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**AGENDA: FEBRUARY 15, 2000**

February 3, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street

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**SUBJECT: BUENA VISTA LANDFILL SOIL MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Members of the Board:


On December 14, 1999, your Board directed Public Works to return on February 15, 2000, with a status report on the Buena Vista Landfill Soil Management Project. Project engineering is completed, however, delineation of wetlands on the Watsonville Landfill site is still in progress and could result in modifications to the proposed conveyor route. The conveyor routing was proposed to travel under an existing railroad trestle that separates the Buena Vista Landfill and Watsonville Landfill. The drainage area under the trestle has been categorized by our consulting biologist as a wetland area, therefore, we are no longer considering this routing option. The more costly alternative of overhead bridging of the railroad tracks is proposed as the most viable alternative route, pending the outcome of the site's wetland delineation.

The California Coastal Commission and the California Department of Fish and Game have requested a full wetland delineation of the entire project site, including the conditionally permitted Watsonville Landfill expansion site and the adjacent biotic conservation easement. Staff from these agencies have stated that they are not in the position to fully support this project alternative until the full wetland delineation is completed and all potential biotic impacts are known. The agencies have requested the wetland delineation in order to compare the respective impacts between this alternative project and the original project on the adjacent **Rocha** property. .

Discussions and negotiations with City of Watsonville staff are also ongoing and will be concluded once the final wetland delineation is complete and all impact and mitigation issues are clarified. Staff from both jurisdictions have agreed in concept to the general parameters for an agreement to share the Watsonville Landfill expansion site. A draft agreement is currently under development and is anticipated to be completed for Board and City Council consideration at the time of our next project status report.

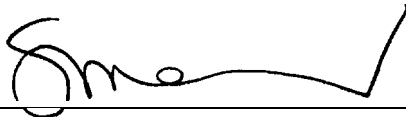
It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept and file this report on the Buena Vista Landfill Soil Management Project and direct Public Works to return on or before April 4, 2000, with a status report.

Yours truly,

  
for - JOHN A. FANTHAM  
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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



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