



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: 06/07/2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, ext. 3010
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Addendum to the Countywide Siting Element
All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

A. Adopt the attached Resolution approving the proposed Addendum to the Countywide Siting Element (SE).

Summary Text:

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) mandates that each City and County within the State reduce the quantity of material disposed by 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by 2000. AB 939 also requires each County to prepare a Countywide SE which shall contain a description and identification of areas, numbers and types of existing, new or expanded solid waste disposal and transformation facilities which shall be used to meet a minimum of fifteen (15) years of combined permitted disposal capacity within the County.

The City of Santa Maria is in the process of siting a new Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF) at Los Flores Ranch. The existing Santa Maria Regional Landfill will reach capacity in 2015. California Public Resources Code, Division 31, Section 50000-50002, states that no solid waste or transformation facility can be established or expanded without first being identified and described in the Countywide SE. Therefore, the City of Santa Maria has requested that the Countywide SE be amended to include the IWMF.

Background: In 2002, the City of Santa Maria began looking for a suitable site for the IWMF, after selecting criteria to be used to evaluate the site. Criteria included land use compatibility, geology, topography, hydrology, biological resources, facility design, visual impact, cultural resources, access and infrastructure. In 2005, a Landfill Siting Study was commissioned by the City of Santa Maria to complete a more in-depth evaluation of three sites considered to be favorable and on January 17, 2006, the Santa Maria City Council approved the purchase of Los Flores Ranch.

In order to proceed in the process, the City of Santa Maria has requested that the Countywide SE be amended to include the IWMF. To begin the process, the City of Santa Maria first submitted a site identification/description for the IWMF to the Local Task Force (LTF). The LTF met and commented on the facility in writing, and the comments were then submitted to the County and all Cities located within the County. The LTF made the following recommendations:

1. The City of Santa Maria should implement a curbside greenwaste collection program.
2. The City of Santa Maria should implement a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program for the collection of business generated hazardous waste.
3. The City of Santa Maria should continue to monitor the feasibility of developing a conversion technology program, and other recycling and composting programs, which will be tied to their five-year landfill permit cycle.

The City of Santa Maria also presented the proposed project and Siting Element Addendum to the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group and received a comment regarding the affect on the rest of the County and its ability to meet the 15-year disposal capacity requirement if the City of Santa Maria accepts waste from outside of the County.

On March 3, 2011, the City of Santa Maria officially submitted the site/identification (Addendum) to the County of Santa Barbara (County) and the County then forwarded the Addendum to each City within the County with instructions detailed under California Public Resources Code, Division 31, Section 50000-50002. The County and each City have 90 days from receipt of the Addendum to approve or disapprove the Addendum by resolution. In addition, there must be 30-day notices in newspapers of general circulation and the notices should also be in Spanish. Each City must notify the County of its decision within the 90-day period. If the County or a City fails to approve or disapprove the Addendum within 90 days, it will be deemed to have approved the Addendum as submitted.

If the County or City disapproves the Addendum, they shall mail notice of the decision by first-class mail to the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara within ten days of the disapproval with reasons for the disapproval. No County or City can disapprove the Addendum unless it is determined, based on substantial evidence in the record, that there will be one or more significant adverse impacts within its boundaries from the proposed project.

The County will then collect all noticing and approvals or disapprovals from the Cities, and submit a package to CalRecycle for their approval of the Addendum to the Countywide SE.

Budgeted: Yes Public Work Department's Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division staff have prepared the documentation and coordinated the Siting Element Addendum process.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts as a result of approving this Addendum to the Countywide SE.

Special Instructions:

Please return two (2) copies of the signed Resolution and a copy of the Public Noticing to Jody Rundle in Resource Recovery and Waste Management. According to California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 9, Article 8, Section 18782, notice of Public Hearing must be published in a local newspaper of general circulation thirty (30) days prior to the Public Hearing. In addition, Public Resources Code 41701(e) states that a description of how public participation of affected communities, including minority and low income populations, is solicited must be included. Therefore, for purposes of this item, the Public Hearing must be noticed in English and Spanish thirty (30) days prior to the Public Hearing.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Amendment to Add the Integrated Waste Management Facility to the Countywide Siting Element.

Exhibit A – Location Map

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PUBLIC NOTICE
County of Santa Barbara

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, _____, during the Administrative section of the County Board of Supervisor's Hearing, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room on the 4th Floor of the Santa Barbara County Administrative Building at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. The hearing is to consider the adoption of a Resolution to adopt the Countywide Siting Element (SE) Addendum.

In order to comply with State planning requirements, Assembly Bill 939 (AB 939) requires that each City in the County affected by changes to the Countywide SE, and the County itself, adopt the Addendum to the Countywide SE by resolution. The Countywide SE is required to provide a description and identification of areas, numbers, and types of existing, and new or expanded solid waste disposal and transformation facilities which will be used to meet a minimum of fifteen (15) years of combined permitted disposal capacity within the County. The Addendum to the Countywide SE identifies and describes the development by the City of Santa Maria of a new landfill referred to as the Integrated Waste Management Facility.

Jody L. Rundle