

AGENDA: AUGUST 25, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

## COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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SUBJECT: WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY

Members of the Board:

On June 16, 1998, your Board approved an agreement with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) providing grant funds to assist with a waste characterization study of the unincorporated County's solid waste disposal and directed Public Works to return with a Request for Proposals to retain a contractor for the study. The results of this work will enable the County to focus its resources and diversion efforts on those specific components of the waste stream that will best achieve the 50 percent landfill disposal reduction mandate of Assembly Bill 939. Recent discussions between Public Works and the CIWMB regarding this waste characterization work and the County's disposal reduction efforts have identified possible benefits to broadening the scope of the study to include an inventory of existing diversion (recycling, etc.) activity. While this would not affect the overall cost, the content of the project's Request for Proposals may change, and we anticipate that the matter will be resolved within the next few weeks.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors defer, until October 6, 1998, consideration of the Request for Proposals and Scope of Work for selection of a contractor to conduct the waste characterization study.

Yours truly,

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

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