

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Cara Morgan
Division Chief, Local Assistance and Market Development Division

From: Krysty Emery
Integrated Waste Management Specialist

Request Date: August 28, 2010

Decision Subject: Amended Countywide Siting Element And Household Hazardous Waste Element For Sonoma County Waste Management Agency, County Of Sonoma

Action By: September 28, 2010

Summary of Request:

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41700-41721.5 require counties to prepare a Countywide Site Element (CSE) that describes areas that may be used for developing new disposal facilities. PRC Section 50001 requires that after a Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) has been approved by CalRecycle, no person shall establish or expand a solid waste facility, as defined in PRC Section 40194, in the County unless the solid waste facility is identified in the CSE or amendment thereto, which has been approved pursuant to PRC Section 41721 or 41721.5, respectively. In addition, PRC Section 40912(e) requires a CSE amended after January 1, 2003, to include a description of the actions taken by the county to solicit public participation by the affected communities, including, but not limited to, minority and low-income populations.

PRC sections 41500-41510, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 18750-18751.8, 18760-18775, require counties to prepare a Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) that identifies a program for the safe collection, recycling, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes that are generated by households. Revisions or amendments to a HHWE shall be revised or amended and submitted pursuant to the requirements Title 14, CCR sections 18765-18768.

Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA) Regional Agency has amended its CSE by adding a long term strategy to meet the 15 year disposal capacity requirement when new or expanded landfill sites are not available, since the Sonoma County Central Disposal Site Landfill stopped accepting waste due to permitting issues in 2005, and current out haul contracts listed in the last CSE update will expire this summer 2010. The long term strategy includes a discussion of plans to 1) divest and reopen the landfill at some point in time, 2) to rail haul waste out of county, and 3) to enter into a succession of out of county hauling by truck agreements so that 15

year capacity will always be available. The planning horizon is defined through 2030, CSE goals now also include Zero Waste, and a non-exclusive list of other disposal sites that may be used for exported waste have been added to the CSE.

SCWMA Regional Agency has amended its HHWE by making minimal revisions to text to allow for more than one HHW facility at any point in the future. For example, in most cases, pluralizing the word "facility" to read "facilities."

Recommendation:

Based on staff's review of the amended CSE, staff found that all of the requirements have been satisfied and the amended CSE substantially complies with PRC sections 40912(e) and 41700-41721.5, Title 14 CCR sections 18755-18756.7, 18776-18788. Therefore, staff recommends approval the amended Countywide Siting Element for the SCWMA Regional Agency.

Based on staff's review of the amended HHWE, staff found that all of the requirements have been satisfied and the amended HHWE substantially complies with Public Resources Code (PRC) sections 41500-41510, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 18750-18751.8, 18760-18775. Therefore, staff recommends approval the amended HHWE for the SCWMA Regional Agency.

Division Chief Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the amended Countywide Siting Element and Household Hazardous Waste Element for the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency.

Dated: 9/8/10


Cara Morgan, Division Chief
Local Assistance and Market Development Division

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The SCWMA Regional Agency's has adequately addressed all requirements for amending the County's CSE by submitting the information noted below:

Sonoma County Amended Countywide Siting Element Adequacy	YES	NO	N/A
Local Task Force comments received	X		
CEQA documentation provided	X		
Meets 15-year disposal capacity requirement	X		
Meets General Plan consistency requirement	X		
30-day notice in newspaper of general circulation of local hearings to adopt	X		
County and majority/majority of cities adopted amendment	X		
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and cities	X		
Provided description of actions taken to solicit public participation by the affected communities	X		

The SCWMA Regional Agency's HHWE adequately addresses the requirements of 14 CCR Article 6.3, as outlined in *CIWMP Enforcement Part I: Plan Adequacy*, for the following areas:

HHWE Adequacy	Yes	No	HHWE Adequacy	Yes	No
Goals and Objectives	X		Program Implementation	X	
Existing Conditions	X		Monitoring and Evaluation	X	
Alternatives Evaluation	X		Education and Public Information	X	
Program Selection	X		Funding	X	

