

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

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**FROM:** Waste Management Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
February 8, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Oasis Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Authorize the Department to:

- 1) Submit an application for Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision to expand service at the Oasis Landfill to two days per week; and
- 2) Restrict the receipt of waste to small load vehicles where the combined net weight of the load (pickup and/or trailer) is one ton or less at the Oasis Landfill.

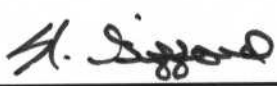
**BACKGROUND:** Effective January 7, 1998, operations at the Oasis Landfill were reduced from three days per week to two days per year for bulky wastes, as directed by the Board. The reduction in operations was in response to implementation of mandatory collection within the Southern Coachella Valley Community Services District (SCVCSD) in October of 1997. Implementation of mandatory collection within SCVCSD resulted in the ability to redirect the area's waste stream to Edom Hill Landfill (now the Edom Hill Transfer Station), significantly reducing operational needs at the two local landfills (Oasis and Mecca II). The Board also cut back operations at the Mecca II Landfill by reducing operations to two days per week (item 10.2 on December 9, 1997), but leaving it as the primary landfill that would accommodate area residents and businesses exempt from mandatory collection. (Cont'd)

  
Hans W. Kernkamp, General Manager-Chief Engineer

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	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** 

Dep't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy  Policy

Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 10.1 (8/12/97), 10.1 (7/31/01), 10.2 (12/9/97) | **District:** 4 | **Agenda Number:**

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Beginning October 1, 2001, the Department began restricting the receipt of waste at Mecca II to loads of one ton or less to extend the life of that landfill (Item 10.1 on July 31, 2001). Based on this, Mecca II Landfill is now projected to reach capacity in July of 2007. The Department would then time the increase in operating days at the Oasis Landfill to be at least 30 days prior to the Mecca II Landfill reaching capacity.

Based on new regulations in Section 21110 of Title 27, which were implemented on February 25, 2003, the reduction in tonnage received at the Oasis Landfill would require closure of the site within two years because the disposal rate has been reduced for two consecutive years to a rate equal to or less than thirty (30) percent of the average annual tonnage rate during the previous ten years. The new regulations also provide the Department with a mechanism to extend the time frame for closure, provided certain requirements are met. The Department analyzed average annual waste disposal rates for the site and determined that the Oasis Landfill satisfies the extension request standards. An official request to extend the closure timeframe was submitted to the LEA on August 12, 2004. The time frame extension request was conditionally approved by the LEA and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) via letters dated December 28, 2004 and January 10, 2005, respectively. Conditions of the approval included that the Department submit a permit review application and make a determination by December 2005, of whether the Oasis Landfill will be operated as a landfill in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulation, Section 21110, or closed in compliance with Title 27 regulations in the interest of public health and safety and the environment.

As requested by the regulatory agencies, the Department analyzed the regional refuse disposal needs in the desert area and is recommending that the Oasis Landfill be opened up to two days per week upon closure of the Mecca II Landfill. Since the Mecca II Landfill will be closing in less than 18 months the Department believes the most economical way to continue to maintain an outlet for residents and businesses in the area that are exempt from mandatory collection and to help prevent illegal dumping is to open the Oasis Landfill for up to 2 days per week. Based on the remaining air space at Oasis and the anticipated fill rate, the Department projects that there is approximately 14 years of capacity remaining at Oasis Landfill.

The Department submitted a permit review application on April 29, 2005. In August of 2005, the Local Enforcement Agency completed the required five-year permit review for the Oasis Landfill and determined that the Department would need to perform a permit revision. The Department is ready to submit the required permit revision documents upon authorization of the Oasis Landfill schedule.

Environmental Assessment (EA) No. 37780, for which the Board of Supervisors adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration on November 23, 1999, assessed impacts associated with receiving and disposing of 400 tons per day of municipal solid waste. Extending the days of operation will not increase daily tonnage and will not exceed thresholds assessed in EA No. 37780.

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