## RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) PROJECT

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Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center

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# **Simi Valley Landfill**

- Located at 2801 Madera Road in Simi Valley
- North of Highway 118 and Northwest of City of Simi Valley
- In Operation Since 1970
- Current: Two 165 MMBTU/Hr Flares With Capacity of 5,500 SCFM, 11,000 SCFM Total
- Landfill Gas Previously Combusted in Lean Burn Engines for Electricity Sales to SCE
- Maximum Landfill Gas Capacity 16,500 SCFM Would Require Three (3) Flares



# **Simi Valley Landfill**



## **Air Permitting Challenges**

- Three 165 MMBTU/Hr Flares at 16,500 SCFM Capacity Triggers Offset Requirements
- VCAPCD Rule 26.2.B = Offset Thresholds
- ROC and NOx=25 Tons/Yr Offset Threshold for Essential Public Services (5 TPY Others)
- ROC and NOx=\$50,000 \$75,000 Per Ton
- PM10 and SOx=15 Tons/Yr Offset Threshold
- PM10 and SOx Offsets Not Available in Bank
- Offsets Not Required for CO



#### **RNG Project Overview**

- \$100 Million Investment
- RNG = Biogas That Has Been Upgraded for Use in Place of Fossil Natural Gas (EPA)
- AB-1900 (Gatto) in 2012 to Increase and Facilitate Pipeline Biomethane Use in CA
- Landfill Gas = 50% Methane, 500 BTU/CF
- Contaminants = NMOC, CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S
- RNG = 96.5% Methane, 970 to 1150 BTU/CF
- SoCal Gas Rule 30 (I) and SoCal Gas Rule 45(I)
- RNG Will be Sold to SoCal Gas Pipeline, and/or RNG Will be Compressed - Vehicle Fuel (CNG)



## **RNG Facility Specifications**

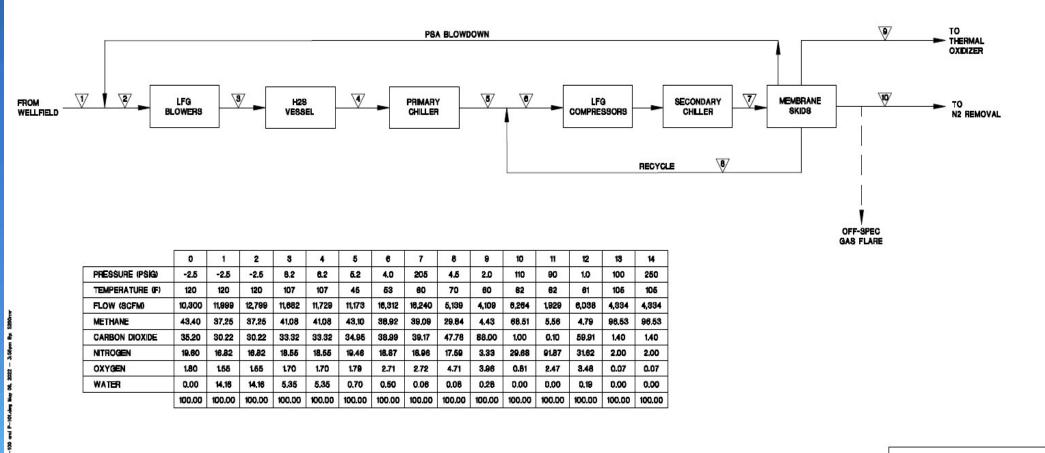
- RNG Landfill Gas Capacity = 10,300 SCFM
- RNG Production = 4,334 SCFM (42%)
- Low BTU Waste Gas to Thermal Oxidizer
- New Flare for Off-Spec RNG Pipeline Gas
- Remaining Landfill Gas at Maximum
   Capacity = 16,500 10,300 = 6,200 SCFM
- Landfill Gas Flares Remain for Excess or for RNG Facility Maintenance / Breakdown



# **RNG Facility Technology**

- H<sub>2</sub>S = Non-Regenerative Media
- NMOC = Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) and Non-Regenerative Activated Carbon
- CO<sub>2</sub> = Membrane / Filter Technology
- N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> = Pressure Swing Adsorption
- RNG Facility is Mostly Enclosed Vessels With Very Few Emission Points
- PSA Media = Zeolite, Carbon, Silica Gel, etc.
- PSA Purge Gas to Thermal Oxidizer
- Low BTU Waste Gas to Thermal Oxidizer





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