



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: September 3, 2014
Board Meeting Date: October 7, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Approving the Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report; and
- B) Directing the Director of Public Works to submit the Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report to CalRecycle and the City/County Association of Governments, acting as the Local Task Force.

BACKGROUND:

Each county in California is required by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) to prepare and adopt a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP). In San Mateo County, County government (representing the unincorporated area) and all the cities in the County have prepared and adopted elements that make up the CIWMP. The elements of the CIWMP are listed below:

- Source Reduction & Recycling Element (SRRE): One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas.
- Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE): One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas.
- Nondisposal Facility Element (NDFE): One plan for each city and one for the County's unincorporated areas.
- Siting Element (CSE): One countywide plan.

- Summary Plan (SP): One countywide plan.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board, now known as CalRecycle, approved the original elements in the CIWMP in October 1999. This approval date determines a five-year review reporting cycle in accordance with AB 939 for the County's CIWMP. The subsequent Five-Year Reviews were completed in 2004, 2009, and the current review must be completed by October 2014.

The City/County Association of Governments, acting as the Local Task Force for San Mateo County, reviewed the CIWMP and provided comments to the County. The comments requested that the County prepare a new Five-Year Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Review Report (Review Report), attached as Exhibit A. The letter from the Local Task Force (Exhibit B), addressed to the Director of Public Works, was received on July 14, 2014. This initiated the Review Report process for Department staff. The Local Task Force comments stated in part: "the original planning documents and those updated in the annual reports of each jurisdiction, are still applicable and useful planning tools with one exception, the countywide non-disposal facility element (NDFE)." The NDFE includes a list of facilities used by cities in the County to divert waste from landfills. One non-disposal facility in San Mateo County has ceased operation since 2009, but remains a permitted facility that could reopen at any time.

DISCUSSION:

Department staff, Environmental Health Division staff, and facility operators contributed to the draft Review Report utilizing the template provided by CalRecycle. County staff and these other representatives have concluded that the elements of the CIWMP are still adequate tools for the continued implementation of AB 939, with the exception of the NDFE (in agreement with the Local Task Force).

The last update to the NDFE was completed as part of the 2009 CIWMP review cycle. County staff believe that the NDFE is the only element of the CIWMP that may need to be updated and is requesting that CalRecycle make that determination, given that the facility remains permitted for operation, is currently closed, but could reopen at any time.

Upon your Board's adoption of this Resolution approving the Review Report, staff will forward the Review Report to CalRecycle. CalRecycle will provide Department staff with its findings within 90 days, including any requests for updates to specific elements of the CIWMP. Staff will then update all requested elements of the CIWMP, if required, and bring the updated elements to your Board for final approval and subsequent submission to CalRecycle. The NDFE update (if required) is anticipated to take approximately 75 days to complete from receipt of CalRecycle's comments.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by complying with AB 939 and CalRecycle regulations to divert solid waste from landfills.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Review Report development and CIWMP element update costs are paid by AB 939 fees. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Exhibit A -Draft Five-Year CIWMP Review Report

Exhibit B -LTF Letter, dated July 14, 2014