



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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ATTENTION: Natural Resources and Culture Committee, Agenda of September 9, 2009
SUBJECT: Update on Solid Waste Operational Improvements and Financing Plan discussions with Franchised Haulers
REFERENCE: Manager's Report No. 09-040, March 25, 2009

SUMMARY:

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR CITY COUNCIL.

BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2009 the City Council approved fee increases applicable to commercial waste hauling and disposal at Miramar Landfill. As part of the motion to approve fee increases, the City Council also directed Environmental Services Department (ESD) to conduct discussions with the franchised haulers. The intent of these discussions is to facilitate open dialogue with the haulers to develop a reliable, multi-year model for commercial hauling franchises and waste related fees, and to identify improvements to City operations in waste hauling and disposal in San Diego.

DISCUSSION:

ESD conducts regular discussions with the franchised haulers on the many issues of common interest. Over the next several months, these regular meetings will focus on the discussions directed by Council. The "kick-off" meeting initiating discussions with the haulers took place on August 19, 2009. Most of the franchised haulers were represented at the meeting, including members of the San Diego County Disposal Association. Additional meetings with the franchised haulers have been scheduled on September 24, 2009 and October 15, 2009.

As ESD moves forward with structuring its future financial plan, it anticipates positive results from working side-by-side with the hauler community. This is a great opportunity to share information and exchange ideas on how ESD can best meet the needs of the residents and businesses within the City of San Diego. ESD will provide future updates to Natural Resources and Culture Committee as we work towards finalizing our Fiscal Year 2011 financial plan.

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