

Landfill Disposal Agreement Informational Hearing
Pursuant to Board Resolution 171-05
Budget and Finance Sub-Committee
July 22, 2015





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Contract Performance Standards

- Legally defensible
- Protective of the environment, including zero waste goals
- Cost effective



- 1987 disposal agreement with Waste Management
 - Altamont landfill in Alameda County
 - 15 million tons or 65 years (whichever comes first)
- City expected to reach limit in January 2016
- Cost to rate payers approved through public process
 - City does not pay fees directly

Competitive Selection Process & Public Engagement

- 2007: 5 public hearings resulted in guidelines for process
- 2008: Comprehensive RFQ process
- 2009: Exhaustive public RFP process
- Bids received:
 - Recology at \$23.73/ton
 - Waste Management at \$46.00/ton
 - More than \$100 million difference over life of contract



- Recology selected by panel
- Lawsuits filed, later dismissed
- 2010-2014: Board of Supervisors acted
 - 4 hearings
 - 2 votes approving selection process and ratifying Recology as selected landfill contractor

- 2014: Department requested environmental review by Planning Department
 - Evaluated significance of 40-mile round trip transportation difference
- 2015: Planning issued Preliminary Negative Declaration
 - After 9 months of study
- 2015: Negative Declaration appealed
 - Unanimously upheld by Planning Commission
- 2015: Board of Supervisors to hear final appeal(s)

- Disposal agreement with Recology
 - Hay Road landfill in Solano County
 - Allows 3.4 million tons or 9 years (whichever comes first)
 - Renewal option to be approved by Board of Supervisors
- Honors past competitive selection process
- Ensures rate stability and predictability
- Allows public review by Board of Supervisors review within 9 years



New Landfill Agreement (continued)

- Cap of 50 truck round trips/day
 - Ensures impact of transportation stays below CEQA threshold
 - Pushes City toward zero waste
- Planning confirmed new agreement does not require additional environmental review

- July 2015: Agreement to be signed
- September 2015: Board of Supervisors to hear final appeal(s)
- January 2016: Expected agreement start date



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