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Board of Supervisors  
Contra Costa County  
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**Date:** November 10, 2023

**Subject:** Amendment Request – Countywide Siting Element – Raven SR

Dear Board Members,

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Division 30, Part 2, Chapter 4, Article 4 Section 41721.5, I am writing to request an amendment be made to the Countywide Siting Element (CSE) of the Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Plan to include the listing of a new proposed facility to be developed by Raven SR S1 LLC (Raven SR) in the City of Richmond, California. Raven SR is proposing to develop a Transfer/Processing Facility and organics to hydrogen operation which will be located on a portion of the West Contra Costa Sanitary Landfill site (WCCSL). The Raven SR facility will accept pre-processed blended organic material, including but not limited to, green waste and food waste, and other materials typically allowed in municipal organics collection programs, to be delivered from the onsite composting facility. The initial stage of the system includes a screen to remove any oversized material (overs) and a magnetic separator to remove any unexpected metal. The overs will be returned to the onsite composting facility and the recovered metal will be sent for recycling. After the initial screening described above, the feedstock material will be conveyed for introduction into the Steam/CO<sub>2</sub> reforming system and converted to hydrogen rich syngas from which hydrogen will be separated and purified for sale to the transportation fuels market. A low-nitrogen, high potassium, and phosphorus, carbonaceous “biocarbon” material is also produced as a by-product of the process. The biocarbon by-product will be utilized in the onsite composting process, marketed for soil amendment or transported off-site for other potential beneficial reuse, such as a greenhouse gas emission reductant in manure treatment. Due the nature of the Raven SR process, little, or no, residual material (0-5%) is anticipated to require disposal from this facility. The facility will be permitted to operate 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.

The following information is provided as a summary site identification and description as required by PRC Section 41721.5:

<b>Facility Name</b>	Raven SR Transfer/Processing Facility
<b>Type of Facility</b>	Transfer/Processing Facility & Steam CO <sub>2</sub> Reformation
<b>Location</b>	1 Parr Boulevard, Richmond, California 94801. Co-located at the WCCSL site near the Golden Bear Waste Recycling Facility. (see attached map)
<b>Facility Capacity</b>	The facility will be designed and permitted to accept and process up to 99.99 tons per day (up to 36,463 tons per year).
<b>Feedstock</b>	Pre-processed blended organic material, including but not limited to, green waste and food waste, and other materials typically allowed in municipal organics collection programs.
<b>Anticipated Diversion</b>	Due the nature of the Raven SR process, little, or no, residual material is anticipated to require disposal from this facility. Anticipated Diversion – 95 to 100%
<b>Participating Jurisdictions</b>	The feedstock is anticipated to come from Contra Costa County communities, its cities and surrounding Bay Area communities.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need further information in order to process our request.

Sincerely,

Matt W. Murdock, CEO  
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cc. David Brockbank, Conservation Programs Manager  
Contra Costa County, Department of Conservation and Development



