



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Oneto, District 5 Supervisor Plasse, District 1 Jim McHargue, Waste Management
Paul Molinelli, Jr., ACES David Ianni, ACES

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Oneto called the meeting to order.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented with the addendum for item #3.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEMS:

1. Discussion regarding the County's Storm Water Permit at the Buena Vista Landfill/Transfer Station. After an inspection of the landfill/transfer station, Robert Ditto of the State Water Quality Control Board recommended that the County terminate our General Permit for the closed landfill since it is in a stable position. Furthermore, he recommended that ACES Waste Services, Inc. submit a NOI for coverage of the active transfer station, basically flip-flopping the way it is set up now. It is not known whether doing so would impose stricter requirements in the new permit or result in cost savings for the County. The recommendation is not a mandate but a suggestion, and is not based on activities occurring on the site or with consideration of ownership of the property. The county has worked well with ACES in the past on storm water compliance and has no issues with how the permit stands now.

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the county continue to hold the General Permit.

2. Discussion regarding the Buena Vista Transfer Station Site Master Plan. A cost estimate has been prepared for improvements at the Buena Vista Transfer Station. The cost estimate outlined a work plan and costs of engineering to implement the master plan for a total of \$90,588.75. County staff has become aware of a USDA grant that provides funding to solid waste sites for improvement, assistance and training, and elimination of pollution of water resources. This grant could cover some, if not all, of the cost to develop the Master Plan. Several questions were raised regarding time frame, obligations to construct the Master Plan, inclusion of the cost of the estimate in the grant, and what other "strings" may be attached to the grant.

Recommendation: The committee recommended that Waste Management pursue the funding, including the money already paid for the estimate. Then, report back to the committee with any conditions of the grant. Also, pursue a grant for the construction aspect of the Master Plan.

3. Addendum -Discussion regarding a temporary part-time Public Works Superintendent. Public Works would like to hire a part-time superintendent for an estimated 150 hours (\$6,300). This person will observe productivity and assess operational improvement with each of the three crews, reporting back to the Director and the Road Crew Supervisor. They will also perform up to 30 hours of plan review on upcoming construction projects. There is already an application in HR from an applicant with the skill sets that would benefit this position.

Recommendation: The committee approved the request for the position and recommended that the Community Development Director follow the procedures to advertise per Human Resources guidelines.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Mandatory Organics Commercial Recycling ordinance with a rural exemption.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A

ADJOURNMENT