

January 7, 2010

City Manager
Agency
Address
City, State zip code

SUBJECT: Discussion of Consolidated Franchise Agreement for Waste and Recycling Among MRWMD Member Agencies and Request to Not Extend Current Agreement

Dear Mr.:

The District's Strategic Planning Advisory Task Force (Task Force), comprised of representatives from District member agencies has met quarterly since October 8, 2008. The Task Force has been presented with a range of information on topics including: the District landfill tipping fee and services it pays for, alternative financing mechanisms, and the opportunity for local jurisdictions to work cooperatively to develop a more up to date and consolidated franchise agreement for waste and recycling services.

On December 2, 2009 the Task Force received a presentation describing current franchise conditions along with the pros and cons associated with greater franchise agreement consolidation among local jurisdictions. A similar approach for police and fire services is presently being discussed among many local jurisdictions. At the conclusion of the meeting there was consensus among attendees to explore this matter further and during this time (one year) not extend or renew their existing franchise agreements beyond the current 2015 expiration to allow time to discuss and consider a consolidated approach.

At the direction of the District Board at their December 18th meeting, I am writing you to request that your city not extend its current franchise agreement for waste and recycling services within the next 12 months. This will allow the Task Force and Board additional time to more fully consider the opportunity to work cooperatively toward an updated agreement. Local franchise haulers will be invited to participate in these discussions.

I look forward to reporting back to you on our progress. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me or Assistant General Manager, Tim Flanagan, at 384-5313 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this in more detail.

Very truly yours,

William Merry, P.E.
General Manager

Cc: MRWMD Board of Directors

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