

commitment to the project through a Department letter of intent rather than through an agreement authorized by the County Board of Supervisors.

Once we have these letters of intent from all three member agencies, we plan to move on to the next elements of this second phase of the project -- the facility siting and stakeholder relations effort. SWA staff will use a request for qualifications (RFQ) and request for proposal (RFP) process to select a preferred stakeholder relations consultant, and bring the consultant agreement to the SWA Board for its consideration later this Spring. Upon approval of the stakeholder relations consultant agreement, we will begin the siting process.

SWAC

The Cities/County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was briefed on the status of this project at its March 2nd. SWAC has taken positions of support for this project since its inception. Staff did not seek any recommendation by SWAC at this time.

CONCLUSION

The next step for this project will be letters of intent from the three SWA member agencies. Once these are in hand, staff will initiate an RFQ/RFP process to select a community relations consultant to assist with the facility siting effort. Staff intends to return to the Board later this Spring seeking authorization for the community relations consultant agreement. It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

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