

Calaveras County BOS Special Meeting - 05.18.2021

Public meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Staff Announcements

- None

Public Health Update

1. Public Health Services (ID # 6057) Receive an update presentation from staff on COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

- **Connie Rodriguez - Deputy Director** - 42,000 tests completed, 2,143 positive, 8 active, 2,080 recovered, 0 hospitalizations, 55 deaths. As of May 16th - 33% fully vaccinated, 43% eligible received one vaccine, includes 16+ and older; will change when 12+ get vaccinated. Remain in orange tier.
- Continue to offer in home vaccines - will be J&J for those 18+. Call 209.419.7314 if interested. Pfizer approved for 12 to 16 year olds. Those will require parent or guardian present in order to be vaccinated. Register for vaccines at MyTurn or call 833.422.4255. Vaccine registration continues to decline and no shows continue to increase.
- This week ends shots at Frogtown. Will begin at targeted areas in county. May 23 is last day at Mark Twain Hospital. Thanked them for all their support.
- Valley Springs Health & Wellness will start their vaccine clinics. Today at Frogtown - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Veterans Hall Valley Springs - 9 a.m. to noon; Frogtown 9 am. To 4 p.m.; Valley Springs Health & Wellness; Saturday Mark Twain and Valley Springs. Can go to [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov) and all dates and times are listed. Vaccines are also available at CVS and RiteAide.
- People can choose what clinics they want to go to and what shot they would prefer with the exception of the home shot visits - those are J&J so there is only one visit. They have to bring a nurse, ambulance and have to schedule out visits so they can get the shots out timely and efficiently.
- **Doug Archer - Mark Twain Hospital**
- This Saturday will be final vaccine clinic but remain ready to help out. If demand is there they can do spot clinics.
- Appreciates partnership with public health. Happy with relationship and will build on it.

Dr. Rene Ramirez - Calaveras County Health Officer

- The light is at the end of the tunnel. The more people we can get vaccinated the quicker we can get back to our normal life.
- Reservations re younger children - the science behind vaccine is what is driving it; your body activates its own response and your body is properly equipped to fight off the virus. Will be taking his son to get his shot in July when he turns 12. His son wants to get the shot. If any reservation, speak with your pediatrician.
- **Supervisor Garamendi** - appreciates all the hard work at Frogtown and appreciates the county has given people who want the vaccine the availability to get it.

Public Comments

- None

General Public Comments

- None

Regular Agenda

2. Integrated Waste Management (ID # 6067) Receive a presentation on Integrated Waste Management and Provide staff direction concerning revisions to the tipping and solid waste parcel fee schedules and concerning the design of Phase III at the Rock Creek Landfill.

- **Paul Feriani - Director and Jennifer Pratt — Department Analyst for IWM - presented power point presentation. Please review for detailed information.**
- 23 employees at Rock Creek. 6 outlying transfer stations - operated by a subcontractor.
- Rock Creek is a canyon landfill and divided into 4 phases; 57 acres; been open about 31 years which is about 1/3 of its life.
- 2004 bought land on east and west side - total of 735 acres.
- Equipment at Rock Creek - 10 vehicles, 23 large heavy equipment; spend about \$500,000 annually on maintenance because all equipment is so old. Hoping to begin ten year replacement plan of vehicles starting next year.
- Redhill and Rock Creek monitored by a number of agencies throughout the state.
- Budget - see power point for specific and detail information. Majority of total revenue is consumed by total major expenses they have. Total Revenue - \$5,200,000; Total Expense - \$8,100,000; Total - \$(2,900,000).
- **Chair Stopper** - may want to look at grant for tank replacement at Rock Creek to offset some of the costs.
- **Supervisor Foldendorf** - is there a total cost of all deferred maintenance. **Jennifer Pratt** - we don't have a total cost but can compile that information for you.
- **Paul Feriani** - tipping fees - have been in existent for some time. Green Waste and Solid Waste - came up to \$171,000. Private contractors charge \$500 per hour plus trucking costs. Recommending purchasing new equipment; solid waste - go from \$8 to \$16 and Green from \$4 to \$8; still below neighboring districts. **Supervisor Folendorf** - would like to consider a weight per fee schedule and a comparison on that. **Jennifer.Pratt** - was compared based on cubic yard so they were comparing apples to apples. Weight vs. volume has not been vetted out. **Chair Stopper** - feels a fee comparison and study should be done so we can have accurate information. **Paul Feriani** - it is weighed prior to coming into the landfills but is a difference versus volumes we charge because we do not have scales at either landfill.
- **Jennifer Pratt** - fee increase would be to recoup operating cost and ten year equipment replacement program. We are a seven day per week operation.
- **Jennifer Pratt** - part-time credit - for residents in second home, less than 90 days per year, and must apply for application and will receive reduced rate. There is no way to confirm because this is done on an affidavit process and is a costly process to their staff. Recommending to process current requests, then amend ordinance to remove this part-time credit in the future. Waste is occurring with homes being rented.
- **Paul Feriani** - IWM used to have 8 staff and now have 4.
- **Paul Feriani** - Expansion of landfill - 57 acres; used up about one-third; opened since 1990, in Phase 3 now which is up to about 47%. Phase 3 is a 20 acre cell which is wider and deeper. Would like direction on Option A or B so they can begin their process which would take approximately one year.
- **Jennifer Pratt** - Phase 3 - funding options are to revise parcel fees; apply a temporary increase or obtain a loan or general fund support. As Chair Stopper suggested, we could go with an additional suggestion and seek a grant which is a good option. Will need additional funding moving forward to fund Phase 3. **Chair Stopper** - part-time fees BOS can make but additional increase to parcel fees would have to go to the voters. **Jennifer Pratt** - she plans on doing an audit to make sure we are collecting on parcels we should be collecting on. **Paul Feriani** - at this time we are not requesting a fee on parcels. **Chair Stopper** - there is a lot here that is not being brought up as Supervisor Foldendorf has mentioned. Would like to know cost per ton to process. Third solution - not found of it but do we close the landfill down and outsource it. What is the cost to do business, is it cheaper to go out of the county. We

need to know all information before we can make a decision. There are more questions that need to be answered before we can determine how to move forward in the future. We need to be able to make a good business decision based on all the data before we make any decisions. **Supervisor Garamendi** - need to ask about outsourcing and what if we go big internally, need to know both sides. **Paul** - in original report, it was \$80 per ton which sounds high because most landfills do it for about \$40 or \$45. If you take out the six transfer stations we are right in line. We have a fantastic system that was put in to place that the public has access to. **Supervisor Callaway** - one of our greatest assets is our landfills. When you start considering opening up our landfills to people outside our county you reduce it for our constituents greatest assets - we should not consider outsourcing this service. Does not agree with outsourcing. **Supervisor Folendorf** - would be interested in a hybrid model as well. If we do away with landfill, there is more garbage on side of the road.

Public Comments

- **Jack Fiori - CAO CA Waste Recovery Systems** - idea to stop burying trash at Rock Creek is worth looking into and wouldn't include closing transfer stations. Could change the act of buying trash. Budget is difficult to interpret because not a lot of narrative with the figures. Believes CalWaste could do it for half of the cost. Will have closure cost with landfill. By taking garbage someone else, you transfer the risk to someone else and it will help manage risks.
 - **Evan Edgar - Representing CA Compost Coalition** - civil engineer, worked for Kern County and shut down landfills. Worked in Sacramento for 25 years and shut down 8 landfills. There is no landfill crisis in CA. Option C would be a special closure but reserve contingency for 3 and 4 for future generation. Option A and B are very expensive. Easy to do a partial closure. GEO is a very qualified company. Take time to have GOA
 - **Supervisor Garamendi** - this is an asset for our county, have we thought about taking section 3 and do RFP and hold for an asset.
 - **Chair Stopper** - in order to make a good decision we need more data in front of us. Thanked Paul Feriani and Jennifer Pratt for the information they have provided so far but feels we need more information. Would like this to come back in a study session in August so more information can be obtained and provided. Want to be able to make a sound and educated decision.
 - **Paul Feriani** - timeline is about 2 year to go through the process so keep in mind we are in a tight time line. There is maybe 2 to 3 years left in the cell so keep that in mind.
- **Motion not required at this time. Will bring back to BOS for a vote at a later time.**

Supervisor Announcements

- **Supervisor Tofanelli** - had LAFCO meeting last night, Supervisor Callaway was elected chair - congratulations.
- **Chair Stopper** - showed up Saturday to homecoming, well attended and people were respectful of each other. Glad to see Calaveras moving again.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.