



**NAPA-VALLEJO WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Pahl for Trent Cave - Manager
Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority
REPORT BY: Belinda Yamate, Secretary, 253-4471
SUBJECT: Manager's Report.

RECOMMENDATION

MANAGER'S REPORT.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Manager will report on activities related to the Authority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Manager will report on activities related to the Authority.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Manager will report on activities related to the Authority over the last month including but not limited to the following items:

ACSL leachate management

We are continuing to experiencing periodic sample results above the VSFCO local limits. However our management plan of storing and testing before disposal is identifying loads before discharge to VSFCO. EMCON is preparing plans for VSFCO approval for configuring the tanks to comply with VSFCO monitoring requirements and the conversion from truck haul to pipe transmission. The non-compliant loads are being diverted to the soaker well system for use as temperature control in the landfill. In addition we are exploring the concept of summer irrigation of the landfill with the SFRWQCB. This will improve the imperviousness of the landfill cap during dry periods, improve vegetative cover and offer an other alternative to disposing of leachate.

Oat Hill Quarry

Upon completion of the final closure of the landfill it will not longer be necessary to maintain the Oat Hill Quarry. Numerous developers have expressed interest in the 48 acres and the property is currently being review as to its general plan and zoning designation. The property was appraised in 1993 and had a value of approximately one million dollars. Authority staff has recognized that it may have a greater value and during the 2004 refinance of the 1993 revenue bonds provided for an optional redemption on or after August 15, 2007. In addition the Authority is exploring the construction of a facility expansion to accommodate mixed C&D diversion and the funding of the construction. In order to better understand the value of the property, James B. Henry of Coldwell Banker Commercial has offered a "Broker's Opinion of Value". In Mr. Henry's opinion the market value of the property is between 5 million and 20 million dollars. Knowing that the low end value is 5 million dollars, the Authority can plan for the future expansion without the need for debt financing.

Litter Control on Highway 29

Litter on Highway 29 continues to be a hot topic with the City of American Canyon. The majority of the problem is pickup trucks on the weekend and not regular customer to the Devlin Road Transfer Station. Authority staff as been exploring several suggestion to improve the situation including:

- | CalTrans Adopt-A-Highway Program: This option would involve supporting a volunteer group to remove litter on a two mile stretch of roadside. It could include other activities such as planting trees and wildflowers. Many groups are in need of fundraising to support there activities. A non-profit organization could be paid by the Authority for clean up activities.
- | Press releases: Prepare a press release to or advertise in local news media informing drivers of the need and penalties for uncovered pickup loads.
- | Grants for litter control: A search for possible grant funding has not revealed any prospects for grant funding.
- | Penalty fees for uncovered loads at the transfer station: The Authority attorney has brought up concerns relating to Proposition 209. Also it would be extremely difficult to enforce the covering of pickup loads at the scale house. Loads need to be uncovered at the scale house to facilitate load checking for C&D material rich loads, unauthorized items and
- | Enhance enforcement: Encourage law enforcement officials to aggressively enforce laws related to covered loads and littering. Also meet with the court executive officer and commissioners to reinforce the need to fine violators for littering.

Solid Waste Mangers Conference: Trends and Challenges

I am scheduled to attend this conference June 6-10 in Boulder, Colorado. As the SWANA Management and Planning Division Director, I am scheduled to give the opening remarks and introduce the keynote speaker. In addition the conference has 11 technical sessions and 25 presentation covering topics critical to every solid waste manager. Also the conference will run concurrently with the 10th Annual Landfill Symposium. Board members have attend this conference in the past and have found it help in understanding the issues Board Members face

managing a solid waste enterprise. Any Board member wishing to attend should contact the manager.

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This symposium will be September 26-30 in Austin, Texas.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . A.C. Eagle Article: Uncovered Pickups
- B . Adopt-A-Highway Brochure
- C . SWANA Landfill Symposium Brochure

Manager: Approve
Reviewed By: Jill Pahl