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TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sarah Reeves
DATE: May 17, 2024
RE: Executive Director Update

April 19 - PRESENT

- **NEW MRF:**
 - We are working with VELCO to adjust the property easement boundaries along their access road so that the MRF will not be built within the easement. The boundary adjustment will place the easement completely to the north of the access road.
 - Permits are coming in on schedule.

- **OUTREACH & COMMUNICATION:**
 - It's all-hands on deck to count the thousands of solar eclipse glasses collected as part of the partnership with Astronomers Without Borders. From what we're hearing, CSWD will have collected, by far, the largest number of glasses in the country of all participants in the AWB program.
 - A renewed effort to reach people where they are will begin the first week of July with a postcard mailing reminding everyone about food scrap diversion options and letting people know that CSWD is here to help.

- **FY25 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:**
 - All presentations are complete and the FY25 budget is approved. Thank you to Jen Holliday, Alise Certa, and Beth Parent for accompanying me to the presentations. And thank you to the Commissioners who attended their city or town's presentation and for volunteering your time on the Board!

- **LEGISLATIVE NEWS:**
 - S. 254, an update to product stewardship battery law, passed both chambers of the legislature and is headed to the Governor's desk for signature. The law now covers most rechargeable batteries, including lithium batteries. This update to the law is critical to our efforts to keep these materials out of the landfill and, crucially, out of the Materials Recycling Facility. Jen Holliday was instrumental in bringing this bill to legislators and in gathering support from other solid waste districts. Her efforts and expertise can not be understated, and Vermont is all the better for her drive and passion for the work. Thank you, Jen!

- **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:**
 - Colchester has appointed Lauren Morlino to replace Liz Hamlin-Volz as Commissioner. Renae Marshall will continue as Alternate Commissioner.

- Roman Livak and Landel Cochran are both *not* seeking reappointment to the Board, leaving Huntington without representation.
- Bolton remains without representation.
- Alan Nye (Essex), Rick McCraw (Hinesburg), Leslie Nulty and Tom Joslin (Jericho, Jericho Alt.) have been reappointed. Lee Perry (Burlington), Ken Spencer (Charlotte), Mike Sullivan and Amber Thibeault (Essex Jct, Essex Jct Alt) are expected to be reappointed by May 31.

June, July 2024

- June 8: Rover event, Essex
- June 11: Finance Committee meeting, 5:00pm
- June 17: Executive Board, 5:00pm
- June 19: Juneteenth, all facilities closed
- June 26: Annual Organizational meeting, 6:00pm; Full Board, immediately following conclusion of Annual Organizational meeting
- July 1: Fiscal Year 2025 begins
- July 4: Independence Day, all facilities closed
- July 15: Executive Board, TBD
- July 24: Full Board, TBD
- July 15-26: Sarah vacation