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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee July 8, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION:
Public Works Department
Committee & Commissions Room
48 Yaney Avenue, Sonora, CA 95370

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1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on February 11, 2026.

4. FRANCHISEE/PERMIT HAULER FORUM

Franchise and permit holders may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee during this meeting, but items may be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

5. STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. August Temporary HHW Event
- b. August Tire Amnesty
- c. 1,000-ton report

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. 5-year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan update
- b. Tobacco product waste reduction projects – Public Health partnership
- c. Possible projects for 1,000-ton disposal allowance
- d. Discussion and Vote: Conduct BOSSWC Meetings in person only

7. NEXT MEETING – September 9, 2026

8. ADJOURNMENT

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Solid Waste Committee

February 11, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Anaiah Kirk, District 3 Supervisor; Mike Griffin, At-Large Public Committee Member; John La Torre, At-Large Public Committee Member

STAFF: Debbie Reagan, Solid Waste Director; Amy Welch, Solid Waste Specialist; Monique Figueroa, Solid Waste Technician; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Public Sector Manager Waste Management; Trevor Evans, Cal Sierra District Manager; Casey Vaccarezza, Cal-Waste Representative; Karlee Kane, Cal-Waste Representative; Alan Moore;

ABSENT: Mike Holland, District 1 Supervisor; Andy Merrill, Sonora City Councilmember

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kirk called the meeting of Wednesday, February 11, 2026, to order at 1:04 P.M.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Katie Johnson, Public Health Department, provided information about tobacco waste initiatives in Tuolumne County and described a recent cleanup event held in conjunction with Cal-Waste. She requested to continue the conversation of working with the Solid Waste Division by placing an item on a future meeting agenda. Committee members were supportive of this approach.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Supervisor Kirk closed the public forum.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Supervisor Kirk looked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. No changes or additions were requested by the committee. A motion was made by Committee Member La Torre and a second by Committee Member Griffin, motion passes 3-0.

FRANCHISEE/PERMIT HAULER FORUM

Vanessa Barberis informed the committee that she did a presentation to the Tuolumne County Business Council that was well received. Ms. Barberis also announced that the annual rate adjustments had been made for the WM franchises and will be reflected on the February invoices for January services. Debbie Reagan noted to the committee that there can be some confusion on when rate increases take effect as billing dates are not consistent across all franchisees. The new rates become effective on January 1st of each calendar year. Accounts billed in arrears might not see the rates until their February invoice for January services.

Committee member La Torre commented that he was largely satisfied with the transition of services between Waste Management and Cal-Waste within the City of Sonora and asked if the two companies communicated with each other. Casey Vaccarezza responded that the two companies cross paths in other communities outside of Tuolumne County and routinely communicate with each other to resolve any issues that may arise. Mr. Vaccarezza also noted that Cal-Waste does use the Cal-Sierra transfer station.

STAFF / COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. On-call consulting contract awards – R3 and HF&H

Debbie Reagan informed the committee that two contracts were awarded by the Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2026 for on-call solid waste and recycling consulting services to R3 Consulting and HF&H. A third contract is scheduled to be awarded to HDR Engineering on March 3, 2026. These contracts are master agreements with a three-year term and work is authorized via task orders. The intent of the contracts is to assist the Solid Waste Division with the 5-year review of the City/County Integrated Waste Management Plan as well as several upcoming project such as the feasibility of relocating the Groveland Transfer Station to Big Oak Flat, establishing a new Waste Import Agreement and an issuing a Request for Proposal for the operation of the Groveland Transfer Station.

B. Contingency plan for disposal – Foothill Landfill

Debbie Reagan informed the committee that the Solid Waste Division has approved the use of Foothill Landfill as a contingency disposal site. Most of the waste from the Cal-Sierra transfer station is transported to the Hwy 59 landfill in Merced under a Waste Importation Agreement. On occasions when this landfill is closed or otherwise unable to accept municipal solid waste, WM is authorized to transport waste to this location. WM was previously using Forward Landfill in Stockton as a contingency site.

C. City of Sonora franchise change – revenue impact

Debbie Reagan provided a report on the revenue impact to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund due to the change in City of Sonora services. A review of the monthly transfer station report indicates that permit hauling tonnage has decreased by approximately 300 tons/month. If this decrease is representative of ongoing operations, it will result in a

decrease of approximately \$100,000 in annual revenue to the fund. Self-haul tonnage from within the City limits appears to be consistent with historical levels.

Committee Member Griffin commented he would like to know the percentage of self-haulers who are County residents versus City residents to evaluate the potential impact to the County if the City builds a transfer station. Ms. Reagan responded that this is technically feasible, but she would prefer to not get this granular as the self-haulers would be able to dispose of their waste at either facility regardless of their location.

D. Green waste punch card program

Debbie Reagan announced that the program is rolling out and that the Solid Waste Division has started to issue the punch cards. The program offers a punch card good for up to 5 cubic yards of green waste that can be redeemed in ½ cubic yard increments. Households are limited to one punch card per year. The program is a cashless transaction covered by the County's annual 1,000-ton allowance for self-hauled materials.

Discussion ensued regarding the details of the program. Committee Member Griffin noted that the first cards were issued to Firewise community leaders at the annual meeting and expressed strong support for the program.

Committee Member LaTorre asked if the change in the franchise agreements affected this 1,000-ton allowance. Ms. Reagan responded that this allowance is part of the County's agreement with WM and therefore is not affected by changes in City of Sonora collection practices. She also clarified that the County programs do not exclude city residents from participating. Committee Member LaTorre also repeated a prior request that the 1,000-ton program status be added to the agenda as a standing item. Ms. Reagan acknowledged the oversight and agreed to place it on future agendas.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and vote on changing the meeting frequency from monthly to every other month.

Kirk: Have February as placeholder then every other month. Reagan crafted a staff recommendation. LaTorre moved to adopt staff recommendation. Griffin questioned if every other month would cover all the issues requiring action this year. Reagan replied that meetings could be added if circumstances require it and Kirk suggested advanced notice of 3 to 5 weeks would be acceptable. After additional discussion, Supervisor Kirk seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

B. Consideration and vote on pursuing Clean California Community designation for Tuolumne County

Ms. Reagan summarized the 15 Clean California Community program requirements. The program requires achieving a minimum of 10 of these requirements. and noted that Tuolumne County is already meeting 7 to 8 of these requirements.

Discussion ensued among the committee on various projects that meet the program requirements. Ms. Reagan stated that she has high confidence that the SolidWaste Division can achieve a minimum of 10 of the 15 program objectives within the 12 month time period that begins upon signing the Pledge. Committee Member LaTorre asked what a yes vote for this item entails. Ms. Reagan replied that a motion from this committee would direct Solid Waste staff to bring a proposal to the full Board of Supervisors recommending that the Chair of the Board sign the Clean California Community pledge. Committee Member LaTorre made this motion based on staff recommendation. Committee Member Griffin seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Kirk adjourned the Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 1:41 P.M.