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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A FEDERALLY MANDATED (TITLE V) OPERATING PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will hold a second public hearing to provide an additional opportunity for public comment on the proposed issuance of a Title V operating permit to Covanta Stanislaus, Inc. for its resource recovery facility at 4040 Fink Road in Crows Landing, California. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 in the Patterson High School cafeteria at 200 North 7th Street in Patterson, California.

The Covanta Stanislaus, Inc. facility has been operating under the requirements of District permits since 1988. The facility is now required, under federal law, to obtain a "Title V" operating permit. The federally mandated Title V permitting process does not impose any new air pollution control requirements or emissions limits on the facility. Title V does, however, require that all existing applicable air pollution control requirements be placed on a new Title V permit. Furthermore, Title V regulations provide additional opportunities for public participation in the permitting process, including the opportunity for a public hearing on the proposed action. The Title V permit that the District has proposed for this Covanta, Stanislaus, Inc. facility would not allow for any expansion or increase in emissions from the facility.

To provide the opportunity for more public input, in addition to scheduling the second public hearing, the District is also extending the public comment period on the proposed action until December 17, 2002. For the purpose of this hearing, the District has prepared several summary documents to help the public understand the proposed action. (Some of these documents also available in Spanish, Ciertos de los documentos seran desponible en Español). Official documents including the proposed permit and the District's legal and factual basis for issuance of the proposed permit are available. The above documents may be obtained by calling Ester Davila, at (559) 230-5885 or from the District's website at www.valleyair.org.

Written comments on the proposed initial permit must be submitted by December 17, 2003. The District will consider all public comments prior to final action. Comments should be directed to SEYED SADREDIN, DIRECTOR OF PERMIT SERVICES, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 1990 E. GETTYSBURG AVE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93726-0244.