

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Waste Management Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 7, 2004

SUBJECT: El Sobrante Landfill – Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. **Receive and file** COC report on traffic issues in Temescal Valley Area and local mitigation fund;
2. **Approve** COC recommendation to utilize the \$150,000 Local Mitigation Fund on County efforts to cleanup illegal dumping in Temescal Valley area along I-15 corridor from El Cerrito Road south to Lake Street;
3. **Authorize** COC to solicit proposal(s) from Economic Development Agency and Code Enforcement to develop illegal dumping program in Temescal Valley area; and,
4. **Direct** COC to bring back final illegal dumping program for Board authorization.

BACKGROUND: On January 13, 2004, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (BOS) heard Item 12.2 on the El Sobrante Landfill (Report on Status of Citizens Oversight Committee) and approved Staff-recommended motions to receive and file the report on the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) and to require that the COC report back to the BOS with a list of recommended local mitigation projects. An additional outcome of this meeting, and the result of a presentation by COC members on traffic issues in the Temescal Valley/I-15 corridor, was that the BOS recommended that the COC give further consideration of peak hour traffic in the area of the El Sobrante Landfill.

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Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ NA	In Current Year Budget:	NA
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ NA	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ NA	For Fiscal Year:	NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12.2 (1/13/04) | District: 1 | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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The COC has prepared the attached report to address these issues. Based on the attached report, it is the recommendation of the COC to utilize the entire Local Mitigation Fund, which totals \$150,000 plus interest, on efforts being spearheaded by the County to reduce and/or eliminate illegal dumping in the Temescal Valley area along I-15 corridor from El Cerrito Road south to Lake Street. The COC is requesting that the Board of Supervisors support the use of the mitigation fund for this proposed purpose and allow the COC to solicit a proposal(s) from the Economic Development Agency and Code Enforcement to develop an illegal dumping program for the Temescal Valley area that incorporates such measures as the purchase of surveillance camera equipment, a publicity/advertising promotion, and signage.

In addition, it is the consensus of the COC that they are in concurrence with the findings of URS, consultant to Waste Management Inc., compiled in a report, dated July 26, 2004, which concludes that the contribution of the El Sobrante Landfill truck traffic is not significant along the I-15 corridor, in terms of total truck volume and in terms of peak hour traffic. As noted in the attached COC report, however, the COC continues to be concerned about truck traffic and congestion in the Temescal Valley area along the I-15. To that extent, the COC wants to be on record as supporting and encouraging all County efforts to alleviate congestion, from the development of truck lanes to fast tracking the extension of Temescal Canyon Road.

El Sobrante Landfill

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Prepared For: **Riverside County Board of Supervisors**

Submitted By: **Jack Wyatt, Chairman, Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)**
Joyce Deleo, COC Member
Gena Osborne, COC Member
Louise Mazochi, COC Member
Marshall Beede, COC Member

Date: **October 7, 2004**

Background

On January 13, 2004, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) directed the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) to do the following:

- Report back to the BOS with a list of recommended local mitigation projects on which to utilize the Local Mitigation Fund, established by the BOS through a Condition of Approval of the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, approved by the BOS on September 1, 1998; and,
- Give further consideration of truck traffic issues and peak hour impacts in the Temescal Valley area along the I-15 corridor.

Subsequent to the January meeting of the BOS, the COC met on the following dates to comply with the BOS directives:

- January 29, 2004
- May 17, 2004
- July 29, 2004
- September 23, 2004

Local Mitigation Fund

The Local Mitigation Fund was established as part of Section 8.1.4 of the Second El Sobrante Landfill Agreement (Payment to County for Import Restriction), which states the following:

"A portion (\$150,000) shall be placed in a trust account for use by the County for local mitigation projects in areas surrounding the Landfill, as recommended by the Citizens Oversight Committee."

The COC has taken this task very seriously and, to this end, has considered a range of projects, ranging from litter/trash cleanups, historical monumentation, Temescal Valley Fair, parks, trails, and education/scholarships. Recommendations were solicited from various County agencies, including the Park and Open Space District, the Economic Development Agency, and from County Staff developing the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. While the COC could agree on the following principles when considering local mitigation projects, the COC wrestled with issues, such as whether a project was considered mitigation and alleviated a community impact from having the landfill in proximity, as well as, what the impact area was, and could not reach consensus on a list of projects to recommend to the BOS:

Principles:

1. Seek matching funds
2. Entertain project descriptions
3. Consider new projects on an annual basis
4. Each project undertaken will be for a 2-year funding cycle and re-evaluated at that time

Throughout meetings and discussions, the one resounding impact that the COC members could all agree was a concern for the community is illegal dumping and is an impact from having the landfill located within the community. For this reason, the COC is recommending to the BOS that the entire Local Mitigation Fund be utilized to reduce and/or eliminate illegal dumping in the Temescal Valley area along the I-15 corridor. The motion approved by the COC on July 29, 2004 was as follows:

On the motion of Joyce Deleo, seconded by Gena Osborne, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS RECOMMENDED that the mitigation trust fund be used to address illegal dumping in the area of Temescal Canyon and Temescal Valley from El Cerrito south to Lake Street.

Ayes: Jack Wyatt, Joyce Deleo, Gena Osborne, and Marshall Beede.

Noes: None.

Absent: Louise Mazochi

Update: On September 23, 2004, the COC met to identify how the local mitigation fund could be utilized to help reduce and/or eliminate illegal dumping in the Temescal Valley area. Pam Baird with the Economic Development Agency and Brian Black with Code Enforcement were present to provide the COC with detailed information on County programs and measures that may prove effective both in promoting illegal dumping

programs and in dissuading the act of illegal dumping. It was agreed that, provided the Board of Supervisors concurs, a proposal(s) would be solicited from both EDA and Code Enforcement to develop a program that would be funded by the \$150,000 local mitigation fund and would incorporate measures such as the purchase, setup, and staffing of camera surveillance equipment, publicity/advertising promotion, signage, and other personnel needs. The COC may also consider a component that would provide for seeking matching funds from businesses to ensure the success of the program and at least a 2-year funding cycle.

Truck Traffic Issues Along I-15 Corridor

Truck traffic along the I-15 corridor in the Temescal Valley area is a major concern for not only COC members and the BOS, but for all residents living in this community. For this reason, the COC examined the following:

1. I-15 Expansion Project to Include Truck Lanes
2. Acceleration of the Temescal Canyon Realignment Project
3. Installing Signage to Prevent Trucks, by way of Vehicle Weight, from Traveling on Certain Roads
4. Contribution of El Sobrante Landfill to Truck Traffic and Peak Hour Impacts

The attached information, provided by Juan C. Perez, Deputy Director with the Transportation Department of the Transportation and Land Management Agency, dated January 29, 2004, and updated via the attached E-mail, dated July 23, 2004, to Hans Kernkamp, General Manager – Chief Engineer of the Waste Management Department, was considered in addressing the first three issues. While the COC members will continue to monitor the status of efforts by the County, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and CalTrans, there is no further recommendation by the COC.

The attached URS report (consultant for Waste Management Inc.), dated July 26, 2004, was considered in addressing the fourth item, the contribution of El Sobrante Landfill to truck traffic volumes and peak hour impacts along the I-15 corridor in the Temescal Canyon area. The conclusion of the report is that the El Sobrante truck traffic represents about 6.3 percent (%) of the overall trucks in the northbound direction and 5.3% in the southbound direction. In terms of the landfill's contribution to peak hour impacts, the report concluded that the El Sobrante truck traffic represented less than 1% of all traffic during a morning peak from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., during a mid-day peak from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, and during a later afternoon peak from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The COC concurred with the findings of this report and approved the following motion:

On the motion of Marshall Beede, seconded by Gena Osborne, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS AGREED that the El Sobrante Landfill Citizens Oversight Committee has reviewed

and concurred with the findings of the Waste Management, Inc. Traffic Study, prepared by URS (dated July 26, 2004).

Ayes: Jack Wyatt, Joyce Deleo, Gena Osborne, and Marshall Beede.

Noes: None.

Absent: Louise Mazochi

Update: On September 23, 2004, the COC further discussed traffic issues. Out of that discussion, the COC reaffirmed that, while El Sobrante Landfill traffic contribution to area roadways is insignificant, the Temescal Canyon area is severely impacted by trucks and other traffic along the I-15. The COC supports and encourages all County efforts to alleviate this congestion, from the development of truck lanes to fast tracking the extension of Temescal Canyon Road. Until improvements are in place, traffic congestion will continue to have adverse impacts on all drivers using the I-15 and on area residents and businesses, including the landfill.