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Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division

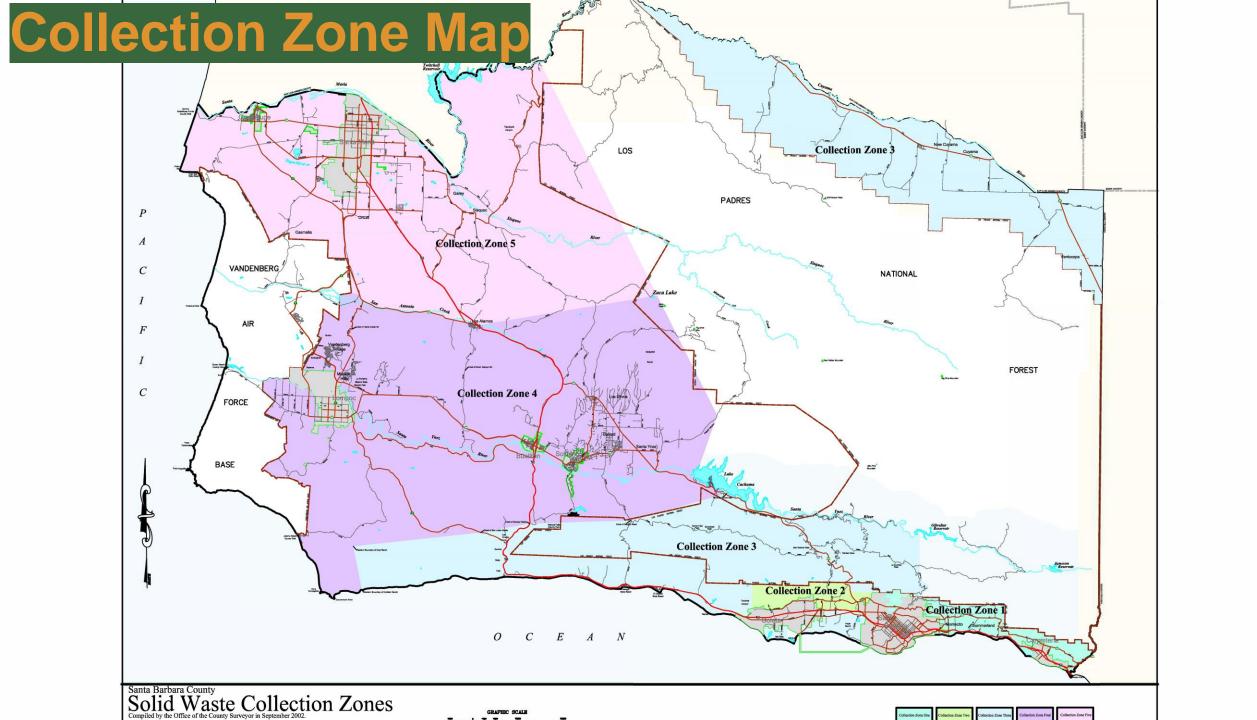
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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17

Franchised Solid Waste Collection Services in the Unincorporated Area

Background – Current Franchises

- Chapter 17 (Solid Waste Services) of the County Code currently requires a minimum of two franchised solid waste collectors in the unincorporated area
- MarBorg Industries currently services Zones 1, 2, and 3
- Waste Management currently services Zones 4 and 5



Background – North County RFP

- In November 2022, the County released an RFP for solid waste collection services in Zones 4 and 5
- Four companies submitted proposals, including MarBorg Industries
- With MarBorg currently servicing Zones 1, 2, and 3, an amendment to Chapter 17 is required to enable the consideration of MarBorg's proposal for Zones 4 and 5

Amended Ordinance Text

The proposed text for Section 17-29(c)(1) reads as follows:

"It shall be the policy of the County of Santa Barbara that a minimum number of Collectors is not required to provide Regular Solid Waste Handling Services within the unincorporated area of the county, and the Board shall have the discretion to award Franchise agreements for all zones to one single Collector or multiple Collectors. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the County from terminating a Franchise or contract with a Collector or seeking a new Collector to provide Solid Waste Handling Services in any zone or territory."

Amended Ordinance Text

- The language in the ordinance update provides the County with maximum flexibility for franchised services
- Allows for the selection of one or more haulers
- Doesn't preclude a particular hauler simply because they provide services in other zones

Competitive Process

- The County will retain the right to issue future RFPs
- The RFP process provides the venue for competition between companies
- The franchises themselves are exclusive service areas; haulers are not permitted to provide permanent collection services in zones for which they don't have a franchise agreement

Municipal Franchise Agreements

- Cities in the incorporated areas contract separately for solid waste collection services
- Three cities currently have agreements with MarBorg, two have agreements with Waste Management, one has an agreement with EJ Harrison & Sons, and two provide their own municipal collection services

Staff Recommendations

- Approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 17 (Solid Waste Services) of the County Code
- Determine that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) the amendment is not a project under CEQA because it is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment

Thank you! Questions?





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Unscheduled Hauling Permits

- In addition to the solid waste franchises, the County issues permits to unscheduled haulers to provide temporary collection services (e.g. roll-offs)
- Eight (8) unscheduled haulers are currently permitted in the unincorporated area
- Residents and businesses can select the unscheduled hauler of their choice