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**AGENDA: MAY 23, 2000**

May 11, 2000

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL FACILITY SITING STUDY

Members of the Board:

On March 7, 2000, your Board approved in concept, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the four cities regarding a county-wide solid waste disposal facility siting study. The MOU included the formation of a Citizens Disposal Site Selection Advisory Group as a subcommittee to the Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force. The subcommittee membership consists of nominees from each city, from the Sierra Club and Farm Bureau and from each Supervisorial District. The MOU has been approved by each of the cities and is now back before your Board for final approval.

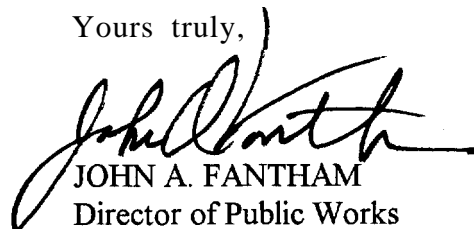
At the request of the City of Capitola, the following minor changes in wording were made to the MOU: on page 2, paragraph 5, "entity" was substituted for "agency" in the first sentence; on page 3, paragraph 8, "Memorandum of Understanding" was substituted for "agreement" in the first sentence, as well as in the first sentence of paragraph 9 on page 3.

The Clerk of the Board has posted the County vacancies for the citizens advisory group and Public Works has placed display advertising in local newspapers announcing the vacancies. While some cities have been able to obtain nominations for their representatives to the group, others are still seeking applications. The Sierra Club and Farm Bureau have been invited to submit nominations and their responses are expected in the near future.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding regarding the solid waste disposal facility siting study.
2. Authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the County.
3. Authorize each Supervisor to submit a nomination to the Local Task Force for the Citizens Disposal Site Selection Advisory Group.

Yours truly,

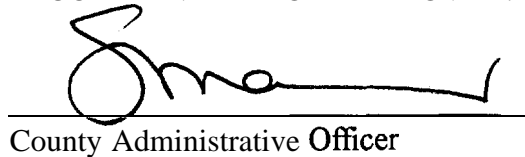


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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

copy to: Daniel Pincetich, Manager, City of Capitola  
Richard Wilson, Manager, City of Santa Cruz  
Charles Cornstock, Manager, City of Scotts Valley  
Carlos J. Palacios, Manager, City of Watsonville  
Public Works Department

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

REGARDING COOPERATIVE PLANNING STUDY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL  
FACILITY SITE SEARCH

This Memorandum of Understanding regarding cooperative planning for solid waste disposal facility site search is entered into this            day of            2000, by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, THE CITY OF CAPITOLA, THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY, AND THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE herein collectively referred to as "Participating Jurisdictions"

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has identified a need to begin examination of its future solid waste disposal options, including locating a new landfill disposal site; and

WHEREAS, Objective 6.1 of the Santa Cruz County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan recommends evaluation of the costs and benefits of a consolidated landfill disposal site to serve all county residents; and

WHEREAS, Siting Element Policy 3.4 of the Santa Cruz County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan recommends beginning the solid waste disposal facility siting process no later than the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Capitola, the City of Santa Cruz, the City of Scotts Valley and the City of Watsonville have determined that there will be mutual benefit to cooperatively engaging in a planning study to identify a site on which to locate a future solid waste disposal facility; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz, the City of Capitola, the City of Santa Cruz, the City of Scotts Valley and the City of Watsonville, through the Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force, discuss issues of regional concern, including landfill capacity and future solid waste disposal options;

## NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force (Local Task Force) is hereby authorized by action of the legislative bodies of the Participating Jurisdictions to carry out a solid waste disposal facility siting study on behalf of the Participating Jurisdictions.
2. The purpose of the study shall be to identify physical locations within Santa Cruz County at

which a solid waste disposal facility (sanitary landfill or transfer station) can be developed, which facility would have the capacity to serve the solid waste disposal needs of the Participating Jurisdictions. This study will also evaluate waste-to-energy and out-of-county disposal options

3. The Local Task Force will use the Santa Cruz County Countywide Siting Element to guide the site selection process, including the Landfill Siting Criteria contained therein and as clarified by the Local Task Force.

4. The Local Task Force will appoint a Citizens Disposal Site Selection Advisory Group (as a subcommittee) to assist with this study. The Participating Jurisdictions will make nominations to this subcommittee in conformance with the structure cited below. The function of this subcommittee will be to evaluate and rank potential sites and to recommend the top three candidate sites to the Local Task Force.

a. Nominations to the Citizens Disposal Site Selection Advisory Group shall be made on the following basis:

County Board of Supervisors

5 representatives of the unincorporated county

1 representative of the Sierra Club

1 representative of the Farm Bureau

City of Cautola

1 representative

City of Santa Cruz

2 representatives

City of Scotts Valley

1 representative

City of Watsonville

2 representatives

b. As a subcommittee, the Local Task Force shall appoint one of its members as a non-voting representative.

5. The County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works will be the primary entity responsible for conducting the Siting Study and will retain the assistance of a qualified geotechnical / engineering consultant and a qualified biological consultant when such services are appropriate and recommended by the Local Task Force. The County of Santa Cruz will serve as the lead agency for administrative management of said consulting services, reporting to the Local Task Force, and for administrative management of the Local Task Force itself.

6. The Participating Jurisdictions hereby authorize the County to issue a Request for Proposals for

geotechnical/engineering and biological consulting services contingent on final review and approval of the RFP by the Local Task Force. No contract for said consulting services shall be awarded by the County without the prior review and approval by the City Manager of each Participating City Jurisdiction.

7. The Participating Jurisdictions will share in a not-to-exceed cost of \$150,000 to retain said geotechnical / engineering and biological consulting services based on the following allocation of not-to-exceed costs, which amounts are generally reflective of each jurisdiction's relative population: Capitola- \$5,000; Santa Cruz- \$33,000; Scotts Valley- \$6,000; Watsonville- \$22,000; County- \$84,000.

a. This cost allocation will only be used for purposes of distributing the cost of the geotechnical / engineering and biological consulting services referenced in this Memorandum of Understanding. This allocation will not be used as a precedent, or to bind Participating Jurisdictions in any way, in cost sharing arrangements for any future cooperative waste management activities.

b. County Service Area 9C will be used as the funding source for the County of Santa Cruz and City of Scotts Valley share of the cost of said geotechnical / engineering and biological consulting services. The County will invoice the City of Capitola, the City of Santa Cruz and the City of Watsonville for their share of this cost at the time of service.

8. The Local Task Force will serve as the vehicle for each party to this Memorandum of Understanding to define its needs and limitations, present questions, seek information, and offer policy and/or process recommendations with regards to determining the course of action to be taken in the aforementioned disposal facility siting process.

9. Each Participating Jurisdiction will carry out its solid waste management (including recycling and composting) planning in cooperation with the other parties to this Memorandum of Understanding through open and timely sharing of information about said planning activities, using the Local Task Force as the vehicle for this information exchange. Said information exchange shall not be construed as authorizing the Local Task Force to supervise, manage, control or otherwise participate in the current solid waste management programs and procedures of any participating jurisdiction.

10. At the conclusion of the study, the Local Task Force will present study results to the member agencies and make recommendations to the Participating Jurisdictions on subsequent actions to take. Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to require participating jurisdictions to participate in development proposals, solid waste disposal or management programs, or other plans and programs, which may ultimately be proposed or recommended by the Local Task Force pursuant to the study called for by this memorandum.

11. Any party to this Memorandum of Understanding may withdraw its participation from this agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties herein execute this Memorandum of Understanding as of the hereinafter stated dates.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Santa Cruz

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 5-9-00

Dana McRae, Assistant County Counsel

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Capitola

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard Manning, City Attorney

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Santa Cruz

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John Barisone, City Attorney

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City of Scotts Valley

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Robert Logan, City Attorney

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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Alan Smith, City Attorney

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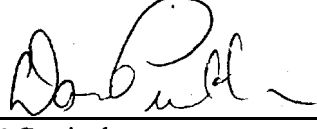
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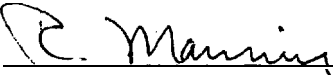
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Dwight Herr, County Counsel

DATED 5-10-10

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Richard Manning, City Attorney

DATED 5-2-2000 \_\_\_\_\_

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John Barisone, City Attorney

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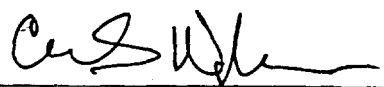
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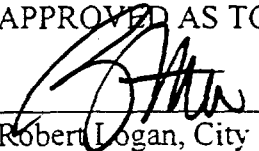
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John Barisone, City Attorney

DATED 4-19-00

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Scotts Valley  
Chuck Walker, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Robert Logan, City Attorney

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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City of Scotts Valley

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Robert Logan, City Attorney

DATE May 1, 2000

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Alan J. Smith  
City of Watsonville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Smith  
Alan Smith, City Attorney

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