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Notice of Intent to Comply (NOIC) - Attachment 1

Instructions

A detailed explanation of the reasons why the jurisdiction is unable to comply, supported by documentation, if applicable.

- I. Extenuating circumstances: Caldor Fire; Started on August 14, 2021 in El Dorado County. Due to high winds and high fuel loads the fire grew from 6,500 acres to 30,000 in one night. The fire closed Highway 50 – the main passage into South Lake Tahoe. The County, in whole, was disrupted by the fire with resources being pulled from all departments to help staff Emergency Operation Centers, Local Assistance Centers and evacuations. Full containment was reached on October 21, 2021 with 221,835 acres burned and 921 structures destroyed. Immediately following containment, Environmental Management staff were redirected to manage the debris cleanup for the fire in coordination with the State Consolidated Debris Removal (Right of Entry) Program. Still in progress TODAY.
 - a. The effects of fire largely impacted jurisdictions and haulers. With the increase to air pollution this posed challenges for staff. More than a cumulative 100 days in 2021 were above 200 AQI which is considered unsafe to be outdoors. This impacted available staff to perform inspections, enforcement, and plan for capacity.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data/air-data-daily-air-quality-tracker>
 - b. The haulers also diverted resources to the areas of the Caldor Fire to assist in the removal of spoiled food and/or refrigeration units.
- II. Extenuating circumstances: Materials Recovery Facility remodel; the project is designed to assist disposal, compost and recycling needs for the next 20 years complying with SB 1383. The remodel also accounts for population growth and will include a new public education center for outreach to school children and the public.
 - a. Labor and international metal production constraints have delayed progress requiring an amendment to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors extending the reconstruction completion timeline from the projected October 2022 date.
 - b. On July 28, 2021 Unger Construction provided the County an update on the El Dorado Disposal Facility Renovation and the Effects of COVID Pandemic on the Current and Future Phases of the Project.

- Project delays due to Engineering office closures
 - Project delays due to manufacturing plant shutdowns
 - Project delays due to material availability
- III. Substantial effort: directing available staffing to AB 1826 compliance;
- a. Required reporting deadlines for 2022
 - Site visits, phone calls, emails
- IV. Substantial effort: additional staffing for SB 1383; average time to create a new position within the County takes approximately six months.
- a. Allocate funding for the department
 - b. Human Resources Job Description and Job Classification Standards
 - c. Union approvals: Public Employees, Local #1
 - d. Human Resources Recruitment
 - Not many applicants met the minimum qualifications for the position to be placed on the eligibility list
 - Background Checks
 - Physical and drug test
 - e. Sustainability Coordinator hired November 2021