



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 min.

Agenda Title:

Informational Update, Discussion and Possible Action Including Possible Amendments to the Solid Waste of Willits (SWOW) - Mendocino Solid Waste Franchise Agreements Related to Possible Closures of Buy Back Centers and Transfer Stations As Directed by the Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2017 (Sponsor: Supervisor Hamburg)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Receive the informational update regarding Solid Waste of Willits (SWOW) - Mendocino Solid Waste Franchise Agreements related to possible closures of Buy Back Centers and Transfer Stations as directed by the Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2017, including possible direction to staff to amend said Franchise Agreements and/or direction regarding maintaining Buy Back Centers.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On January 24, 2017, the Board of Supervisors took action and gave direction to allow (temporary) closure of the Boonville, Gualala, and Westport recycling buy-back centers. The County retained the right to direct SWOW to re-open these recycling buy-back centers in the future. (Franchise Areas 1, 3, and 4); on February 7, 2017, the Board of Supervisors discussed options associated with maintaining the Westport Buy Back Center, Westport Transfer Station and/or other coastal solid waste services (Gualala area), including possible amendments to the SWOW - Mendocino Solid Waste Franchise Area 1 contract, directing staff to work with SWOW on options and return to the Board on February 14, 2017, with an update.

Summary of Request:

On February 7, 2017, the Board of Supervisors give direction to staff to meet with SWOW to discuss possible amendments to the SWOW contract. Topics discussed during the February 7, 2017, meeting included: 1) SWOW operating aa transfer station in Westport for two days each week (no less than six hours a day), with one day being Saturday, or 2) SWOW agreeing to transfer, without protest and in a timely manner, the exclusive right for curbside pick-up for the Westport service area to Empire Waste Management, with the understanding that Empire Waste Management will not only provide curbside pick-up in the greater Westport service area but also operate a transfer station in Westport for two days a week (no less than six hours a day), with one day being Saturday. The Board also suggested reversing the temporary closure of the Westport Buy Back Center and require that it remain open. Other areas discussed were the provision of services in the Gualala area and the impacts the proposed closures would have on that Franchise Area. Options were

discussed that resulted in direction to staff to return with an updated based upon discussion with SWOW.

To date, staff has scheduled meetings with SWOW on February 9, 2017, to discuss the Westport and Gualala transfer stations issues. Staff will also be meeting with Waste Management staff to discuss their rate adjustment request as well as the possibility of expanding services in the coastal/Westport area.

Staff will provide the Board with an update as to progress made, including contact with SWOW and other potential waste management service providers for the coastal franchise areas.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide additional direction to staff.

Supplemental Information Available Online at:

<https://mendocino.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2953941&GUID=BoFD291F-70DC-492C-9FFE-08A9415868Co&Options=&Search>=>

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: District 4 and District 5 **Vote Requirement:** Majority

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

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

Comments: