



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Solid Waste

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 30 Min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Authorization of Payment in the Amount of \$8,500 to Solid Wastes of Willits upon Receipt of Invoice for the County's Share of Costs Related to Operation of the South Coast Buy-Back Center for One Year; and Direction to Either Close the Center or Determine a Long Term Funding Mechanism

(Sponsor: Solid Waste)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Authorize payment of \$8,500 to Solid Wastes of Willits (SWOW) upon receipt of invoice for the County's share of costs related to operation of the South Coast Buy-Back Center for one year, and provide direction to either close the center or determine a long term funding mechanism.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On January 24, 2017, the BOS approved an interim one-year agreement with Solid Wastes of Willits (SWOW) to provide SWOW with additional revenue and cost saving measures related to the provision of solid waste services, pursuant to existing franchise and/or transfer station agreements. This one-year agreement included a provision allowing temporary closure of Recycling Buy-Back Redemption Centers in Boonville, Gualala and Westport. The County retained the right to direct SWOW to re-open these centers. After notification that CalRecycle would begin fining both Gualala supermarkets \$100/day because there was not a Recycling Center available in the area, on June 20, 2017, the BOS gave direction for a temporary solution. Estimated Buy-Back Redemption Center weekend operating costs of \$34,000 - \$48,000 were to be shared equally between Mendocino County, Solid Wastes of Willits, Surf Market, and Gualala Supermarket.

Summary of Request:

On December 9, 2017, Solid Wastes of Willits (SWOW), with approval from CalRecycle, opened up the Buy-Back Center at the South Coast Transfer Station on Fish Rock Road. SWOW's opening of this facility ensured the two Gualala supermarkets would not be assessed the \$100/day fine from CalRecycle. However, the costs of this facility have been carried by SWOW and not shared as per the Board's temporary solution from 6/20/17 which apportioned the cost evenly between SWOW, the County of Mendocino, Surf Market, and Gualala Supermarket. The two supermarkets have informed SWOW that they will not participate in the 4 way split. Direction is requested to either close the center, or provide direction regarding a longer term funding mechanism. If the supermarkets will not participate in a share of the costs and the Board would like to keep

the center open, it is estimated that a 2.2% increase in collection rates in County Franchise Area 4 (South Coast) would provide 75% of the necessary funding with SWOW picking up the remaining 25% of the cost.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Provide direction to staff

Supervisory District: District 5

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: General Fund

current f/y cost: \$8,500

annual recurring cost: unknown

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: The County's share of costs associated with the Gualala Recycling Buy-Back Center were indirectly approved by the Board but were approved not included in the current year's budget.

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

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: May 15, 2019

Final Status: **Approved with Direction**

