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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee August 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Conference Room 3A
48 Yaney Avenue, Sonora, Ca 95370

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC FORUM

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3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on June 12, 2024.

4. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Temporary HHW Event – Groveland
- b. Mattress and e-waste collection – New location
- c. Staffing - September
- d. Green waste pilot update

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. Create a Board of Supervisors agenda item to allocate the 1,000 ton annual allowance for self-haul disposal at the Cal-Sierra transfer station and Earth Resource Facility (Discussion and Vote)

6. NEXT MEETING – September 11, 2024.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee serves as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors by reviewing, commenting on and recommending new and/or modifications to existing policy related to the Solid Waste Collection, management and disposal systems within the County.

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1,000 Ton Annual Self Haul Allowance Worksheet

Activity	2023 Est. Actual	Proposed	Priority	Comment
Compassion Outreach	0	100		Approved by BOS
PW/Facilities/Recreation Solid Waste	72			
Third party clean up on County property	0			Approx. 16 tons to date in 2024
PW/Facilities/Recreation Green Waste	31			
Non-County land clean up (City, State, Federal, private property adjacent to right- of-way)				
County capital projects				
Contingency for debris management plan				
Community green waste collection events				



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MINUTES **UNAPPROVED** TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee June 12, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: David Goldemberg, District 1 Supervisor; Mike Griffin, At-Large Public Committee Member; Mark Plummer, Sonora City Council Member

STAFF: Deborah Reagan, Solid Waste Director; Halee Eaton, Administrative Technician II; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Specialist; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician I; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head; Brittaney Barton, Administrative Technician II

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management

ABSENT: Anaiah Kirk, District 3 Supervisor; John La Torre, At-Large Public Committee Member; Andy Merrill, Sonora City Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg called the meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2024, to order at 1:07 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Supervisor Goldemberg requested an update on the Committee's and Commission's room located on the third floor of the ANF Building. Staff will connect with County Counsel and look at the possibility of using the room as a meeting location for the monthly Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting.

Vanessa Barberis informed the committee that Jim Garcia, WM District Manager, was unable to attend the BOSSWC meeting. Vanessa is filling in to answer any questions that the committee may have for Waste Management.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- **Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.**
Supervisor Goldemberg looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. No changes or additions were suggested. A motion was made by Supervisor Goldemberg and a second by Mike Griffin. Motion passes 3 – 0 – 2 with Supervisor Kirk and Committee Member La Torre absent.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Green Waste Pilot Update**

The Solid Waste Division is still perusing a green waste pilot program and is having the necessary conversations to move the pilot forward. Debbie hopes to have an update and tentative pilot date at the August BOSSWC Meeting.

- **CLEAN CA Dump Coupons**

The Tuolumne County Solid Waste Division along with CalTrans, District 10 partnered to offer residents in Tuolumne County a “Clean California Coupon” in an effort to “CLEAN CALIFORNIA” and help return our state to the natural beauty it is so widely known for. The “Clean California Coupon” was good for one (1) trip of two (2) cubic yards of waste (some exclusions do apply), during the month of May, to the Cal Sierra Transfer Station located on Industrial Drive in East Sonora. A limited number of coupons were dispersed on a first come first served basis, for residential use only, and were available for use for a limited time only. 48% of the tickets given out were redeemed by the end of May.

- **Temporary HHW Event**

On Saturday, May 18th the Tuolumne County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division held the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Sonora at the Cal Sierra Recycling Center. This event gave Tuolumne County residents the opportunity to dispose of the hazardous materials hanging around their house and garage. Over 200 cars came through and the event ran from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM.

- **LODI MRF Visit – July 12th**

Staff in the Solid Waste Division are hoping to bring members of the Solid Waste Committee to tour Waste Managements Mixed Recycling Facility in Lodi on Friday, July 12th. The July BOSSWC Meeting has been cancelled. This tour will not be a BOSSWC Meeting, and invitation is only open to staff and BOSSWC members. Halee will reach out to County Counsel regarding regulations and the board clerk for calendar coordination.

- **DTT Groveland Clean-Up Event**

The Tuolumne County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division invites all to join at the upcoming Don’t Trash Tuolumne cleanup event on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 A.M.; The event will be held at Mary Laveroni Park located at 18950 CA-120 in Groveland. To register for the event, please use the following link. There will be a volunteer BBQ to follow.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dont-trash-tuolumne-community-clean-up-event-tickets-906950833357>

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Create an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors to use of part of the County’s 1,000-ton allowance to support Compassion Outreach/Jen Salazar in homeless encampment trash collection. (Vote)**

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors entered into an amended and restated franchise agreement with Cal Sierra for solid waste collection services in two franchise areas within unincorporated Tuolumne County. Per the agreement, the county, or its designee, has the right to self-haul up to 1,000 tons of solid waste to the Cal-Sierra Transfer Station for no fee each calendar year. To date in 2024, the County has utilized less than 15 tons of this allowance.

Solid Waste Director Debbie Reagan is proposing that the BOSSWC make a recommendation in support of bringing an item to the BOS. The item would approve the use of the Counties tonnage allowance in the Waste Management franchise agreement to cover the tipping fees for solid waste collected in Tuolumne County homeless encampments as part of the program operated by Compassion Outreach.

Compassion Outreach currently utilizes a small grant to cover tipping fees and supplies for an informal trash collection program in homeless encampments. The program provides garbage bags to residents of homeless encampments and returns to the site on a regular basis to collect the bags and take them to the transfer station. The Solid Waste Division proposes to provide Compassion Outreach a letter authorizing their designee to utilize an account that is tied to this 1,000-ton allowance. There is no financial impact to the general fund or the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Members of the Committee questioned if green waste could be accepted and disposed of under the allowance. Vanessa Barberis stated that green waste would be accepted, but recommended that the allowance be used specifically for the disposal of solid waste over green waste due to the significant difference in the cost of disposal. Disposing of solid waste would be much more cost effective for the County.

Supervisor Goldemberg recommended that the County offer these services and support to other organizations like 1 Pileatatime if they will be offered to Compassion Outreach. Limitations could be set to ensure that each group is allocated a fair amount of useable tonnage. Goldemberg also recommended that the Solid Waste Division draft an annual plan each year for the 1,000-ton allowance. Debbie Reagan will make the recommended changes to the memo and explore the option of opening this allowance up to more organizations while factoring in the reoccurrence of each group's efforts to ensure fairness.

Supervisor Goldemberg looked for a motion to approve the recommendation. 1st by Mark Plummer and a 2nd by Mike Griffin. Motion passes 3 – 0 – 2 with Supervisor Kirk and Committee Member La Torre absent.

- b. **Create an agenda item for the Board of Supervisors to change the financial assurance mechanism for the landfills from a Pledge of Revenues to Enterprise Trust Funds (Vote)**

Debbie Reagan explained that when Tuolumne County closed the Jamestown landfill, there was an issue with the enterprise fund when the cover failed. The County went

into debt and took out loans to complete the necessary repairs. The loans are now paid off. To cover regulatory requirements for CalRecycle, you must assure them that the County has the means and methods to adequately maintain the closed landfills, this is done with a pledge of revenues which is our currently financial mechanism. This pledge of revenue shows up on the County's financial statement as a liability. The current assurance to CalRecycle is approximately 3 million dollars. The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund now has the 3 million required for both the Jamestown and Big Oak Flat landfills in two sub funds originally created for the closure.

Debbie Reagan is proposing that the County change the financial assurance mechanism and remove access to the funds by creating self-funds within the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. The County must maintain the landfill for 30 years post closure, leaving approximately 17 more years for Tuolumne County. This would remove the risk and liability for the County. Debbie hopes that this will make its way to the BOS for approval in late July or early August. Supervisor Goldemberg looked for a motion, 1st by Mark Plummer and a 2nd by Mike Griffin. Motion passes 3 – 0 – 2 with Supervisor Kirk and Committee Member La Torre absent.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goldemberg adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 2:07 P.M.