



## HEARING BOARD

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

~ In Person or by Zoom Webinar~

**Friday, February 13, 2026, 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Boardroom, Monterey, CA 93940**

**Zoom: Webinar ID # 895 1321 7541, Phone-in: 1-669-900-6833**

**DOCKET NO. 26-002 – SALINAS VALLEY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY**

**VARIANCE REQUEST: INTERIM**

**TERM OF REQUEST: FEBRUARY 1, 2026 to REGULAR VARIANCE HEARING**

**LOCATION OF ACTIVITY: 31400 JOHNSON CANYON ROAD, GONZALES, CALIFORNIA**

Petitioner seeks relief from the Rule 207 Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements in order to operate an enclosed ground flare at the Johnson Canyon Landfill. In 2023, Petitioner submitted an application to decommission a 72 MMBtu/hr flare from operation at the closed Crazy Horse Canyon Landfill. The flare has remained in dormant status at this facility. Petitioner determined when 11 new landfill gas collection wells were brought online in November 2025, additional landfill gas control was needed for the increase in gas flow. Petitioner wants to move and begin operation of the 72 MMBtu/hr flare at the Johnson Canyon Landfill which triggers a review of this equipment as a new or modified source subject to Rule 207. Based on the previous emission limits for the 72 MMBtu/hr flare, it is not capable of meeting the BACT requirements of Rule 207 without completing a retrofit of the flare. The Petitioner needs to begin operation of the 72 MMBtu/hr flare before it can be retrofit to allow for sufficient landfill gas extraction to maintain a uniform vacuum and adequately remove subsurface heat. Sufficient gas extraction supported by gas control devices minimizes surface methane emissions and subsurface heat. Additionally, the Petitioner plans to install 11 additional gas collection wells in spring 2026 which will generate additional gas flow. Petitioner seeks the variance to operate the flare until such time that compliance can be achieved through either a flare retrofit or purchase of a new ultra-low NOx flare.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sirie Thongchua".

Sirie Thongchua, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Boards

February 2, 2026

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