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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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a Proposed Lease To Construct and Operate an Integrated Waste

Management Facility on the Cortina Indian Rancheria, Colusa County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent and Public Scoping Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with the Cortina Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed lease to construct and operate an integrated waste management facility on the Cortina Rancheria of the Cortina Band of Wintun Indians in Colusa County, California. A description of the proposed project, location, and environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS are provided below (supplementary information). In addition to this notice, a public meeting will be held to describe the proposed action and to receive public comments regarding the scope of the EIS. The public will be invited to participate in the scoping process, review of the draft EIS, and a public meeting.

This notice is published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations found in 40 CFR 1501.7. The purpose of this notice is to solicit suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are encouraged.

DATES: Comments should be received by November 29, 1995. A public scoping meeting will be held on November 16, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Ronald Jaeger, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2550,

Sacramento, California 95825. A public scoping meeting will be held on November 16, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cortina Indian Rancheria Satellite Office

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located at 570 Sixth Street, Williams, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Eckart, Area Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sacramento Area Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2550, Sacramento, California 95825, telephone number (916) 979-2575.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cortina Integrated Waste Management, Inc. proposes to lease 443 acres of the Cortina Indian Rancheria for the purpose of constructing and operating an integrated waste management facility for recycling or disposal of a variety of non-hazardous wastes. The project will be required to meet all applicable environmental standards and regulations.

The proposed project includes a 200-acre sanitary landfill, a nonsource separated materials recovery facility, an organic waste composting area, and a petroleum-contaminated (PC) soils bioremediation facility. The facility would receive daily shipments of municipal solid waste, compostable organic wastes, and PC soils from nearby counties. Approximately 400 to 1,500 tons per day of waste materials would be

delivered to the facility by truck. Offsite roadway improvements would be necessary.

The Cortina Indian Rancheria is located in the foothills that form the west side of the Sacramento Valley in southwestern Colusa County approximately 50 miles northwest of the city of Sacramento. The Rancheria is in a sparsely populated area with cattle grazing being the predominant land use in the vicinity. The project site has moderately to steeply sloping terrain covered with oak woodland and chaparral and is currently undeveloped.

The EIS will assess alternatives to the proposed project, including: (1) A smaller project; (2) a project without composting, recycling, or PC soils remediation; and (3) no project. The EIS will address numerous environmental issues, including: geology, topography, soils, water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural resources, traffic, land use, visual resources, socioeconomic, public health and safety, and noise. The range of issues addressed may be expanded based on comments received during the scoping process.

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Assistant Secretary--Indian Affairs.

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