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

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FROM: Waste Management Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
 March 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Modification of Operating Days at the Idyllwild Grinding Facility (Project), District 3 [\$0 – Waste Management Department Enterprise Funds], Project is Exempt under CEQA.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule for Exemption), and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); and
2. Authorize the Department to reduce operating days at the Idyllwild Grinding Facility, effective May 17, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Idyllwild Grinding Facility (IGF) was originally created to address tree removal as a result of the Bark Beetle infestation. The County of Riverside (County), in cooperation with the United States Forest Service (USFS), began contract operations of the IGF in 2003. Since then, Riverside County Waste Management Department (Department) has managed the contract for the grinding operation, staffed the gate and managed the facility. (continued)

[Signature]
 Hans Kernkamp
 General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Waste Management Department Enterprise Funds				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 15/16	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature]*

County Executive Office Signature

Alex Gann

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12.2 of 9/13/05,
 12.1 of 7/13/03, 12.1 of 5/17/11

District: 3

Agenda Number:

COUNTY
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Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND: (cont.)

The IGF is currently open to the public six days per week (Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm) and closed weekends during the winter (December through April).

During the last year (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014), the IGF received an average of only 69 tons and 105 customers per month, down from a peak of 1,622 tons and 560 customers per month during the site's first year of operation (May 24, 2004 to May 23, 2005).

A recent survey (from December 2014 to January 2015) of IGF customers found that Saturdays and Tuesdays were preferred operational days, if a reduction was implemented. Reducing operations to twice a week (Saturdays and Tuesdays) would allow revenue to more closely match expenses while still providing the remaining commercial customers with an outlet for their woody waste. The reduction in hours would allow the gate rate to remain the same, as the current operating schedule would require a rate increase since expenses are not being fully covered. ***Residents of the Idyllwild community who pay parcel fees for trash service under Franchise Area 8 will continue to be able to use the Idyllwild Transfer Station at no charge.***

If approved, the Department will immediately contact the primary commercial accounts using the IGF to advise them of the change so that they have adequate time to make any necessary adjustments before the May 17, 2015 change. At the same time, the Department will be taking over material removal and/or grinding operations at the site to allow for greater flexibility in the event tonnages increase or further decrease. A grinding contractor is currently onsite and that agreement will not be renewed.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule for Exemption), and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities. The Project proposes a reduction in operating days at an existing public facility, with no expansion of approved uses. This Project would not have a direct, indirect, or cumulatively significant effect on the environment. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) to this effect will be filed with the County Clerk upon Project approval.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The modification in operational days is not expected to impact citizens or businesses, as the need for the service (as evidenced by the significantly decreased tonnage levels) has been reduced.