

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

March 10, 2026

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Management

SUBJECT

County Waste Disposal System Workshop

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Receive presentation on the County Waste Disposal System.
2. Provide direction to staff regarding the County Waste Disposal System future strategies.
(Presenter: Noel Castillo, Director, 387-7906)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve County Government Operations.

Operate in a Fiscally Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) or the use of Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Management (SWMD) established fees that are charged to the public and other agencies for utilization of the County's Waste Disposal System.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 1, 2020 (Item No. 1), a study session was conducted regarding the County Waste Disposal System, Solid Waste Handling Franchise Agreements and Waste Disposal Agreements with the cities, which also included an operations overview, landfill life expectancy, financing, operational efficiencies and new legislation. Since that time, significant changes in the solid waste industry have occurred affecting not only regional landfill capacities but costs related to post-closure maintenance activities.

This workshop will provide the Board with an update on the County Waste Disposal System and discuss options for future Department actions to ensure they align with the Board's vision. The workshop will include:

- Solid Waste Disposal System Overview
- Landfill Life Expectancy
- Solid Waste Management Financial Standing
- Expansion Opportunities
- Regional Market
- Import Strategy

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PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Julie Surber, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on January 27, 2026; County Finance and Administration (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst, 387-5412) on February 20, 2026.

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Public Comment: Jessica Rice

The Board directed staff to continue negotiations with cities that have waste disposal agreements with the County and as agreements expire, staff will return to the Board with thoughtful recommendations that balance varying perspectives and consider the lifespan of the County's landfills and established partnerships while identifying opportunities to strategically expand the County's landfill system.

APPROVED WITH BOARD DIRECTION

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: March 10, 2026



cc: File - Solid Waste Management/General w/ attachment
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