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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sarah Reeves
DATE: December 13, 2023
RE: Executive Director Update

November 8 - PRESENT

- **MRF CONTRACTS:**

- In late November I executed a contract with Addison County Solid Waste Management District to secure their blue bin recyclables into the CSWD MRF. We are guaranteeing a not-to-exceed tip fee of \$85/ton to the ACSWMD for calendar year 2024 in exchange for exclusive rights to the blue bin recyclables collected at their Middlebury transfer station. ACSWMD generates between 4,000-4,400 tons of MRF recyclables annually. The contract is for one year, commencing January 2024.
- We negotiated a tip fee reduction with Strategic Materials for the glass product we send them for the months we're not able to produce PGA. The new tip fee will be \$90/ton, down from \$96/ton. We send approximately 3,000 tons of material to SMI.

- **DOC PRICING:**

- **Non-Covered Electronics:** Beginning January 9, we will resume collecting a fee for non-covered electronics. Certain electronics are "covered" by an Extended Producer Responsibility law and are collected at no charge to the consumer or to CSWD. The electronics recycler also accepts electronics that are not included in the law ("non-covered") when they collect the e-waste, but charges CSWD for those items. We ceased charging our customers for non-covered electronics during the height of the pandemic in order to simplify transactions at the DOCs and at the Environmental Depot. To help balance the DOC budget, we're reimplementing these fees as essentially a pass-through and are the same as in FY20: \$2 per non-covered electronic item (e.g., VCR, stereo components, small satellite dish, electronic game console, etc.). Large items such as an office printer (floor model) will be charged \$5 per unit.
- **C&D:** As a matter of past practice, CSWD has mirrored the cubic yard pricing of Construction and Demolition debris to the per gallon pricing of MSW bagged waste. We did not implement the corresponding mirroring when we raised bag prices in July in the hopes of conducting a revised pricing study. Due to staffing changes and absences, that study was not conducted. We are resuming the mirroring practice until we are able to do the study. Increasing the price accordingly brings C&D back in line with Pay as You Throw guidance. C&D will now be priced at \$96/cy (old price was \$84/cy).
- **Bag Sizes:** We've begun offering a wider variety of bag size pricing to facilitate easier communication to customers regarding what they might expect to pay for different quantities of MSW and C&D. July 1, we added an "extra small" bag of MSW to accommodate those who generate very small amounts of trash. This size is up to five gallons and the fee is \$1. We've also

added a $\frac{1}{2}$ and a $\frac{3}{4}$ cubic yard size for MSW and C&D, and are charged at either $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ the cubic yard price for either MSW or C&D. At that amount, a “bag” may be a container, barrel, or a portion of a vehicle or trailer. Our DOC Operators are trained to discern the appropriate amount of material a customer has, and to apply the fees accordingly.

January 2024

- January 1: New Year’s Day, all facilities closed
- January 11: All Staff training, all facilities closed (ORF open until Noon)
- January 15: MLK, Jr Day, all facilities closed
- January 16: Executive Board, 5:00pm PLEASE NOTE, this is a Tuesday
- January 24: Full Board, 6:00pm