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Greg Van Wassenhove  
Director of Agriculture and Environmental Management

SUBJECT: Report Back Regarding Additional Neighborhood Clean-Up in Unincorporated Garbage District 1,  
Supervisorial District 2

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Accept report relating to an additional neighborhood clean-up in unincorporated Garbage District 1, Supervisorial District 2

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of an additional neighborhood clean-up event is estimated to be \$10,000.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

On May 21, 2009, the Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee directed staff to report back on funding an additional neighborhood clean-up in Garbage Collection District 1, to be used by Supervisorial District 2 in FY10.

Staff evaluated the following options for funding an additional neighborhood clean-up:

- Pro bono clean-up event provided by the current garbage contractor, Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling.
- Contract rate increase to cover the cost of a clean-up event.
- Event paid through a General Fund allocation as part of the FY10 Recommended Budget Modification Process.

Given these three options, the feasible option would be to conduct an additional clean-up event through a General Fund allocation.

### **Pro Bono Clean-up Event**

Department staff contacted Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling about the possibility of providing a one-time event free of charge. Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling declined to provide this service due to the lack of available resources and a concern about setting a precedent for conducting clean-up events that were not negotiated as part of the neighborhood rates provided in the contract.

### **Contract Rate Increase**

This option would involve amending the current franchise agreement to increase monthly charges to residents in unincorporated Garbage District 1 to cover the cost of an additional clean-up event. Staff estimates that the cost for the one-time clean-up amortized over the remaining length of the franchise agreement, which expires on June 30, 2014, would be \$0.03 per month for each rate payer.

This option would require renegotiating the current franchise agreement. A negotiation was deemed impractical by the Administration given the relatively modest cost of an additional clean-up event and the fact that not all rate payers would enjoy the benefits of an additional clean-up event.

### **Event Paid through a General Fund Allocation**

The current Garbage District 1 franchise agreement with Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling provides four annual clean-up events. Department staff discussed the option of providing an additional clean-up event with Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling at County expense. Under this option, the County would pay for the event with an estimated General Fund allocation of \$10,000, and the Department would use existing resources to staff the event and provide outreach and education consistent with other County clean-up events. The event would serve approximately 600 residences in an area to be determined within Garbage District 1. It should be noted that, per the franchise agreement, Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling must be given the first opportunity to conduct this event, as the franchisee is given exclusive hauling and debris box rights in the area.

## **BACKGROUND**

Garbage District 1 is shared by Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3. This Garbage District is served by Stevens Creek Disposal and Recycling. The proposed clean-up event would be conducted in the Supervisorial District 2 portion of the Garbage District.