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To: Board of Supervisors

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Reference: Solid Waste Management Special Meeting

The Environmental Management Department is requesting a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to discuss future planning for Solid Waste Management in the County of El Dorado. This discussion may include but is not limited to; Solid Waste Service Rate Methodology (including a rate application format standardization), updated Solid Waste Management Plan, Franchise Agreement extensions or potential Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide the County solid waste services.

The first purpose of this meeting is to discuss and seek critical input in the development of a standardized rate methodology and guidelines for solid waste service rate setting and guidelines. The rate standardization process will include the development of the rate methodology, a review of the Board consideration and approval process, and potential negotiations with the Franchisees to incorporate the new rate methodology into the existing franchise agreements.

In addition, staff is seeking direction regarding the future solid waste management system plan for the County of El Dorado. The County should develop an updated high level solid waste management system plan. The system management plan should identify diversion plans including a discussion of potential State mandates, material recovery and disposal facilities, service levels, and waste flows.

The updated solid waste management system plan will be the mechanism for the County to align future solid waste system goals with the franchise agreements. The implementation of the system plan will be executed by way of extension negotiations with the existing franchise agreements or the issuance of a RFP for solid waste collection services.

The County's current waste management system has well served our rural County population to date. However, the current system has reached its practical limit of achieving additional recycling. Currently, there are no impending State legislation/mandates that would increase the County's diversion requirements. The recently proposed enhanced recycling program will be suspended pending future State mandates which may require the County to achieve higher diversion rates than are currently being produced.

It is the intent of the Environmental Management Department to prepare a special meeting for the board to discuss the aforementioned items excluding the enhanced recycling program.