

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Report on the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group
All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a **hearing for Tuesday, August 6, 2002** to receive an oral presentation on the work of the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, and our organizational values regarding collaboration and partnering.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In June 2001 your Board and the Santa Barbara City Council established the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Group (Task Group) for the purpose of providing the communities within Santa Barbara County with a forum to discuss and plan long-term solid waste management strategies and facilities. Your Board and the Santa Barbara City Council passed identical resolutions (County resolution #01-90) finding and declaring, among other things, that it is in the public interest to continue to work cooperatively to explore a means to formalize a continued long-term relationship regarding solid waste issues.

In December 2001 the Task Group adopted the following Guiding Principals to guide the process; Local Control, Regional Services, Waste Diversion, Economic Efficiencies, Reliability, and Flexibility. In April 2002, your Board, along with the Santa Barbara City Council, passed resolutions to continue working together, and to invite other jurisdictions to participate in the process by designating up to two elected

representatives to the Task Group. The Task Group now has elected representatives from all the County's incorporated cities, the County, and the Sanitation Districts, further enhancing the possibilities for regional cooperation.

In March 2002 the Task Group formed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to oversee the research and development of waste management options. The TAC consists of 14 members, including representatives from each of the incorporated cities, the County, Vandenberg Air Force Base, The Sanitation Districts, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). The TAC adopted By-laws in May, and meets on a monthly basis to coordinate the work of its Subgroups. Meetings of the TAC are open to the public and participation by members of the public, environmental organizations, and solid waste experts is encouraged. The TAC regularly reports to the Task Group.

The TAC has formed several Subgroups to explore specific waste streams, or areas of concern with respect to the management of solid waste. The Subgroups formed to date are: Biosolids/Greenwaste Management, Commercial Recycling, Construction and Demolition Debris Management, Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste/Universal Waste Management, Alternatives to Long-term Disposal, and Short and Long-term Disposal Options. In addition, a group of City Managers is reviewing the possible formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), or some similar governance mechanism that will facilitate regional cooperation in matters relating to solid waste management. Each Subgroup is developing a Statement of Purpose, Work Plans, and Timelines. The Subgroups meet monthly, and report their findings to the TAC.

In June 2002, the Task Group adopted Bylaws to guide its future actions. An internal Solid Waste Project Team, consisting of County and City of Santa Barbara staff provides logistical support to the Task Group, developing agendas, producing meeting minutes, maintaining the Task Group's web site (www.countyofsb.org/pwd/swud), and other such services as are required.

Project Team staff, as well as representatives of the Task Group will provide a short presentation highlighting the current work of the MJSWTG and some of the goals that have been established by the MJSWTG and its TAC.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No changes to mandates and service levels are anticipated.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

Concurrence

County Administrator