



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: September 14, 2007
 TO: Board of Directors
 FROM: General Manager
 SUBJECT: Regional Waste Management

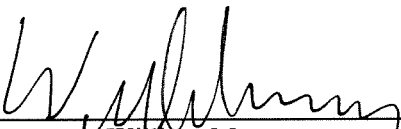
Attached for your information is a recent newspaper article related to waste management in Santa Cruz County, with reference to the Monterey Peninsula Landfill. On regional waste matters, District staff toured the City of Watsonville landfill and the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (SVSWA) Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas during the last month. As a result the following items are under consideration:

1. The District and the SVSWA will explore the opportunity to:
 - a. Issue a joint District/SVSWA request for proposals for an outside contractor to process construction and demolition materials.
 - b. Process green waste and/or other organic portions of the waste stream jointly.
 - c. Use composted biosolids, processed at MRWMD, as vegetative cover at the Jolon Road Landfill this fall, and at the Crazy Horse Landfill during closure of that landfill in the next few years.
2. The District and the City of Watsonville will:
 - a. Consider the feasibility for accepting deliveries of waste, from Watsonville, for disposal at the Monterey Peninsula Landfill, beginning with delivery of some loads during October on a trial basis, at the regular tipping fee.
 - b. Consider the feasibility for accepting deliveries of loads of clean concrete, for recycling at the District landfill site, beginning with delivery of some loads during October on a trial basis, at the regular tipping fee.
 - c. Consider the feasibility for accepting certain recycle-rich loads, such as from the Watsonville Target store and other commercial loads, for processing/recycling at the District MRF, at the regular tipping fee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The above items are in support of the following elements of the Strategic Planning Work Plan 2007-2017:

- A1b: Finance - Prepare 10 year District Financial Projection; evaluate programs.
- A3a: Operations - Improve Operational Efficiencies; evaluate efficiencies.
- B1: Maintain and Develop Strategic Partnerships - Evaluate the District's Role in the Community to Manage Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Recycling.



 William Merry

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LETTER To The Editor

Expand dump site

I was heartened to see that the city of Santa Cruz has displayed some common sense and is expanding the dump to include a new "cell". The truth is that in the future, there is lots of room for expansion in the neighboring Graniterock sand plant once that is mined out, leaving a ready-made hole not even visible from Highway 1. We should consider ourselves lucky to have this adjacent option. When combined with continued recycling and diversion, it will provide for our landfill needs for the foreseeable future.

The county should think similarly and expand the Buena Vista site by using the little self-contained valley in total as a dump site and making the existing road an entry/exit. Nobody wants a new dump near them and the idea of trucking refuse all the way to Marina is one of the least environmentally friendly solutions possible. It is not actually a solution, but a symptom of stalemate and lack of leadership and political will. Besides, what happens if they raise their rates or just start refusing to take more trash?

Sacrificing a little steep hillside strawberry patch is a lot less problematic than finding a new site or trucking endless trips to Marina with the attendant pollution, road wear and expense.

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