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Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
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RE: DISPOSAL SITES WITH WASTE TIRES ALONG CACHE CREEK IN GUINDA

Ms. Morgan,

Yolo County Environmental Health acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) regulates and enforces the solid waste program for Yolo County. This includes permitting and inspecting solid waste sites under state law. Solid waste regulations are found in Title 14 and Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR and 27 CCR, respectively).

In the summer of 2025, the LEA received complaints regarding waste tires being found along the riverbanks and within Cache Creek in Guinda. On September 5, 2025, Yocha Dehe provided historical documents including a copy a Yolo County Use Permit dated June 18, 1974, for the burial of discarded waste tires on the property. According to these documents, the tires were illegally dumped on the property and the property owner at the time requested to bury the tires on a 205-acre parcel in lieu of hauling them to a permitted facility due to cost. Documents prepared by Fred Vannucci contained information and calculations for waste tires to be disposed of at two locations, identified as Site 1 and Site 2. Site 1 is described as one pit that will contain a total of 48,750 cubic feet of tires. Site 2 is described as two pits with a total tire volume of 42,500 cubic feet. Two disposal pits have been found by Yocha Dehe. The third pit has not been identified. The pits are described as being six feet deep with three feet of waste tires and three feet of soil cover.

This information prompted a joint investigation. On September 24, 2025, the LEA and Waste Tire Enforcement Agency (TEA) conducted a site visit with Jim Etters, Sarah Morgan, and Nancy Ye, representatives of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yocha Dehe), on the parcel identified as Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 060-200-064 in Guinda. We saw tires in the creek and observed one of the waste tire burial sites exposing waste tires due to erosion of the Cache Creek bank. And when we walked south along a dry section of creek bed, we observed approximately 200 loose waste tires.

Based on the complaint and observations from this site visit, the site is not in compliance with 27 CCR section 20820, requiring the drainage system be maintained to prevent waste exposure. During the inspection, the LEA was unable to locate the other pits as described in the Use Permit. By **April 20, 2025**, please submit an ongoing tire removal/cleanup plan for this site and any other effected properties with released tires into the creek.

In consultation with CalRecycle, the LEA determined that the site is considered a closed site, comprised primarily or exclusively of waste tires, as defined in 27 CCR section 20164. Furthermore, since this site was created and closed prior to January 1, 1988, it is considered a legacy closed site and is subject to the state minimum standards defined in 27 CCR section 20164. The two locations (with three pits) will be assigned one identification number in CalRecycle's Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) as they are located on one parcel and were part of a single site per the Use Permit. By **April 20, 2026**, please submit to the LEA a complete CalRecycle 37 form (enclosed) and the annual fee (currently \$2,786.00) The fee covers time spent on inspections and reviews, and will be billed annually. In accordance with 14 CCR section 18083, the LEA will inspect the site on a quarterly basis.

Containing the exposed waste in the creek bank to prevent exposure and more release of waste into the creek is a priority. In accordance with Public Resources Code section 44100, the LEA is requesting that the site be investigated, and all pit boundaries be defined by both their lateral (horizontal) dimensions and vertical depths showing where the waste tires were placed. After the waste boundaries are determined, a work plan to remediate the exposed waste must be submitted for review and approval by the LEA. Regarding this work plan, please note that if Yocha Dehe decides to leave the waste in place, it will continue to be regulated as a closed site subject to 27 CCR requirements and quarterly inspections by the LEA. However, if Yocha Dehe decides to remove all the waste tires from the site, a clean closure work plan per 27 CCR section 21810 will be required. The clean closure work plan will have to be submitted and approved by the LEA, CalRecycle, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Once the waste is removed, the site will be considered Clean Closed and no longer subject to solid waste regulation.

By **May 10, 2026**, submit a complete Work Plan to the LEA. The work plan should contain a complete disposal site assessment, to include a site map drawn to scale; the identification procedures used to delineate the waste lateral boundaries, depths of waste, and depths of soil cover (e.g., non-intrusive methods such as a geophysical survey and historical aerial research, or intrusive methods such as borings or excavations); a complete plan for the exposed pit; plan for applicable State and Federal permit submittals; and proposed timelines for proposed work.

The LEA will schedule an inspection with tribal staff in the coming weeks to assess current conditions and discuss these compliance options and to monitor compliance. Please understand that all LEA activities will be charged at an hourly rate, which includes time spent on complaint activities and time exceeding the above-mentioned annual inspection fee. Please feel free to reach out to me at 530-666-8591 or suzie.dawley@yolocounty.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Yolo County Environmental Health/LEA

Encl:
site map
photos of burial site and tires along the creek bank
CalRecycle Form 37 Solid Waste System Information

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