



The Simi Valley Landfill Taskforce

**Waste Management's Landfill Expansion:
Separating the Truth from the Garbage!**

**VCEDA - EPLC Committee Presentation
Friday, March 12, 2010**

Expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill as proposed by Waste Management is unnecessary, economic irresponsibility and would result in environmental catastrophe as Ventura County becomes the home to the largest dump in the Western United States.

The officially stated position of Waste Management and the preface to the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the project contend expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill is required to meet the needs of the County of Ventura.

Yet, the DEIR also goes on to conclude that the project's purpose is to meet the needs of the Region.

Which is it? Ventura County or Los Angeles?





The Countywide Siting Element for the 2008 reporting year states that Ventura County has "21 years" of disposal capacity; this is capacity to 2029 and is seven years beyond the 15 required



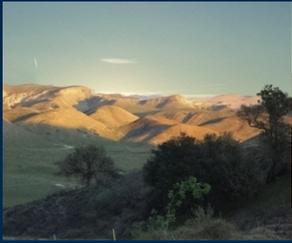
Recycling, Reduced Consumption and Overall Declining Waste Generation by Ventura County Residents Has Resulted in a 15% Reduction in Daily Tonnage at the Simi Valley Landfill since 2005



"Like everyone else in the business, it's been a slow downward trend."



Kit Cole, spokeswoman
Waste Management
Simi Valley Landfill
February 26, 2010, *Ventura County Star*
"Recession seen at the landfills; less trash"



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WHY EXPAND NOW?

The landfill expansion is being pursued now for only one reason. Los Angeles needs a place for its garbage and bringing it to Simi Valley is a cheap alternative.

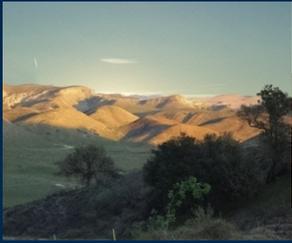
NOW

2,000 tpd Ventura
1,000 tpd Los Angeles

EXPANSION

2,000 tpd Ventura
4,000 tpd Los Angeles

Puente Hills Landfill, the largest in the U.S., is about to close and Los Angeles County needs a cheap alternative to hauling garbage by rail to the desert.



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Waste Management's Financial Incentive

\$54 MILLION additional per year

– 3,000 extra tons per day @ 6 days per week.

\$3 - \$5 BILLION lifetime

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	<i>CURRENT</i>	<i>PROPOSED EXPANSION</i>
TOTAL AREA	297 acres	887 acres (+590 acres)
WASTE DISPOSAL FOOTPRINT	185 acres	371 acres (+186 acres)
LANDFILL VOLUME	43.5 million cu.yds.	123.1 million cu.yds. (+79.6 million cu.yds.)
WASTE CAPACITY	29.6 million tons	98.5 million tons (+68.9 million cu.yds.)
DAILY WASTE DISPOSAL ALLOWED	3000 tons/day	6000 tons/day (+3000 tons/day)
MAXIMUM ELEVATION OF TRASH MOUND	1,118 feet	1,270 feet (+152 feet)
GI RUBBISH	No	Onsite

Total area

Waste

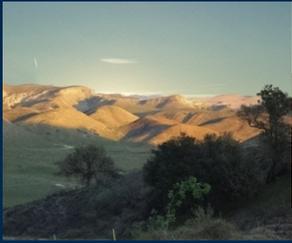
Disposal Footprint

Landfill

Volume

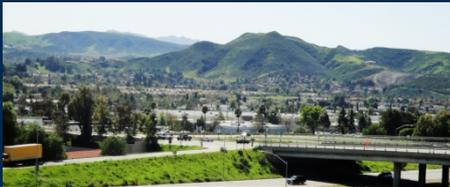
Waste capacity

Daily Waste



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COMMUNITY IMPACTS



Scenic Blight

Noxious Odor

Loss of Industrial Job Base

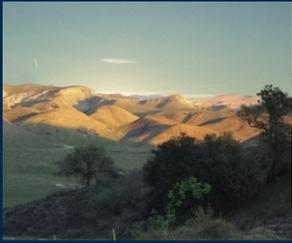
Loss of Tax Revenue to Community

Added Traffic on the 118 Freeway

Litter/trash on the 118 Freeway

Chemical hazards and health risks





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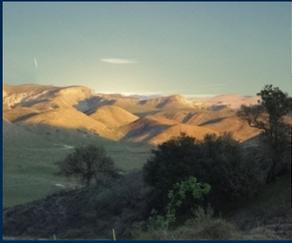
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The Calleguas Creek Watershed will be significantly impacted.

Los Posas Basin groundwater quantity impacted by the uncertainty of future groundwater withdrawals by other users.

Agricultural resources will be impacted by dust.





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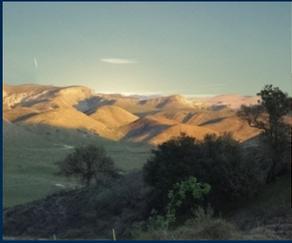
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CONTINUED...

Future development of recreational parks, facilities & regional trails.

Destruction of important scenic views from the 118.

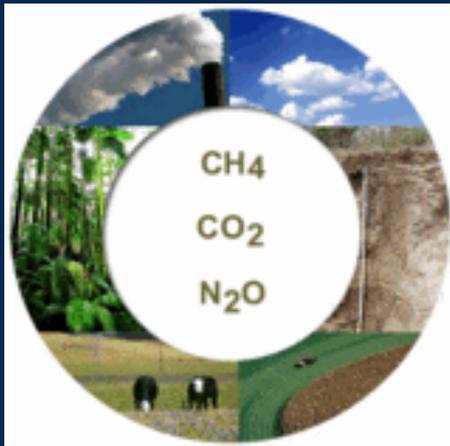
Scenic areas/features from the Alamos Canyon Trail.





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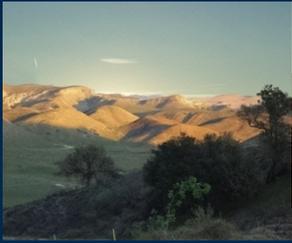
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CONTINUED...



Significant air pollution.

Increased Carbon Footprint.





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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

CONTINUED...

The amount of Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) has been increasing from 7% to 27% annually.

ADC is greenwaste, shredded tires, contaminated sediment, sludge and construction debris.

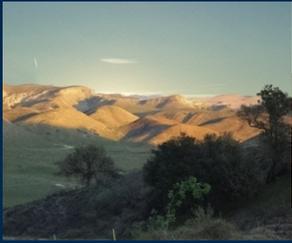
ADC is not considered landfill waste but “diversion”.

ADC is proposed to increase from a maximum of 1,465 tons/day to 2,931 tons per day.

27%



7%

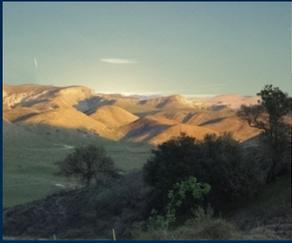


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DISCLOSURE OF ADC?

The DEIR fails to FULLY evaluate the practice of using “diversion” for operational practices, alternatives to this practice, nor provide information on tonnage of “recyclables” currently diverted or proposed to be actually diverted off-site for better use.



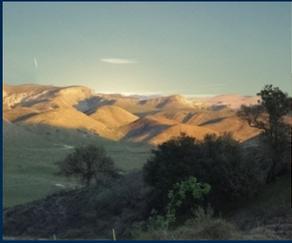


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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CONTINUED...



The DEIR does not fully evaluate all business operations and their environmental impacts.



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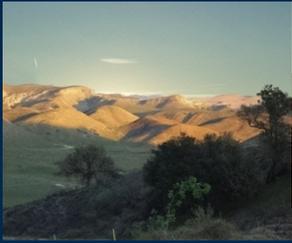
Construction and demolition debris facility purpose is a way to collect materials for ADC needed for the for-profit waste disposal operations

Excess LNG sales for off-site usage

Excess waste-to-energy conversion

Dry ice sales (by-product of the LNG operations)

ANCILLARY
BUSINESSES

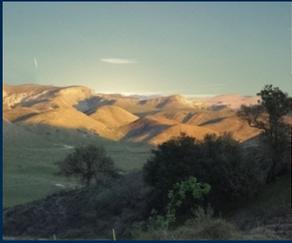


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Waste Management
is on the forefront of
Waste conversion;
plasma technology/ethanol
generation, as examples are well
known to this company...

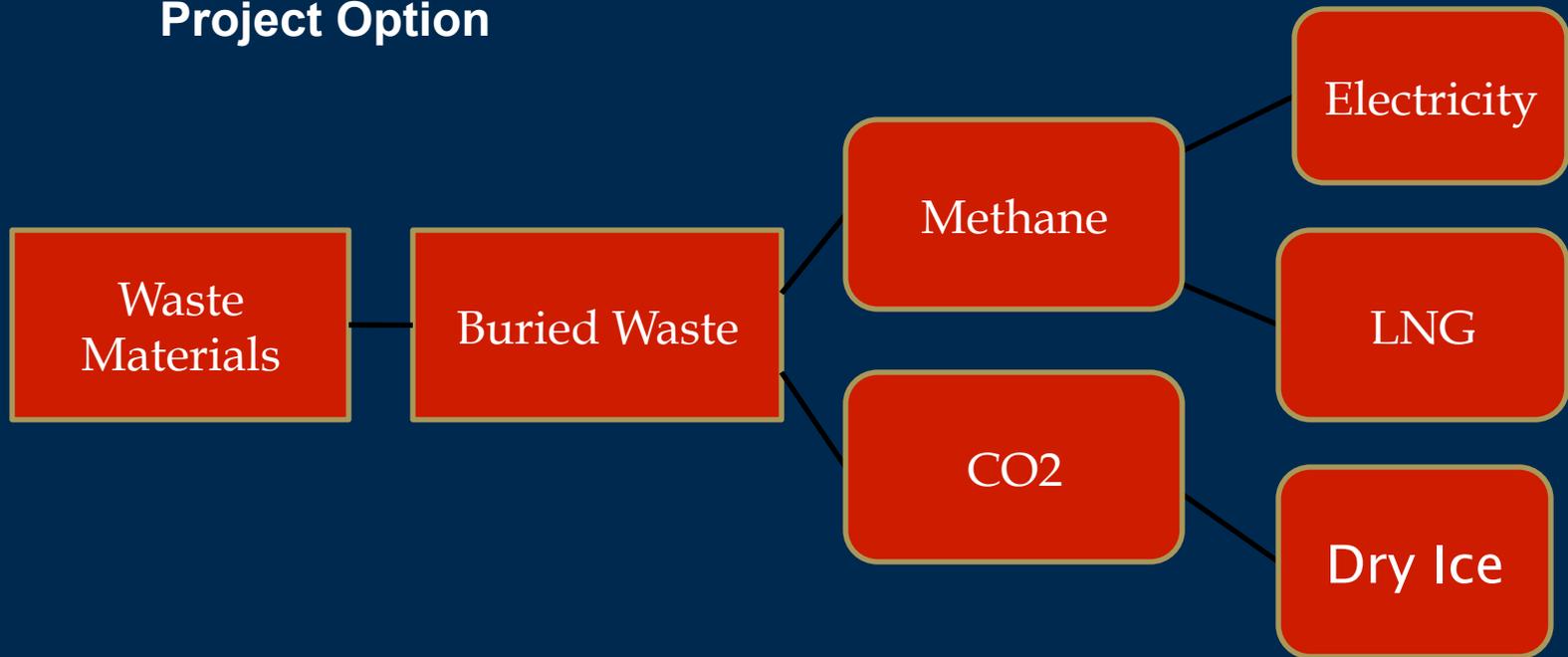
Not in Simi Valley. Why?

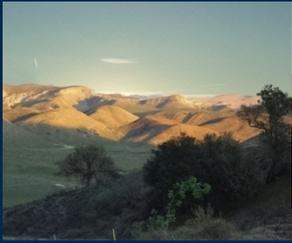


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Waste to Energy vs. Waste Generation of Gases

Project Option

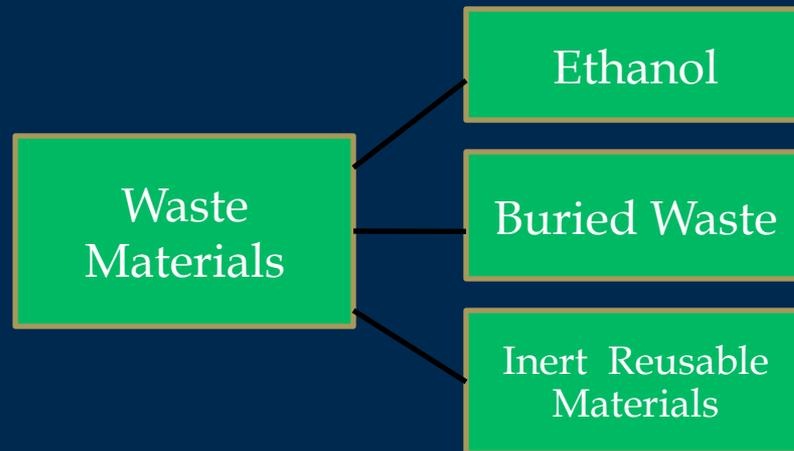


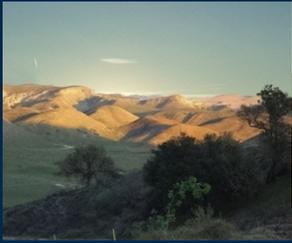


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Waste to Energy vs. Waste Generation of Gases

**21st Century
Technology Option**





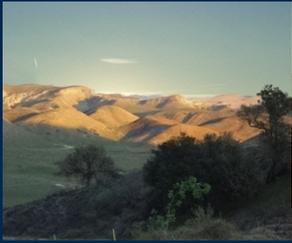
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CONCLUSION

The catastrophic impact expansion would have on the environment is such that even with SUBSTANTIAL and BLATANT deficiencies, the project's DEIR has over 2,500 pages.

The project is not needed at this time to meet the waste needs of Ventura County.

At this time, the “no-project” option is the only viable alternative for this project.



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