by company management. The following checklist is to be filled out by management and signed by driver after drill has been completed. Each driver will be reviewed on spill response procedures annually.

Did the driver fully understand the illustrated spill response procedure?

Info, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Was the driver fully aware as to whom to contact in the event of a medical waste spill or if injuries occur and if another party was involved?

Was the driver aware of the location of the spill kit on the truck?

After removing the spill kit from the truck, did the driver read the spill response procedures on lid?

After reading the spill kit procedures, did the driver protect himself properly?

Info, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Did the driver designate the spill area correctly with the caution tape?

After the driver, properly designated spill area, did he saturate the spill with bleach?

To absorb the bleach poured on the spill, did the driver pour speedy dry on it?

Was the spill debris discarded in empty sharps containers?

After the spill was properly discarded in sharps containers, did the driver make sure all containers were properly sealed and labeled?

Was the tracking form filled out properly per DEP Guidelines?

Did the driver proceed to fill out a spill scene report?

Was the driver exposed to any injury as he carried out the spill drill?

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**XIV. EMERGENCY REPORT:**

1. Name of person making report.
2. Name and address, EPA ID#, transporter #
3. Phone # of person making report
4. Date, time and location of incident
5. Mode of transportation and vehicle type
6. Type of incident
  - a. Description of incident
7. Complete the following for each waste involved in the spill:
  - a. Name & EPA id# of generator
  - b. Shipping name and waste code of waste
  - c. Estimated quantity spilled
  - d. Extent of contamination of land, water or air
8. Extent of damage or injury
9. Steps to be taken to reduce risk of a similar incident
10. Weather conditions or other circumstances related to incident

If accident was involved, operator must report to their immediate supervisor for post-accident testing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Operating Vehicle Involved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**XV. TRAINEE REPORT**

TRAINEE:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINER:

**TRAINER – TRAINEE REPORT FORM**

	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>		<b>Satisfactory</b>
1. Pre-trip vehicle inspection			
2. Use of vehicle's controls			
3. Turning the vehicle			
4. Backing and parking the vehicle			
5. Manifest			
6. Picking Ticket			
7. Waste container inspection			
8. Cargo Fastening			

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLE OF SPECIAL SECURE BAGS USED FOR MEDICAL WASTE WHICH WILL THEN BE PLACED IN A SPECIAL CONTAINER (SHOWN TO THE RIGHT) WITH PROPER LABELING.**









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ATTN: REZA TARIVERDI  
ECO COMPLIANCE CORP  
35 MILLER AVE #195  
MILL VALLEY CA 94941

EPA ID Number Issued: May 28, 2015  
Location Address:  
35 MILLER AVE #195  
MILL VALLEY CA 9494119

**PERMANENT RECORD - DO NOT DESTROY  
YOUR CALIFORNIA EPA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS:**

# CAL000407259

This is to acknowledge that a permanent California Environmental Protection Agency Identification (EPA ID) Number has been assigned to your place of business.

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*An EPA ID Number is assigned to a person or business at a specific site. It is only valid for the location and person or business to which it was assigned. If your business has multiple generation sites, each site must have its own unique number. If you stop handling hazardous waste, move your business, change ownership, change mailing address, or change the type or amount of waste you handle, you must notify the Department of Toxic Substances Control immediately. If your business has moved, your EPA ID Number must be canceled. A new number must be obtained for your new location if you continue to generate hazardous waste.*

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This EPA ID Number must be used for all manifesting, record keeping, and reporting requirements. Please retain this notice in your files.

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Generator Information Services Section  
Telephone: (916) 255-1136 or California Only Toll-free Number: (800) 618-6942

Operator's Initials: AESCALONA

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### \*\*\*HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTER REGISTRATION\*\*\*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF REGISTERED TRANSPORTER:

ECO COMPLIANCE CORPORATION  
35 MILLER AVE. #195  
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

TRANSPORTER REGISTRATION NO.: 6377

EXPIRATION DATE: JUNE 30, 2017

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FIRM NAMED ABOVE IS DULY REGISTERED TO TRANSPORT HAZARDOUS WASTE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 6.5, DIVISION 20 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND TITLE 22 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, DIVISION 4.5.

THIS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE MUST BE CARRIED WITH EACH SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (916) 440-7145.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUNE 30, 2016

(DATE)



KAREN L. SMITH, MD, MPH  
Director & State Health Officer

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
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MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORTER  
APPROVAL AND CONDITIONS

June 18, 2015

The Department of Public Health, Medical Waste Management Program, has registered your company as a medical waste transporter. You are required to maintain your registration as a hazardous waste transporter, per HSC §§118000 - 118040 and to abide by all of the conditions on the enclosed page.

Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Number: 6377

Company name/address/phone: Eco Compliance Corporation  
35 Miller Ave #195  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Contact Person: Tandis Alizadeh  
(855) 525-2005

You are subject to all applicable provisions of the Medical Waste Management Act, Division 104, Part 14, Chapter 6, of the Health and Safety Code and the conditions set forth on the following page. If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 449-5671.

Alison F. Dabney, Chief  
Medical Waste Management Program

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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(800) 735-2922 (Voice)



June 22, 2015

ASSIGNMENT OF CARRIER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER CA 468609

File No.: 42.A07970.ASSIGNMENT

ECO COMPLIANCE CORPORATION  
35 MILLER AVE #195  
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

Your company has been assigned Carrier Number CA 468609 in the California Highway Patrol's Management Information System of Terminal Evaluation Records (MISTER). This is an automated file pertaining to motor carriers operating in the State of California. MISTER gives the CHP immediate access to emergency information about your company. It also allows the CHP to make better use of its inspection personnel by monitoring the overall safety operations of carriers. This is done by collecting information regarding citations, traffic accidents, hazardous material spills, and terminal evaluation ratings.

Your assigned Carrier Number must be displayed according to Vehicle Code Section 34507.5 (e.g., on both sides of at least one vehicle in a combination as described in Section 34500, any motortruck of two or more axles that is more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, or any other motortruck or motor vehicle used to transport property for compensation). Carriers displaying any one of the following valid numbers on their vehicle(s) are not required to display a CA number: a CAL-T number issued by the California Public Utilities Commission to household goods carriers; a TCP or PSC number issued by the California Public Utilities Commission to passenger carriers; or a US DOT number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), to truck and passenger carriers. The number must be legible from 50 feet during normal daylight hours (approximately two inches high) and in a contrasting color to the background.

Example of proper display: CA 468609

If you have any questions regarding your assigned Carrier Number or the requirement to display the number, please contact the CHP Golden Gate Division Motor Carrier Safety Unit at (707) 648-4180.



This document contains training materials supplied to UCSB EH&S by environmental scientists from the Medical Waste Management Program at the California Department of Public Health.

The training materials summarize California state requirements for medical waste containment, storage, and transport.



### Medical Waste Storage Labeling, Holding Times and Treatment Methods

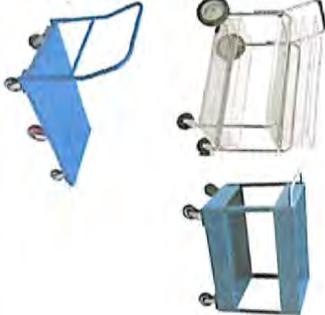
Medical Waste Stream	Primary Container to be disposed into	"Transport" or secondary Container	"Transport" or Secondary Container Labeling	Holding Time and Conditions Onsite	Treatment Method
<b>Biohazardous Waste</b> (bloody items, gauze, soiled gowns / gloves, suction canisters with bloody fluids) 	Labeled biohazardous waste container or acceptable "kick-bucket" lined with a red biohazard bag. (Trauma/ER only)	Secured red bag in the secondary transport container that is rigid with a tight fitting lid and lined with a red bag.	Labeled on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Biohazardous Waste" or "BIOHAZARD" with the international biohazard symbol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At &gt;0°C, ≥ 20 pounds / month, shall store ≤ 7 days</li> <li>At &gt;0°C, &lt; 20 pounds shall contain or store ≤ 30 days</li> <li>At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Steam Sterilization</b> Must be treated within 7 days from onsite removal
<b>Sharps Waste</b> (needles, broken glass vials, blades, clips, pins, trocars, empty carpulets, & syringes with trace amount of medication) 	Sharps waste container (Sharps "containers", not individual sharps/needle, may be placed in red biohazard bags).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharps waste container in a red biohazard bag in a rigid container with a tight fitting lid, or</li> <li>Individual sharps waste container by itself.</li> </ul>	Labeled on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Biohazardous Waste" or "BIOHAZARD" with the international biohazard symbol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At &gt;0°C, any amount may be stored ≤ 30 days</li> <li>At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Steam Sterilization</b> Must be treated within 7 days from onsite removal
<b>Chemotherapy Waste</b> 	Chemotherapy waste container.	Chemotherapy waste transport container by itself (must be a rigid container with a tight fitting lid).	Labeled on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Chemotherapy Waste" or "CHEMO" and "INCINERATION ONLY". (No symbol). For chemo sharps needs sharps symbol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At &gt;0°C, ≥ 20 pounds / month, shall contain or store ≤ (7) days</li> <li>At &gt;0°C, &lt; 20 pounds shall contain or store ≤ 30 days</li> <li>At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Incineration</b> Must be treated within 30 days from onsite removal
<b>Pathology Waste</b> 	Pathology waste container lined with a red biohazard bag.	Pathology waste transport container by itself (must be a rigid container with a tight fitting lid).	Labeled on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "Pathology Waste" or "PATH" and "INCINERATION ONLY". (No symbol requirement).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At &gt;0°C, ≥ 20 pounds / month, shall contain or store ≤ (7) days</li> <li>At &gt;0°C, &lt; 20 pounds shall contain or store ≤ 30 days</li> <li>At ≤ 0°C, any amount may be stored up to 90 days.</li> </ul>	<b>Incineration</b> Must be treated within 30 days from onsite removal
<b>Pharmaceutical Waste</b> (All syringes, vials with residual medication, pills) 	Pharmaceutical waste container.	Pharmaceutical waste transport container by itself (must be a rigid container with a tight fitting lid).	Labeled on lid and sides visible from any lateral direction with "INCINERATION ONLY". (No symbol requirement).	Pharmaceutical waste containers (not temperature relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if full, ≤ 90 days.</li> <li>if not full, once per year.</li> </ul>	<b>Incineration</b> Must be treated within 30 days from onsite removal

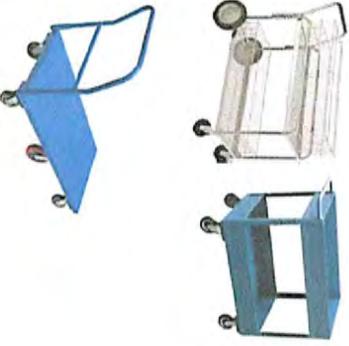
If odor presents a nuisance, more frequent removal is required.

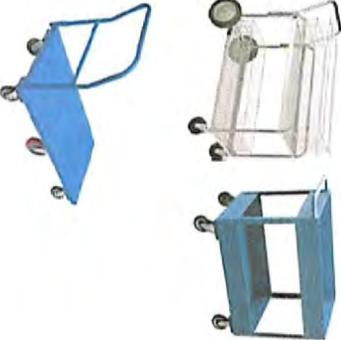
For off-sites or transfer stations, all waste from the generators may be stored for ≤ 30 days at ≤ 0°C, or ≤ 7 days at > 0°C from the time of pickup from the generator to the start of treatment.

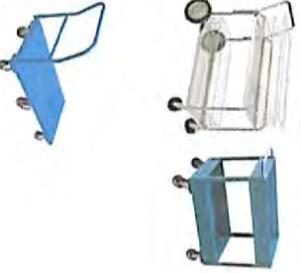
Reference: HSC Sections 118275, 118280, 118285

Medical Waste Stream	Acceptable Containers for Generation	Acceptable Transportation Methods	Acceptable Storage Containers / Methods
<p><b>Biohazardous Waste (Red Biohazard Bags)</b></p>	<p>(Biohazardous waste containers shall be lined with a red biohazard bag)</p> 	<p>Biohazardous containers may be transported on flatbed carts:</p> 	

Medical Waste Stream	Acceptable Containers for Generation	Acceptable Transportation Methods	Acceptable Storage Containers / Methods
Sharps Waste Containers	<p>(DO NOT line sharps waste containers)</p>   	<p>If sharps containers are placed into a red biohazard bag than it shall be treated as a red biohazard bag as biohazardous waste and transported in a rigid container with a tight fitting cover labeled with the biohazard symbol and the words "BIOHAZARD" on the lid and all visible sides. SEE ABOVE FOR ACCEPTABLE TRANSPORTATION METHODS</p> <p>If sharps containers are NOT in a red biohazard bag BUT are transported in an enclosed secondary container than it shall a rigid container with a tight fitting lid labeled with the biohazard symbol and the words "BIOHAZARD" on the lid and all visible sides. Sealed sharps containers may be placed in the same container with secured red biohazard bags. SEE ABOVE FOR ACCEPTABLE TRANSPORTATION METHODS</p> <p>If sharps containers are <u>NOT</u> placed into a red biohazard bag; sharps containers may be transported as is individually OR on a flatbed cart such as these:</p> 	<p>If sharps containers are placed into a red biohazard bag than it shall be treated as a red biohazard bag as biohazardous waste and transported in a rigid container with a tight fitting cover labeled with the biohazard symbol and the words "BIOHAZARD" on the lid and all visible sides. SEE ABOVE FOR ACCEPTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS</p> <p>If sharps containers are placed into a secondary container for storage than it shall be a rigid container with a tight fitting lid labeled with the biohazard symbol and the words BIOHAZARD on the lid and all visible sides. SEE ABOVE FOR ACCEPTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS</p> <p>If sharps containers are <u>NOT</u> in a red biohazard bag than it can be placed individually next to other medical waste containers in the storage area.</p> 

Medical Waste Stream	Acceptable Containers for Generation	Acceptable Transportation Methods	Acceptable Storage Containers / Methods
Pathology Waste	<p>(Pathology waste containers shall be lined with a red biohazard bag)</p>   	<p>Red biohazard bags used for pathology waste shall be transported in an enclosed secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled "PATH" or "Pathology Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  <p>Pathology containers may be transported on flatbed carts:</p> 	<p>Red biohazard bags used for pathology waste shall be stored in an enclosed secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled "PATH" or "Pathology Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  

Medical Waste Stream	Acceptable Containers for Generation	Acceptable Transportation Methods	Acceptable Storage Containers / Methods
Pharmaceutical Waste	<p>(DO NOT line or place pharmaceutical containers in a red biohazard bag)</p> 	<p>Pharmaceutical containers shall NOT be placed in a red biohazard bag.</p> <p>If pharmaceutical containers are transported in an enclosed secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled INCINERATION ONLY on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  <p>Pharmaceutical containers may be transported on flatbed carts:</p> 	<p>If pharmaceutical containers are placed in a secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled INCINERATION ONLY on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  <p>Pharmaceutical containers may be individually placed next to other medical waste containers.</p> 

Medical Waste Stream	Acceptable Containers for Generation	Acceptable Transportation Methods	Acceptable Storage Containers / Methods
<p><b>Chemotherapy Waste</b></p>	<p>Single-Use Chemo Sharps Containers: (DO NOT line chemo sharps containers)</p>  <p>Reusable Chemo Containers: (Shall be lined with a red biohazard bag)</p> 	<p>Chemo sharps containers may be transported as is individually or if multiple pick up, you may use a flatbed cart (see below).</p> <p>If chemo sharps containers are transported in an enclosed secondary container than it shall a rigid container with a tight fitting lid labeled with the words "CHEMO" or "Chemotherapy Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p> <p>Red biohazard bags lining reusable chemo waste containers shall be transported in an enclosed secondary container, it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled "CHEMO" or "Chemotherapy Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  <p>Chemo containers may be transported on flatbed carts:</p> 	<p>If chemo sharps containers are placed in a secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled "CHEMO" or "Chemotherapy Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p> <p>Red biohazard bags used for chemo waste shall be placed in a secondary container it shall be rigid with a tight fitting lid labeled "CHEMO" or "Chemotherapy Waste" on the lid and all visible sides.</p>  <p>Chemo sharps containers may be individually placed next to other medical waste containers.</p> 

# ACCEPTABLE BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS



# The **CORRECT** way to tie the bag



Always wear gloves



Bag shouldn't be more than 1/2 full



Twist the top



Tie a knot

# The **WRONG** way to tie the bag



A butterfly knot leaves more of a chance of leakage

## Examples of good laboratory table top containers for red bagged waste.



Nalgene 6370-0004 Biohazardous Waste Container, Polypropylene (PP), 1.5-Gallon

By [Nalgene](#)



An example of a  
**Biohazardous Waste Container**  
or  
**Biohazardous Waste Transport Container**



### **Medical Waste Management Act**

#### *118280 - Containment and Storage*

To containerize biohazard bags, a person shall do all of the following:

- (a) The bags shall be tied to prevent leakage or expulsion of contents during all future storage, handling, or transport.
- (b) **Biohazardous waste**, except biohazardous waste as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 117635, **shall be bagged in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 118275 and placed for storage, handling, or transport in a rigid container which may be disposable, reusable, or recyclable. Containers shall be leak resistant, have tight-fitting covers, and be kept clean and in good repair.** Containers may be recycled with the approval of the enforcement agency. Containers may be of any color and shall be labeled with the words "Biohazardous Waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "BIOHAZARD" on the lid and on the sides so as to be visible from any lateral direction.



Biohazardous waste, except biohazardous waste as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 117635, shall be placed in a red biohazard bag conspicuously labeled with the words "Biohazardous Waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "BIOHAZARD" [HSC section 118275(b)].



**DO NOT use cardboard boxes for biohazardous waste or sharps waste**



**Do NOT use wire frame holders for biohazardous waste**



**DO NOT line sharps waste containers**





# MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

<b>Medical Waste Management Company:</b>	
<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Fax No:</b>
<b>RMW Administrator:</b>	
<b>Records/ Manifest are kept:</b>	
<b>Method of Disposal:</b>	
<b>Location of Container:</b>	



\*Waste vendor's receipt must be kept/retained for three (3) years

This Facility Generate the Following:	Yes	No	Comments
Biohazardous Waste –Solid "Red-Bag"			If less than 20 lbs. of waste is generated per month: <input type="checkbox"/> 30 day if stored above 32 deg °F <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days if stored below 32 deg
Sharps Waste			No more than 7 days after container is filled
Liquid waste			1 yr. from accumulation start date
Amalgam			1 yr. from accumulation start date
Pathology waste			If less than 20 lbs. of waste is generated per month: <input type="checkbox"/> 7 day if stored above 32 deg °F <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days if stored below 32 deg F
Trace chemotherapeutic waste			
Out-dated pharmaceutical waste			
Does the total amount of medical wastes produced above equal or exceed 200 pounds per month?			If yes, give the large quantity generator #: _____ If no, give the small quantity generator #: _____
DHS-approved mail back system			
A common storage facility is used by this office and other dental or medical office in this building			Name of property management:

## WASTE SEGREGATION GUIDE SHEET

Biohazardous Red Bag Waste	Sharps Waste	Pathology Waste	Chemotherapy Waste	Non-RCRA Pharma Waste	Regular Trash Bag
 32 Gallon Container					
<p><b>Red Bags</b></p> <p><b>Labelled:</b></p> <p>Biohazardous Waste or <b>BIOHAZARD</b> with international biohazard symbol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials)</li> <li>• Blood tubing/ bags/ hemovacs/pleurovacs</li> <li>• Soaked/dripping bloody dressings</li> <li>• Intact glass or plastic bottles with body fluids</li> <li>• All disposables soaked or dripping with blood or OPIM</li> <li>• Contaminated waste from isolation patients</li> <li>• Suction canisters or liners with bloody fluid or OPIM</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approved Sharps Container</b></p> <p><b>Labelled:</b></p> <p>Sharps Waste and <b>BIOHAZARD</b> with international biohazard symbol</p> <p>All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo) <b>Examples:</b> needles, broken glass vials, broken ampules, blades,scalpels,razors, pins, clips, etc.</p> <p>All empty syringes, tubexes, carpulets or those with <b>trace</b> (unpourable) amount of medication.</p> <p>Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc.</p>	<p><b>Labelled:</b></p> <p>Pathology Waste or <b>PATH</b> and <b>INCINERATION ONLY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathology Waste includes all biopsy materials and all human tissues and anatomical parts that emanate from surgical, obstetrical, autopsy and laboratory procedures.</li> <li>• Containers shall be labeled with words "Pathology Waste" or "PATH" and the waste shall be segregated from other red bag waste.</li> <li>• "Incineration Only" is advised to be placed on the containers to ensure proper treatment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Labelled:</b></p> <p>Chemotherapy Waste or <b>CHEMO</b> and <b>INCINERATION ONLY</b></p> <p><b>Trace chemo:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication.</li> <li>• <b>Example:</b> tubing, empty bags/bottles/vials, syringes, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Return all unused Chemo to Pharmacy in original bag for disposal</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Labelled:</b></p> <p>Pharmaceutical Waste &amp; Pharma Sharps Waste:</p> <p><b>INCINERATION ONLY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pharmaceutical Waste:</b> IV bags and tubing with residual medication.</li> <li>• Partially used /residual prescription or over-the-counter medication.</li> <li>• <b>Example:</b> vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Pharmaceutical Sharps Waste:</b> -))All syringes, tubexes, carpulets with residual (pourable) medication.</li> <li>• <b>Wasted narcotics</b> and/or controlled drugs</li> <li>• <b>Unopened/Unused or expired medications:</b> Return to Pharmacy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clear Bags</b></p> <p>NO RMW or Dirty PPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IV bags and <b>Empty</b> medication vials or containers</li> <li>• Trash/wrapper Dressings</li> <li>• Chux/ underpads</li> <li>• Empty Foley bags and other Disposable patient Items</li> <li>• Sanitary napkins</li> </ul>



## Dental Medical Waste Management

Type	Treatment or Disposal	Storage Time
Sharps	Mail-back, pick-up by a registered medical waste hauler, or onsite treatment by autoclave or a CDPH-approved alternative treatment.	30 days, when full and ready for disposal. (HSC §118285). Or, up to 90 days if ≤ 32°F (HSC§118280).
Anesthetic	If empty (=trace), place in trash.	
Carpules	If pourable (=residual) amount remains, manage as pharmaceutical waste. If blood has been aspirated, place in sharps or biohazardous container.	See pharmaceuticals. See sharps or red-bag, as applicable.
Red-Bag Blood & OPIM	Mail-back, registered medical waste hauler, onsite autoclave or CDPH-approved alternative treatment.	If <20 lbs. per month, 30 days @ >32°F, 90 days @ ≤ 32°F (HSC §118280).
Pharmaceuticals	Mail-back, or registered medical waste hauler.	90 days, when full and ready for disposal, or at least once per year (HSC§118280).
Teeth (if the dentist deems infectious)	Mail-back, registered medical waste hauler, onsite autoclave or CDPH-approved alternative treatment.	See red-bag.
Teeth with amalgam	Not medical waste.	Universal waste.
Combined waste	May combine all waste streams, except pharmaceuticals and amalgam. Sharps must be in a sharps container.	See red-bag.

Do not place pharmaceutical waste in devices intended for red-bag and sharps waste, since it must be incinerated. For mail-back systems, please ensure that separate containers are used for pharmaceutical waste.

Onsite alternative treatment technology methods may or may not require registration and/or a permit. Check with your local enforcement agency for medical waste.



[www.cdph.ca.gov/certific/medicalwaste](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certific/medicalwaste)

6/30/2014



# Mock Safety Inspection



# Mock Safety Inspection Checklist- MSIC.A.1

## BUSINESS INFORMATION:

DBA Name:					
License Number :					
Address:					
Phone:			Fax:		
Type of Practice:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Radiation	<input type="checkbox"/> X-ray	<input type="checkbox"/> Laser:	<input type="checkbox"/> Biosafety	Level:	
Length of Ownership:			Licensee(s) Name Tag(s):		
Medical Director:					
Safety Manager:					
Direct Phone:			Emergency Phone:		
Email:					
Date of Inspection:			Time Of Inspections:		

Safety Inspector Signature

Date

If you have any questions about any of the non-compliance issues on this list or any questions about how to correct any of these issues, please give me a call. It is very important that these corrections are made as soon as possible. If you fail to make all of the corrections listed below, your practice will be at risk for fines and penalties in the event of an OSHA inspection.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to your company.

**Physical Compliance**

Safety Manual:	Location:	Accessible /Update?
Records Manual:	Location:	Accessible /Update?
SDS Manual/System?	Location:	Accessible/Updated?
Fire Extinguisher Location(s) Accessible?	Checked Annually?	Properly Charged?
O2 Tank	Location:	Is it attached to ambu bag?
Emergency Kit/First Aid Kit	Location:	Expired Meds?
Spill Kit	Location:	Complete?
Eyewash Station Not connected to a hot water Y or N	Location:	Cover:
Walking/Working Surfaces:	Floors Even?	Tripping Hazards?
Compressed Gas:	Location:	
Breaker Panel(s) Location (s):		
Comments:		

**Patient Care Rooms**

Room #	Sharps Container	Bio-Hazard Container	Hand Washing	Electrical	PPE	Unlabeled Chemicals	Other
1							
2							
3							
Comments:							

Required Postings	Yes	No	N/A	Plan Action/Comments
OSHA workplace poster prominently?				
Emergency Phone No. Posted?				
Poster identifying emergency phone numbers, location of safety policies, first aid kit and MSDSs?				
How to access MSDS and other potential hazard information posted for other employers' employees?				
Emergency evacuation information with location of fire extinguishers and alarms posted?				
Microwave usage signage posted?				
Hand washing signs posted?				
Pregnancy Radiation Warning Sign?				

Administrative	Yes	No	N/A	Action/Comment
Safety Manual Completely Filled out & on Location?				
Chemical Inventory List Complete?				
Is your MSDS manual in a common area & accessible to all employees?				
Trainings: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency/Fire Drill <input type="checkbox"/> BBP Training <input type="checkbox"/> Infection Control <input type="checkbox"/> Haz Comm/GHS				
Is it kept in a secure location accessible only to Owner, Office Manager, and Safety Officer?				
Are all planned safety activities performed on a regular basis and documented? (safety meetings, inspections, training and fire drills)				
Are Cal/OSHA posters conspicuously displayed?				
Did you post the name of your current workers' compensation carrier or the fact that you are self-insured? Must be in English and Spanish.				
Emergency contact phone numbers posted on every phone?				
Is there an effective new employee safety orientation?				

Recordkeeping	Yes	No	N/A	Plan Action/Comments
Needle stick log completed, maintained and reviewed annually?				
Hepatitis B consent or declination documentation including post series antibody testing up to date and maintained?				
Healthcare professional's written opinion as to the need for hepatitis B vaccination on file for each potentially exposed employee?				
Medical records on employees up to date and maintained confidentially (for 30 years?)				
Employee training and retraining records up to date and maintained (for minimum of 3 years?)				
Medical waste manifests in order, current and maintained?				
Biological monitoring and chemical disinfectant/sterilant testing documentation filed?				
Radiation certification up to date?				
New employee check list completed?				
New employee forms in order?				
Safety meetings held and documented?				
Post exposure forms completed and filed?				
Employee consent/declination form				

<b>Bloodborne Pathogens</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
Exposure Control Plan (ECP) in proper location as previously determined?				
Exposure Control Plan (ECP) updated at least annually?				
HBV vaccination program followed throughout year?				
Hepatitis B vaccination documentation and/or declinations up to date and confidential?				
Antibody testing offered to employees 1-2 months post-vaccination?				
Soap and tepid water and/or alcohol hand rubs available for hand hygiene?				
Sharps containers located as close as possible to point of use?				
Sharps containers not over-filled?				
Employees handling sharps as determined in exposure control plan?				
Engineering controls evaluated and updated annually?				

<b>Hazard Communication Program</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
Hazard Communication program in place and updated at least annually?				
Labels on containers (including secondary) readable?				
MSDSs maintained and List updated?				
Eyes wash maintaining proper pressure, working correctly and mounted properly?				
Eye wash produces tepid running water?				
Chemical spill kit located in previously determined location?				
Food and drinks out of areas where hazardous chemicals are used?				
Incompatible chemicals stored separately; flammables store in cool area?				

<b>Aerosol Transmissible Disease</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
ADT exposure control plan in place and updated at least annually?				
Screening program for ATD?				
Employees trained?				
N-95 respirators fit tested and properly maintained if treating/transporting TB/suspected TB patients?				
Reporting and/or referral procedures in place?				

<b>Fire Safety and Emergency Evacuation</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
Posted maps or evacuation plan readable?				
Exits and hallways clear?				
Doors in good operating condition?				
Exits and egress marked clearly?				
Natural disaster plan, training and drills in place?				
Exits have appropriate signs, are lit and mark direction to exit?				
Alarms and smoke detectors in working order and checked regularly?				
Oxygen and other gases under pressure secured and protected from heat sources such as smoking?				
Automatic sprinkler system maintained and checked on a scheduled basis?				

<b>Electrical Safety</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
No exposed wiring and cords with frayed or deteriorated insulation?				
Electrical equipment in working condition?				
Electrical equipment grounded?				
Extension cords not in permanent use?				
Extension cords have grounding conductor?				
Electrical switches, receptacles, junction boxes provided with tight-fitting covers or plates?				
3 feet clearance in front of fuse box?				
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) installed in areas where potential water/electrical hazard could occur (lab, laundry, kitchen)?				

<b>CPR and First Aid</b>	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Plan Action/Comments</b>
CPR current on designated employees?				
First Aid kit in designated location?				
Resuscitation devices located in designated areas within office?				

Attachment 4: Letter appealing the Planning Commission's  
action dated Oct. 17, 2016

Reuben Saldana  
3081 Industrial Drive  
Yuba City, CA 95993

Dave Uyehara  
3137 Industrial Drive  
Yuba City, CA 95993

October 17, 2016

City Council – City of Yuba City  
1201 Civic Center Boulevard  
Yuba City, CA 95993

RE: Appeal to issuance of Use Permit 16-03

Dear City Council,

I would like to appeal the Yuba City Planning Commission's decision to grant Use Permit 16-03, filed by Eco Compliance. This decision was made during the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday October 12, 2016. My appeal is made in accordance to Yuba City Municipal Code Section 8-5.7104(b).

Eco Compliance is a bio-hazardous waste transfer facility. The use of the property would be to "collect waste from hospitals, clinics, urgent care facilities, dental practices, veterinarian clinics, and mortuaries...to be stored at the subject site until such time it would be delivered to a treatment facility."

I, along with other nearby affected residents and business owners, believe that granting this Use Permit would be a violation of Yuba City Municipal Code Section 8-5.7003(d).

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance in further reviewing this matter.

Sincerely,

Reuben Saldana

Dave Uyehara

## Attachment 5: Building photographs

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*(1) North side of building*



*(2) East side of building*



## Attachment 5: Building photographs

*(3) West and south sides of the building*



*(4) Storage area along the south property line*



Attachment 6: Email in opposition to the project dated Oct. 4,  
2016

## **Arnoldo Rodriguez**

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**From:** Donna Cardoza <donnacardoza@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 8:31 AM  
**To:** Arnoldo Rodriguez  
**Subject:** Planning commision

I received notice of a hearing regarding use permit no 16-03 I am unable to attend on October 12, I want to express my opinion on this matter as a property owner in that area. I am against this use permit being granted for a ECO bio hazardous in that area at anytime whether sealed or not these containers can spill and cause danger to anyone within range of this building. Please consider my vote as a NO to allow this use permit. This type of business should be way out in a non occupied area.

Donna Costa, costa family trust  
3380 Industrial drive  
Yuba City

Attachment 7: Project site plan



## Attachment 8: Negative Declaration



**Environmental Assessment 16-06  
Initial Study and Negative Declaration for  
Use Permit 16-03, Eco Compliance**

*Prepared for:*

City of Yuba City  
1201 Civic Center Blvd.  
Yuba City, CA 95993

*Prepared By:*

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Development Services Department  
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August, 2016



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## Section 1. Introduction & Project Overview

### Purpose and CEQA Process

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This IS/MND has been prepared in conformance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15070. The purpose of the IS/MND is to determine the potential significant impacts associated with the Eco Compliance use permit. In addition, this document is intended to provide the basis for input from public agencies, organization, and interested members of the public for the project.

### Introduction

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This Initial Study has been prepared to identify and assess any anticipated environmental impacts resulting from the proposed Medical Waste Transfer Station purposed by ECO Compliance. ECO Compliance is a bio-hazardous waste transporter. Their proposal is to collect bio-hazardous waste from Generators (hospitals, clinics, urgent care facilities, medical and dental practices, pharmacies, veterinarian clinics mortuaries etc.) and deliver the waste to permitted treatment facilities. ECO Compliance serves as a conduit between the Generators and the proper processing facilities. As part of that process ECO Compliance will operate a transfer station (3180 Industrial Drive) whereby the waste collected by Eco Compliance, as well as waste received from other authorized transporters, will be gathered at the transfer station for weekly or more often transport to a permitted treatment facility. The focus of the use permit is the use of the existing facilities located at 3180 Industrial Drive for a bio-hazardous waste transfer station. The application is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as the City has discretionary authority over the project.

This document has been prepared to satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code, Section 21000 *et seq.*) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 CCR §15000 *et seq.*). CEQA requires that all state and local government agencies consider the environmental consequences of projects over which they have discretionary authority before acting on those projects.

The initial study is a public document used by the decision-making lead agency to determine whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment. If the lead agency finds substantial evidence that any aspect of the project, either individually or cumulatively, may have a significant effect on the environment, regardless of whether the overall effect of the project is adverse or beneficial, the lead agency is required to use a previously prepared EIR and

supplement that EIR, or prepare a subsequent EIR to analyze at hand. If the agency finds no substantial evidence that the project or any of its aspects may cause a significant effect on the environment, a negative declaration shall be prepared. If in the course of the analysis, it is recognized that the project may have a significant impact on the environment, but that with specific recommended mitigation measures, these impacts shall be reduced to less than significant, a mitigated negative declaration shall be prepared.

In reviewing all of the available information for the above referenced project, the City of Yuba City Planning Division has analyzed the potential environmental impacts created by this project and a negative declaration has been prepared for this project.

### Intended Uses of this Document

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In accordance with CEQA, a good-faith effort has been made during preparation of this IS/ND to contact affected public agencies, organizations, and persons who may have an interest in the proposed project. In reviewing the Draft IS/ND, affected and interested parties should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the effects of the rezone and annexation would be avoided or mitigated.

The Draft IS/ND and associated appendixes will be available for review on the City of Yuba City website at <http://www.yubacity.net/>. The Draft IS/ND and associated appendixes also will be available for review during regular business hours at the City of Yuba City Development Services Department (1201 Civic Center Boulevard, Yuba City, California 95993).

Comments on the Draft IS/ND must be submitted in writing during the 20-day comment period, which will commence on August 16, 2016. Written comments on the Draft IS/ND should be sent to the above address by 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2016.

## Notice of Declaration

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**1. PROJECT TITLE:**

Use Permit 16-03, ECO Compliance.

**2. LEAD AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS:**

City of Yuba City  
Development Services Department, Planning Division  
1201 Civic Center Blvd.  
Yuba City, CA 95993

**3. CONTACT PERSON & PHONE NUMBER:**

Arnoldo Rodriguez, AICP, Development Services Director  
(530) 822-3231  
[arodrigu@yubacity.net](mailto:arodrigu@yubacity.net)

**4. PROJECT LOCATION:**

3180 Industrial Drive, located on the corner of Industrial Drive where it makes a 90 degree turn, located just west of George Washington Boulevard.

**5. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS:**

The subject property is identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 63-020-065.

**6. PROJECT APPLICANT:**

ECO Compliance  
59 West Liberty Street, Suite 880  
Reno, NV 89501

**7. PROPERTY OWNER:**

Lang Revocable 2001 Trust  
1945 Case Drive, Suite U  
Yuba City, CA 95993

**8. GENERAL PLAN and SPECIFIC PLAN DESIGNATIONS:**

*Existing GP:* Business, Technology and Light Industry  
No specific plan

**9. ZONE DISTRICT:**

*Existing Zoning:* Light Industrial (M-1) Zone District

## **10. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

ECO Compliance is a bio-hazardous waste transporter. Their proposal is to collect bio-hazardous waste from Generators (hospitals, clinics, urgent care facilities, medical and dental practices, pharmacies, veterinarian clinics mortuaries etc.) and delivers the waste to permitted treatment facilities. ECO Compliance serves as a conduit between the Generators and the proper processing facilities. As part of that process ECO Compliance will operate a transfer station (3180 Industrial Drive) whereby the waste collected by Eco Compliance, as well as waste received from other authorized transporters, will be gathered at the transfer station for weekly or more often transport to a permitted treatment facility. The bio-hazardous waste will be received at the facility in approved specially marked containers, will be stored as such and shipped in the same containers. This is not a bio-hazardous waste treatment facility so the containers will not be opened.

The facility that will serve as the transfer station is an existing 4,344 square foot building consisting of a 1,344 square foot office area and a 3,000 square foot warehouse with adequate on-site parking and a fenced and gated outside yard in the rear of the property. The rear yard area is needed for septic tank leach fields, as the property is served by an on-site wastewater disposal system. The property is served by City water.

The bio-hazardous waste processing consists of pick-up of the hazardous waste at the generating facility already enclosed in air-tight and water-tight metal containers. The containers will be stored indoors at the transfer facility until such time as there are enough containers to warrant pick-up by a larger truck and delivered to a licensed processing facility located outside of this area. At no time will the containers be opened while at the transfer station, nor will the containers be stored outdoors. It is estimated by the applicant that the pick-up will occur once or twice a week. The building has a large door at the rear of the building. The trucks will be driven into the rear yard and loaded by on-site staff and the driver.

## **11. SURROUNDING LAND USES & SETTING:**

The project is surrounded by developed properties within an industrial park. Surrounding properties are of a similar size and utilized for light industrial and storage uses. There are no nearby residences.

## **12. OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):**

State and Federal Bio-hazardous waste regulatory agencies.

## Section 2. Environmental Checklist and Impact Evaluation

### Environmental Factors Potentially Affected:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is "Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated," as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic             | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |   |  |

### Determination: On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that, although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Division prior to the Planning Commission hearing, or at the Planning Commission hearing prior to the close of the public hearing.

Submit comments to:

Initial Study Prepared by:

Development Services Dept.  
Planning Division  
1201 Civic Center Blvd.  
Yuba City, CA 95993

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Denis Cook, Planning Consultant

The public hearing for this item is scheduled for September 14, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. before the Yuba City Planning Commission and will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, California.

### **Evaluation of Environmental Impacts:**

- A. A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- B. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- C. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- D. “Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from “Earlier Analysis,” as described below, may be cross referenced).
- E. Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - 1. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - 2. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by

mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

3. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they addressed site-specific conditions for the project.
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- F. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
  - G. Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

### Section 3. Environmental Checklist and Impact Evaluation

The following section presents the initial study checklist recommended by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to determine potential impacts of a project. Explanations of all answers are provided following each question, as necessary.

#### I. AESTHETICS

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X

#### Response to Questions:

a-d) This is an existing developed facility. The site will be improved with the parking lot being resurfaced and new landscaping will be added, so the appearance of the site will be an environmental positive. The storage of the waste will not be indoors and not publically visible.

#### II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland.

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact

a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				X
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4256), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?				X
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X

**Response to Questions:**

- a) The property is already fully developed, as are neighboring properties, so there will be no additional loss of agricultural land.
- b-c) The property is currently zoned and utilized for non-agricultural uses; it is not zoned for agricultural uses nor is it under a Williamson Act contract. Therefore this project will not result in the conversion of other agricultural properties to non-agricultural uses.
- d) There are no forest lands or areas designated for forest land in the City of Yuba City.
- e) This property and neighboring properties were previously developed for non-agricultural uses, so there will be no loss of agricultural loss due to this project.

**III. AIR QUALITY**

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations.

Would the project?	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?			X	
b) Violate any air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			X	

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			X	
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			X	
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				X

The Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) is the local agency charged with administering local, state, and federal air quality management programs for Yuba and Sutter Counties. The FRAQMD’s jurisdiction is located in Northern California in the Northern Sacramento Valley Air Basin. The major pollutants of concern in the Northern Sacramento Valley are ozone (O3) and particulate matter (PM). According to the Northern Sacramento Valley Planning Area (NSVPA) 2015 Triennial Air Quality Attainment Plan, Sutter County, in which the City of Yuba City is located, was designated as a nonattainment-transitional district that does not exceed the state ozone standards more than three times at any monitoring location in a single calendar year (Sacramento Valley Air Quality Engineering and Enforcement Professionals [SVAQEPP] 2015).

**Response to Questions:**

a-d) Since the containers will not be opened while on-site there will be no air quality impacts from the materials that are within the containers. The only air quality impact is exhaust from the transport vehicles. However, these vehicles already operate in the area, transporting the hazardous waste between the generators and the processing facility. By adding this transfer station the amount of vehicle pollution is not expected to increase.

e) As the containers will not be opened there will be no odors that originate from this facility.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				X
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or				X

regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources?				X
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X

**Response to Questions:**

a-d) This property was previously fully improved with building and parking that was designed for light industrial uses, so there will be no loss of biological resources.

e,f) There are no policies, ordinances or adopted Habitat Conservation Plans, Natural Community Conservation Plans, or any other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans in the vicinity of the project.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Would the project:</b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.				X
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archeological resource.				X
c) Directly or indirectly destroy unique paleontological resources or site or unique geologic features?				X
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				X

**Response to Questions:**

a-d) The site was previously full developed with a building, pave parking, and outdoor storage area, and there are no further improvements proposed so there will be no impact on cultural resources.

## VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:</b>				
<b>i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area, or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?</b>			<b>X</b>	
<b>iv) Landslides?</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>b) Be located on a geological unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>c) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in the California Building Code creating substantial risks to life or property?</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>d) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?</b>				<b>X</b>

### **Response to Questions:**

a-b) No active earthquake faults are known to exist in Sutter County, although active faults in the region could produce motion in Yuba City. However, potentially active faults do exist in the Sutter Buttes but those faults are considered small and have not exhibited activity in recent history (last 200 years).

In the event of a major regional earthquake, fault rupture or seismic ground shaking could potentially injure people and cause collapse or structural damage to existing and proposed structures. Ground shaking could potentially expose people and property to seismic-related hazards, including localized liquefaction and ground failure. All new structures are required to adhere to current California Uniform Building Code (CUBC) standards. These standards require adequate design, construction and maintenance of structures to prevent exposure of people and structures to major geologic hazards. General Plan Implementing Policies 9.2-I-1 through 9.2-I-5 reduce impacts to less than significant.

According to the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the City's General Plan, due to the area's flat topography, erosion, landslides, and mudflows are not considered to be a significant risk in the City limits or within the Urban Growth Boundary.

- c) The extreme southwest corner of the Yuba City Sphere of Influence is the only known area with expansive soils. The project site is not located within this area and therefore will not be impacted by the presence of expansive soils.
- d) The project has an existing septic tank and leach lines for wastewater disposal. No new or expanded system will be utilized.

**VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?			<b>X</b>	
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				<b>X</b>

**Response to Questions:**

a-b) Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are referred to as greenhouse gases (GHGs) because they capture heat radiated from the sun as it is reflected back into the atmosphere, similar to a greenhouse. The accumulation of GHGs has been implicated as a driving force for Global Climate Change. Definitions of climate change vary between and across regulatory authorities and the scientific community, but in general can be described as the changing of the earth’s climate caused by natural fluctuations and the impact of human activities that alter the composition of the global atmosphere. Both natural processes and human activities emit GHGs. Global Climate Change is a change in the average weather on earth that can be measured by wind patterns, storms, precipitation and temperature. Although there is disagreement as to the speed of global warming and the extent of the impacts attributable to human activities, the vast majority of the scientific community now agrees that there is a direct link between increased emission of GHGs and long-term global temperature. Potential global warming impacts in California may include, but are not limited to, loss in snow pack, sea level rise, more extreme heat days per year, more high ozone days, more large forest fires, and more drought years. Secondary effects are likely to include a global rise in sea level, impacts to agriculture, changes in disease vectors, and changes in habitat and biodiversity. GHG impacts are considered to be exclusively cumulative impacts; there are no non-cumulative GHG emission impacts from a climate change perspective (CAPCOA, 2008).

The proposed project will require delivery of containerized waste material to the site and weekly or bi-weekly pick-up of the waste material, so some vehicle trips will be

generated. However, according to the applicant many of those delivery vehicles already operate in the area, picking up the containers from the generators and delivering directly to a treatment facility or another transfer station outside the area. Due to the small size of this project and the few new trips that would be generated, it likely would not be classified as a major source of greenhouse gas emissions by CARB (the lower reporting limit being 25,000 metric tons/year of CO<sub>2</sub>). Therefore this impact is considered less than significant.

## VI. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			X	
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			X	
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X

### Response to Questions:

a-b) The project involves delivery to the site of bio-hazardous waste materials. The waste materials will be stored indoors and scheduled for weekly pick-up. Some of that material may have to be refrigerated for which refrigeration will be provided on-site. The hazardous material will be delivered in approved air-tight and water-tight containers. Since this is not a hazardous materials treatment center, the containers will not be opened while on-site and the hazardous materials will be removed while still in their original containers.

There is the risk of an accident during which the containers could become un-sealed. However, those containers are already being handled throughout this area. Assuming that all federal and state laws are abided by (reinforced by a condition of the use permit) by introducing the transfer station this risk of exposure is not expected to be a significant impact.

- c) There are no schools within ¼ mile of the proposed bio-hazardous waste transfer site.
- d) The site does not appear on any listings of sites that are contaminated by hazardous wastes.
- e) The project is not located within the sphere of influence of the Sutter County Airport.
- f) There are no private airstrips located within City limits or the City's Urban Growth Boundary.
- g) The proposed project will not impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. Neither the Police or Fire Departments expressed concern over the project's impacts on any emergency response plans.

## VII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level that would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite?				X
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding onsite or offsite?				X
e) Create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				X
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?			X	
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				X
h) Place structures that would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area?				X
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?			X	
j) Expose people or structures to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

### Response to Questions:

- a) The proposed bio-hazardous waste facility will be located on a previously developed property that utilizes City water and has established on-site wastewater disposal and drainage facilities to which no changes are proposed. Therefore the project will not violate any water quality or wastewater discharge requirements.

- b) The project will need water only for employee use and landscaping. The site is served by the City water system, which primarily uses surface water. The City has concluded that it has adequate surface water entitlements from the Feather River as well as treatment/distribution capacity to accommodate any need associated with the project.
- (c-e) No new stormwater drainage will be generated, as this is an existing facility.
- f-h) According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, this portion of the City is considered to be outside of the 100-year flood plain. It is classified as such because of an extensive series of levees and dams along the Feather and Yuba Rivers, which protect the city from potential flooding. Local drainage improvements, principally the Live Oak Canal, provide storm water relief for this area.
- i) There are 10 dams located outside Sutter County that could cause significant flooding should failure occur, among which there are six dams that are located on the Feather River and Yuba River. Failure of any one of these dams could cause significant flooding in Yuba City. These dams are under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Yuba County Water Agency, Pacific Gas & Electric, and the Corps of Engineers. However, all new development must be in compliance with General Plan policies to conduct hydrologic studies before construction and to provide information to property owners about the availability of flood insurance, as detailed in Policy 9.3-I-3 and 9.3-I-5. These policies would minimize the effects of prospective growth from flooding hazards and the impact would be less than significant.
- j) A seiche is the periodic oscillation of a body of water resulting from seismic shaking. The City is not close to any big lakes so seiche is unlikely to happen to the City. A tsunami is a very large ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption. The City is located inland from the Pacific Ocean, so people or structures in the City would not be exposed to inundation by tsunami. Mudflows are shallow water-saturated landslides that travel rapidly down slopes carrying rocks, brush, and other debris. Landslides are unlikely to happen due to the relatively flat topography within the project area. Thus, it is unlikely that the project site would be subject to inundation by a seiche, tsunami, or mudflow. Therefore, there is no impact.

**VIII. LAND USE AND PLANNING**

<b>Would the project:</b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>a) Physically divide an established community?</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or</b>				<b>X</b>

regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				<b>X</b>

**Response to Questions:**

- a) The project, by its nature, will not physically divide an established community. Instead, it is located within a larger industrial area hosting many other businesses.
- b) The project is consistent with the Yuba City General Plan designation and the zoning for this property, which are an industrial type designation and zone district.
- c) There are currently no adopted habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans within the City limits or the Urban Growth Boundary.

**IX. MINERAL RESOURCES**

<b>Would the project:</b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				<b>X</b>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				<b>X</b>

**Response to Questions:**

- a-b) The proposed project is not expected to impact mineral resources. The project site has no known mineral resource value nor is there opportunity for mineral resource extraction due to the surrounding development that would be impacted.

**X. NOISE**

<b>Would the project result in:</b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan				<b>X</b>

or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				X
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

**Response to Questions:**

a-d) The proposed bio-hazardous waste facility will not be a significant noise generator, with the only noise generated is by vehicle traffic, and it is located within an industrial area that is not noise sensitive. Therefore there are not expected to be any noise concerns from this project.

e-f) The project is not located within an airport land use planning area. There are no private airstrips in Yuba City.

**XI. POPULATION AND HOUSING**

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X

**Response to Questions**

a) The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in the area as the

facility will not create more than five jobs, which is not a significant number of new jobs that would induce growth to the area.

b-c) The project will not cause any existing housing to be removed that will necessitate the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

**XII. PUBLIC SERVICES**

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i) Fire protection?			<b>X</b>	
ii) Police protection?			<b>X</b>	
iii) Schools?				<b>X</b>
iv) Parks?				<b>X</b>
v) Other public facilities?				<b>X</b>

**Response to Questions:**

ai-ii) The project site is currently located in the City and is served by Yuba City Police and Fire Departments. The Yuba City Police Department and Fire Department received project plans and did not comment on the project. Other than the very small incremental growth this project brings, the project will not result in any additional need for police or fire protection.

aiii) This project will not result in any additional direct need for educational services since no residential uses are proposed or significant job creating uses that will induce residential development.

aiv-v) This project will not result in any additional need for parks or other public facilities.

### XIII. RECREATION

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X

#### Response to Questions:

a-b) The utilization of this site for a bio-hazardous waste facility will not induce new growth to the area that would cause a need for additional parks.

### XIV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?			X	
b) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
c) Result in inadequate emergency access?			X	
d) Result in inadequate parking capacity?				X
e) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				X

#### Response to Questions:

a,b) The 2-5 new employees of the site will generate a very small insignificant number of vehicle trips. Many of the waste collection trips already exist in the area in that the waste collection is already occurring. There will be approximately one or two weekly

truck trips that remove the materials.

- c) The Fire Department and Police Departments have reviewed the project plans and did not express concerns about emergency access to the property.
- d) There are at least four on-site parking spaces as well as on-street parking, but not more than two to five employees are expected to occupy the site. Therefore the available parking should be more than adequate.
- e) There are no changes proposed that would adversely impact bus or bicycle movements.

**XV. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS**

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the projected demand in addition to the existing commitments?				X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the solid waste disposal needs?			X	
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X

**Response to Questions:**

a-e) The existing on-site septic system is designed to accommodate employee generated wastewater. There are no proposals to expand the existing water and wastewater usage. The only need for additional water is to irrigate the small amount of additional landscaping that is proposed. The existing site and its facilities are not proposed to be modified or expanded to the extent that it would impact the existing drainage system.

f-g) The hazardous waste materials will not be disposed locally. The non-hazardous waste

generated at the site will be handled by Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc., which provides solid waste disposal for the area. There is adequate collection and landfill capacity to accommodate the proposed development.

**XVI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Does the Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important example of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				<b>X</b>
b) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)			<b>X</b>	
c) Have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			<b>X</b>	

- a) The project site is in an urbanized area with little biological value. The proposed project will not alter the existing developed property and therefore will not degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate an important example of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- b) The project does not create a situation with limited individual but cumulatively considerable impacts that can be considered significant.
- c) The proposed project will create no adverse impacts, either directly or indirectly, to residents in the project area as there are no nearby residential uses.

## Section 4. References and/or Incorporated by Reference

According to Section 15150 of the CEQA Guidelines, an ND may incorporate by reference all or portions of another document that is a matter of public record. The incorporated language will be considered to be set forth in full as part of the text of the MND. All documents incorporated by reference are available for review at, or can be obtained through, the City of Yuba City Development Services Department located at the address provided above. The following documents are incorporated by reference:

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