

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Briefing on Solid Waste Technology Systems in Germany

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Receive and file a staff presentation and briefing paper.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

*The briefing is primarily aligned with **Goal II**, A safe and healthy community in which to live, work, and visit; and **Goal V**, A high quality of life for all residents.*

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In October, 2001 representatives from Santa Barbara County joined officials from El Dorado County, the City of South Lake Tahoe and the South Lake Tahoe Waste Management Authority to visit and study solid waste technology systems in Germany. The purpose of the field study was to examine state-of-the-art technology in recovery and recycling of 100% of the waste stream that may have potential application in Santa Barbara County. The attached report and staff presentation highlight what was learned, and in particular focus the discussion on nine key questions that should be considered when evaluating any technology application in the solid waste system.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No immediate fiscal or facility impacts are associated with this action.

Attachments:

Field Study Briefing: Solid Waste Technology Systems in Germany