



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: Board of Supervisors**

**From: Supervisor Haschak**

**Meeting Date:** May 25, 2021

**Department Contact:** Supervisor Haschak

**Phone:** 4441

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 Min

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of Conceptual Plan to Improve Waste Hauling Capacity and Service Levels at the Covelo Transfer Station; Approval in Concept a Mechanism to Fund these Improvements; Direct Solid Waste of Willits (SWOW) to Pursue a New CalRecycle Permit to Allow Increased Capacity at the Station; and Direct County Counsel and Department of Transportation Staff to Return with a Contract Amendment, Rate Adjustment, or Any Other Documentation Necessary for SWOW to Implement Improvements

(Sponsor: Supervisor Haschak)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve conceptual plan to improve waste hauling capacity and service levels at the Covelo transfer station, approve in concept a mechanism to fund these improvements, direct SWOW to pursue a new CalRecycle permit to allow increased capacity at the station, and direct staff from County Counsel and Department of Transportation to return with a contract amendment, rate adjustment, or any other documentation necessary for SWOW to implement improvements.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The County has three different contracts for operation of transfer stations. The Covelo Transfer Station Agreement (BOS Agreement No. 95-040) was approved by the Board in 1995, with amendments in 1996, 1998, and 2011. The "5 Transfer Station Agreement" (BOS Agreement No. 10-138) was approved in 2010, and includes Albion, Boonville, Laytonville, Potter Valley, and the South Coast. The "Caspar Transfer Station Agreement" (BOS Agreement No. 11-008) was approved in 2011.

**Summary of Request:**

The Covelo transfer station is not able to keep up with the growing community size and increasing demand for service. This results in long lines, and the station closing early when the bins reach capacity. People then dump garbage in illegal dumpsites. A solution that Solid Waste of Willits has brought forth is that they can make structural changes (expanding the size of the bay) to the transfer station, which would allow "possum-belly" trailers instead of the smaller bins. This will increase capacity at the site, and increase the efficiency of the hauling process. The expense of the structural changes to the transfer station could be covered by a rate adjustment. Due to vandalism, signage with information on hours of operation, fees, etc. has been removed from the site. The lack of signs at the transfer station has contributed to confusion about the hours of

operation, approved fees, etc. and may further exacerbate illegal dumping. This request also includes direction to the Department of Transportation to produce more signs to be located in a secure yet visible area at the site.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide alternate direction.

**Supervisory District:** District 3

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** Cost TBD, potential rate increase

**budgeted in current f/y:** No

**current f/y cost:** TBD

**if no, please describe:**

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**revenue agreement:** No

**budget clarification:** Specific improvements to the facility and their estimated costs are not yet known.

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Final Status: Approved with Modification

Date: May 28, 2021

