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AGENDA: DECEMBER 14, 1999

December 2, 1999

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

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SUBJECT: BUENA VISTA LANDFILL GAS POWER PROJECT

Members of the Board,

On October 18, 1999, the Department of Public Works was directed by your Board to return with a status report on the Buena Vista Landfill Gas Power Project on or before December 14, 1999. At the recommendation of your Board and the County Administrative Office, we have been working on development of this project as a joint public/private operation with Brown, Vence and Associates (BVA) in order to eliminate some of the project-related risks. Under a public/private structure, the County would finance the project and BVA would assume operational control of the project, and provide both financial and operational guarantees to the County.

We have only recently received a final proposal from BVA regarding an alternative public/private structure for this project. Public Works and the County Administrative Office are reviewing this latest proposal in comparison to the original recommendation for this project to be fully owned and operated by the County. Staff review of this proposal and negotiations with BVA are still ongoing and are expected to take several additional weeks to finalize.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors defer consideration of this item to January 25, 2000.

Yours truly,

Charlie A. Jones Jr.
For JOHN A. FANTHAM
Director of Public Works

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

County Administrative Officer

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