

**MEMORANDUM  
WESTERN PLACER WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

TO: **WPWMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** DATE: **APRIL 13, 2017**  
FROM: **BILL ZIMMERMAN / ERIC ODDO**   
SUBJECT: **FACILITY MASTER PLANNING PROJECT UPDATE AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH RIO BRAVO**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize staff to enter into discussions with Rio Bravo Rocklin related to the potential feasibility of relocating their biomass operation to a portion of the WPWMA's property.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the October 13, 2016 meeting, your Board approved an agreement with CH2M for master planning and environmental review services related to potential future uses of the WPWMA's properties.

In early November, staff sent a request to each of the Member Agencies to designate one or more staff members to serve on an Advisory Committee for the project. By mid-December the Member Agencies had responded and the composition of the Advisory Committee was established consisting of the following:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Lincoln	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Services Director</li></ul>
Rocklin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Services Deputy Director</li><li>• Public Services Environmental Services Operations Manager</li></ul>
Roseville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental Utilities Refuse Utility Manager</li><li>• Development Services Planning Division Senior Planner</li></ul>
County of Placer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deputy County Executive Officer</li><li>• Senior Management Analyst</li><li>• Public Works and Facilities Environmental Engineering Program Manager</li></ul>

On January 27, 2017, staff and CH2M conducted the project kickoff meeting with the Advisory Committee for the purpose of: 1) summarizing the WPWMA's long-term goals and how these goals are intended to meet the needs of the Member Agencies and improve compatibility with current and future area development, 2) providing an overview of the potential future uses of the WPWMA's property, 3) outlining the purpose and role of the Advisory Committee, 4) discussing reviewing the objectives and expectations for the project, 5) identifying key stakeholder groups and 6) establishing success factors for the project.

The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again in late April or early May to discuss general project constraints and the initial stakeholder engagement plan. Following those discussions, CH2M will finalize the general project constraints summary and the stakeholder engagement plan. The engagement plan will provide the framework for ensuring clear and consistent communications with key stakeholders in an effort to take

potential concerns by these stakeholders into account as part of the ongoing master planning efforts.

CH2M has also begun conducting and preparing for some the technical analyses including: 1) preparing future waste tonnage projections by evaluating past trends and future development plans and changes in regulation, and 2) conducting a full biological survey of both the east and west expansion properties which (scheduled for early May). Over the coming months, CH2M will continue to prepare the technical studies and will also arrange and participate in meetings between staff and the applicable state and local regulatory agencies.

At the February 9, 2017 meeting, staff reported to your Board that Rio Bravo had expressed interest in working with the WPWMA to explore the feasibility of potentially relocating their biomass operation from its current location to a portion of the WPWMA's property. As identified in the July 2015 staff report to your Board, and subsequently included in the master planning effort, one of the possible future uses of portions of the WPWMA's property is to facilitate the siting of industrial or manufacturing operations that utilize materials from the MRF as the feedstock for their products or processes. As Rio Bravo is an existing outlet for wood recovered at the MRF, exploring the concept of siting their operation on the WPWMA's property is consistent with the WPWMA's vision for the future use of its properties and the current master planning efforts.

Staff will continue to provide periodic updates to your Board on the progress of the master planning efforts and, if authorized by your Board, subsequent discussions with Rio Bravo.