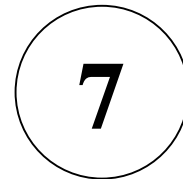




Meeting Date: October 14, 2004



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**SUBJECT: REGIONAL GARDEN REFUSE FACILITY PROGRESS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

**BACKGROUND**

Each of the SWA member agencies shares the common need to manage garden refuse cost-effectively and responsibly. Garden refuse recycling is the largest single part of our efforts to divert residential waste from landfills and to assist in achieving the State of California's 50% diversion mandate.

The table on the following page summarizes the actions taken by the Board since 2002 to pursue public-private development of a local, garden refuse recycling facility. This SWA-sponsored facility is intended to provide better local control to prevent nuisance operations, reduce environmental impacts compared to the current practice of exporting garden refuse for processing, provide long-term stability and reliability of service, and assure that garden refuse is properly diverted from disposal in accordance with State requirements.

<b>Summary of Previous Board Actions</b>	
May 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive a Regional Green Waste Study prepared by SWA staff</li> <li>• Study recommends a public-private partnership for facility development and operation</li> <li>• Directs staff to include project funding in FY2002-03 budget</li> </ul>
September 2002	Receives staff report outlining the scope of work and the request for qualifications/request for proposals process that will be used to solicit consulting services for the project.
April 2003	Authorizes Phase 1 consulting agreement with CH2M Hill for project feasibility study.
September 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hears CH2M Hill Phase 1 report</li> <li>• Directs staff to return with a proposed scope of work for Phase 2</li> <li>• Directs staff to seek tonnage commitments from member agencies</li> </ul>
November 2003	Approves Phase 2 scope of work for CH2M Hill consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing tonnage commitment agreements with member agencies</li> <li>• Identifying a short list of potentially suitable sites for the facility through a defined site screening process involving stakeholders</li> </ul>
February 2004	Receives progress report on efforts to achieve tonnage commitments from member agencies
March 2004	Receives status report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonnage commitments will be made at the staff level rather than by action of elected officials</li> <li>• Staff will solicit proposals for public involvement consulting services to assist with the upcoming facility siting effort</li> </ul>
June 2004	Receives Siting Process report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders groups will be identified</li> <li>• Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be formed</li> <li>• A Siting Process Team (SPT) will develop siting criteria, and a short list of potential, preferable, and alternative sites</li> </ul> Authorizes consulting agreement with MMC Communications to provide public involvement consulting services for the Regional Garden Refuse Facility Project

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

To date, MMC Communications conducted interviews with 23 potential stakeholders. The purpose of the stakeholder interviews included:

- Gathering opinions concerning the need for the project,
- Discussing concerns regarding the effort to find a suitable location for the facility,
- Identifying other stakeholders that may potentially be concerned about the project,
- Identifying potential alternative sites for the facility, and
- Identifying members for an advisory committee for the project.

MMC Communications developed a logo – Sacramento GreenCycle -- and a website for the project. By today's meeting date, the website should be available at [www.sacgreencycle.com](http://www.sacgreencycle.com). SWA staff and MMC have briefed the Land Use Committee of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) on the GreenCycle project.

A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed, which so far has fifteen members. The PAC will consider a full range of facility siting issues and also make recommendations about community outreach and involvement efforts. The PAC has met twice so far. PAC activities are expected to include:

- Review proposed community outreach and involvement efforts,
- Provide community outreach recommendations,
- Develop the objectives for the siting process,
- Suggest potential alternative sites,
- Develop the criteria that will be used to evaluate potential sites,
- Make recommendations concerning the relative importance of the individual siting criteria, and
- Recommend a shortlist of preferred potential sites for consideration by the Cities/County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the SWA Board.

By next spring, it is intended that the PAC will provide a recommendation to the SWAC and SWA Board on the preferred facility location. To date, over 90 potential sites for the facility have been identified. We will be working with the PAC over the next two months using siting objectives, siting criteria and criteria weighting factors developed in the PAC to bring forward a recommendation for a short list of preferred facility sites. Staff plans to return to the Board at its December meeting with a short list of preferred facility sites and to report back to the Board next spring with a preferred facility location.

## **CITIES/COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)**



Three members of the (SWAC), one from each of the SWA member agencies, have become members of the PAC. SWAC has adopted two previous recommendations of support for this project. At its October meeting, staff briefed SWAC on the progress of the project to date.

## CONCLUSION

We have moved ahead over the summer on both the community involvement and siting efforts for this project. Over the next two months, we hope to develop in consultation with the PAC a short list of preferred facility locations for the Board's consideration. Staff plans to return to the Board at its December meeting with a short list of preferred facility locations and to report back next spring with a facility siting recommendation. It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: PAC Member list

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