

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
FOR A SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT FOR CHAPARRAL COLLECTION
AND RECYCLING CENTER (TRANSFER STATION)**

No. SWB 21-44 (P)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Description of the Requested Action: The New Mexico Environment Department (“Department”) will hold a virtual public hearing to consider the matter of the application (“Application”) by South Central Solid Waste Authority (“Applicant”) for the Chaparral Collection and Recycling Center (“CCRC”) (Transfer Station). The Applicant is seeking a new solid waste facility permit for 20 years. The Application was initially submitted to the Department on April 16, 2020.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: The hearing will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 and will be conducted remotely by using an internet video conferencing platform and telephone. The link to the video conferencing platform and telephone access information can be found on the NMED Calendar at <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>. Comments will be accepted at the hearing and will also be accepted by e-mail through the conclusion of the hearing.

To submit comments via e-mail, send correspondence to: Madai.corral@state.nm.us. Please enter “SWB 21-44 CCRC Comment” in the e-mail subject heading.

The hearing is being held via internet, email and telephonic means due to the concerns surrounding the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) and in accord with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency in Executive Order 2020-004, and subsequent executive orders; various Public Health Emergency Orders limiting mass gatherings due to COVID-19; and the Office of the Attorney General’s Open Government Division’s Guidance to Public Entities Regarding the Open Meetings Act and Inspection of Public Records Act Compliance During COVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Application for a solid waste facility permit has been reviewed by the Department for compliance with the New Mexico Solid Waste Act (“Act”), NMSA 1978, Sections 74-9-1 to 43 (1990, amended 2011), and the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules, 20.9.2 to 20.9.10 NMAC. The Department deemed the Application complete on August 3, 2021. The Secretary of Environment shall issue, issue with conditions, or deny solid waste facility permits in accordance with the Act. The Secretary of Environment considers all public comments, including issues relating to public health and welfare, in his decision to issue, issue with conditions, or deny the permit.

Name, Address, and Phone Number of the Applicant and Contact Person:

South Central Solid Waste Authority
2865 West Amador Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Contact Person and Phone Number: Patrick Peck, (575) 528-3800

Description of Permit Application: CCRC is an existing registered collection center located at 180 Chaparral Drive, west of McCombs Road and north of State Line Drive, in Chaparral, Doña Ana County, New Mexico 88081. The facility is owned and operated by South Central Solid Waste Authority. The CCRC registration was originally approved by the Department on December 13, 2016. Due to increased volumes of solid waste received by CCRC, the Applicant seeks a new Transfer Station Solid Waste Facility permit for 20 years. The Application

consists of responses from the Applicant demonstrating compliance with, or intent to comply with, requirements of the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules; facility management plans including an operations plan, waste screening/inspection plan, emergency contingency plan, transportation plan, and facility closure plan; documentation confirming the existence of a financial assurance mechanism for facility closure; and documentation of the Applicant's performance of public notice at the time of Application submittal in 2020.

Hearing Procedures: The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Permit Procedures of the Environment Department (20.1.4 NMAC), which may be obtained at no charge from the Hearing Clerk, Madai Corral, P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, S-2103, Santa Fe, NM 87502, telephone (505)490-5803, fax (505) 827-2836, e-mail madai.corral@state.nm.us. The Permit Procedures are also available electronically at: <https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title20/20.001.0004.html>. Copies of the applicable Solid Waste Rules (20.9.2 through 20.9.10 NMAC) may also be obtained electronically at: <https://www.srca.nm.gov/chapter-9-solid-waste/> or by contacting James Dyer of the Solid Waste Bureau at (505) 660-8447 or by e-mail at james.dyer@state.nm.us.

Any person may speak at the public hearing or submit general written comments without filing any documents beforehand. However, a person wishing to be an interested party or present technical testimony at the hearing must file an Entry of Appearance or Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony with the Hearing Clerk (above) and serve it upon other parties of record, on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Due to State Public Health Emergency Orders concerning COVID-19, electronic filings and service are encouraged. Technical testimony means scientific, engineering, economic or other specialized testimony, whether oral or written, but does not include legal argument, general comments or statements of policy concerning matters at issue in the hearing.

If any person requires assistance, an interpreter, or auxiliary aid to participate in this process, please contact James Dyer by Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at the New Mexico Environment Department, Solid Waste Bureau, telephone (505) 660-8447 or e-mail at james.dyer@state.nm.us. An electronic version of the permit application may be accessed by contacting James Dyer of the Solid Waste Bureau.

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