

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
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Departmental Concurrence

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

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**FROM:** Department of Waste Resources

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
 August 9, 2016

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

**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 General Manager-Chief Engineer to adjust operating days and hours at the Idyllwild Grinding Facility as necessary to meet the needs of the community.

**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.

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*[Signature]*  
 Hans Kernkamp  
 General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Department of Waste Resources Enterprise Funds	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 16/17

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE  
*[Signature]*  
 BY: Steven C. Horn

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Date: August 23, 2016  
 xc: Waste

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
 Clerk of the Board  
 By: *[Signature]*  
 Deputy

**COUNTY**

- Positions Added
- Change Order
- A-30
- 4/5 Vote

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 12.2 of 9/13/05, 12.1 of 7/13/03, 12.1 of 5/17/11, 12.1 4/7/15 | District: 3 | Agenda Number: **12-3**

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**BACKGROUND: (cont.)**

Since then, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (Department) has managed the contract for the grinding operation, staffed the gate and managed the facility. Recently the Department assumed fulltime operations. From June 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 the IGF was open to the public two days per week (Tuesday 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 that time, the IGF received a weekday average of 6 tons and 10 customers. The daily average on Saturdays was 4 tons and 5 customers. In order to respond to the needs of the community, on December 4, 2015 the Department implemented a test period of one additional day (Fridays) to assess whether it would assist with removal efforts.

From December 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, during the test period the Department found the IGF received a weekday average of 7 tons and 6 customers. The daily average on Saturdays was significantly less than 0.2 ton with mostly no customers. Therefore, in working with the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), staff is recommending changing operations to Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays which would allow the best balance of customer service and Department personnel scheduling. Further, the Department recommends granting the General Manager-Chief Engineer authority to modify both the days and hours, if necessary, to meet increasing or decreasing demand in close coordination with the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor and MAST. ***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.***

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings**

The Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule for Exemption), and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 Existing Facilities. The Project merely proposes to modify operating days at an existing public facility from Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with no expansion of approved uses or an increase in daily permitted tonnage or traffic. 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 will be adjusted as necessary.