



**Solid Waste Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015 - **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Bryce Howard PHONE: (559) 624-7195				

SUBJECT: Elimination of Tipping Fee for Mattresses at Landfills

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Eliminate the Mattress tipping fee at Tulare County landfills effective December 31, 2015.
2. Limit the total number of mattresses and/or box springs for disposal in any one load to ten, unless prior authorization is received from the Solid Waste Director, or his designee.
3. Authorize the Solid Waste Director, or his designee, to determine the daily limit of mattresses accepted at the landfill, and reject loads from commercial entities when daily capacity is reached.
4. Authorize the Solid Waste Director or his designee to register with the Mattress Recycling Council for mattress recycling services at the Teapot Dome and Visalia landfills.

SUMMARY:

On February 24, 2015, your Board approved a \$15 tipping fee for mattresses at County landfills (Resolution No. 2015-0135). The purpose of the tipping fee was to recover the operational costs of accepting and recycling mattresses.

At that time, your Board entered into an agreement with Saint Vincent DePaul (dba DR3) to provide mattress recycling services at the Teapot Dome and Visalia landfills (Agreement No. 27002). That Agreement expires on December 31, 2015.

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Also at that time, it was anticipated that California's Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (ACT) would be implemented sometime in the future. The ACT (SB 254) requires mattress manufacturers to create a statewide recycling program for mattresses discarded by consumers in the state. The program is to be funded through an \$11 recycling fee collected from consumers when a mattress or box spring is sold beginning December 30, 2015. The program is run by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC). The MRC is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry that has been certified by CalRecycle to develop and administer the program.

Participation in the program is free and open to landfills and municipalities. Because the program pays for mattress recycling, landfills and municipalities may not charge consumers a tipping fee as a requirement of participating in the program.

Once a landfill is registered with the MRC for becoming a collection point, MRC will provide containers at each landfill for loading and will remove filled containers of mattresses for recycling. Registration with MRC to become a collection point may be done on-line by a person authorized to do so for each landfill.

Reimbursement for County costs associated with handling and loading the mattresses and disposal of mattresses unable to be recycled will also be provided once a long term agreement is executed with MRC. A separate item will be brought before your Board to enter into that agreement.

Because a recycling fee will be collected from consumers when buying a new mattress or box spring, and MRC program participation requires the County accept used mattresses at no cost, staff is requesting that the \$15 mattress tipping fee be eliminated at Tulare County landfills effective December 31, 2015.

Unless removed from a weighed load at the landfill prior to weighing, the weight of mattresses comingled in weighed loads will be charged at the general refuse per ton rate.

Due to limited manpower for handling and loading large quantities of mattresses at any one time, staff requests that the maximum number of mattresses accepted in any one load be limited to ten, and that the Solid Waste Director or his designee be authorized to allow more than that quantity in a single load if prior approval is obtained.

Staff is also requesting that the Solid Waste Director or his designee be authorized to register with the MRC to participate in the program at the Teapot Dome and Visalia landfills.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net impact to the General Fund or the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Funding for this program is through fees collected from consumers when

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purchasing new mattresses and box springs.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote public health and welfare educational opportunities, natural resource management, and continued improvement of environmental quality. California's Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act helps fulfill this initiative by ensuring recyclable content is not disposed of in landfills, promotes a litter-free Tulare County, and protects natural resources by extending the life of the landfill.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Bryce Howard
Director

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) MRC California Collection Site Registration Form

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF ELIMINATION OF)
TIPPING FEE FOR MATTRESSES AT) Resolution No. _____
LANDFILLS) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

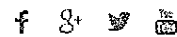
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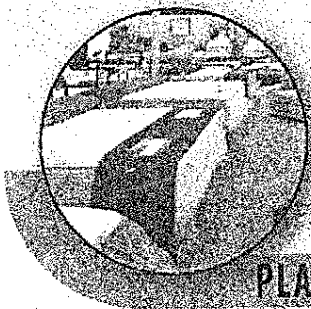
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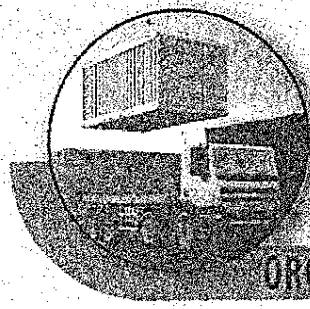
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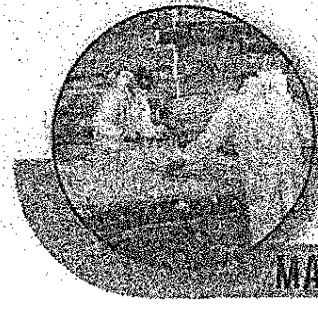
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PLANNING



ORGANIZING



MANAGING

Statewide mattress recycling programs in California, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

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California Collection Site Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a registered MRC Collection Site. This form is provided by invitation only and intended for solid waste facilities and other suitable locations providing no-cost mattress drop-off for individuals throughout California. Please complete and submit the registration form below. Thanks for your interest in our program

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Collection Site Information

Name of Business/Organization *

Business/Organization Mailing Address *

Street Address

City

California
State



ZIP Code

Facility Name *

Collection Site Address *

Street Address

City

California
State



ZIP Code

County *

Contact Name *

First

Last

Phone *

Email *

Enter Email

Confirm Email

Days and hours open for public mattress drop-off

Special Instructions (preferred pick-up days/times, pick-up contact, security info)**Collection Site Registration Requirements****IMPORTANT:**

You **MUST** read and agree to the terms set forth below in order to qualify as a Collection Site in California.

Terms & Conditions for Collection Sites Participating in the Mattress Recycling Council's California Mattress Recycling Program

The Mattress Recycling Council ("MRC") is a non-profit corporation that administers the California Mattress Recycling Program (the "Program"). MRC welcomes your participation in the Program and asks that you agree to the following terms:

1. Participation in the Program is open to a variety of solid waste facilities including landfills, transfer stations and municipal yards ("Participants") that collect mattresses and box-spring units discarded in California by California residents for recycling (collectively referred to as "Program Materials"). The Program is also open to collection events that are hosted by the Participant and serviced and/or operated by MRC-designated contractors (i.e. transporters and recyclers).
2. An MRC-contracted mattress recycling facility ("Recycler") will recycle Program Materials at MRC's cost (as defined in the "Guidelines").
3. Either (a) an MRC-designated transporter will pick up Program Materials from Participant and deliver to Recycler, or (b) Participant may choose to deliver eligible Program Materials directly to the Recycler. If Participant chooses to transport Program Materials directly to Recycler, Participant must arrange for the delivery using only transporters that Participant confirms are licensed and insured in accordance with law and these Terms & Conditions.
4. If Participant delivers Program Materials directly to Recycler, Participant must schedule a delivery time with the Recycler to facilitate an efficient off-load. MRC is not responsible for any demurrage charges incurred by the Participant.
5. Participation in the Program is voluntary. Either party may withdraw from participation with 10 days' written notice to the other party.
6. Participant must abide by the Guidelines which outline MRC's expectations, including but not limited to Participant:
 - training its staff regarding on which Program Materials are acceptable and which are not
 - keeping collected mattress dry and in-tact to maximize the percentage of mattress components that can be recycled
 - not intentionally crushing or puncturing mattresses
 - efficiently stacking units in approved storage containers to maximize capacity

- removing from storage containers any non-Program materials (such as furniture, electronics or other non-mattress waste) that were improperly placed in the container
 - contacting an MRC-designated transporter or Recycler (as appropriate) once a container is full
 - completing all MRC-required paperwork and reporting requirements as outlined in the Guidelines
- MRC may modify its Guidelines from time to time at its discretion.

7. If a mattress cannot be recycled because it is severely damaged, twisted, wet, frozen, soiled, infested with bed-bugs or are otherwise unsuitable for recycling, Participant, at its own cost, must dispose of the item through the existing solid waste stream, and should not place them in a container for recycling through the Program.
8. Participant agrees to allow MRC access to its collection site to confirm Participant's compliance with the Guidelines.
9. Participant must maintain general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and provide MRC documentation of that coverage. MRC transporters will provide participating collection sites with evidence that they carry automobile liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence. However, if Participant is providing transportation services, Participant is responsible for confirming that any transporter delivering the Participant's Program Materials to a Recycler carries automobile liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence. MRC may request written confirmation of such coverage at its discretion.
10. In no event will MRC be liable for Special, Indirect, Consequential, or Incidental Damages, or Lost Profits, Loss of Revenue, or Loss of Use arising out of or related to these Terms & Conditions, whether such damages arise in Contract, Negligence, Tort, Under Statute, in Equity, at Law or otherwise.
11. Nothing in these Terms & Conditions will be construed to designate Participant, or any of its employees or subcontractors, as employees, agents, joint ventures or partners of MRC.
12. MRC may terminate this agreement immediately if Participant does not meet these Terms & Conditions.

MRC and the Participant agree to these Terms & Conditions.

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I have read and agree to the Collection Site Registration Requirements above on behalf of the Collection Site operator.

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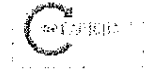
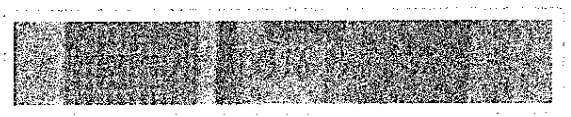
I am authorized to register this location as a California Mattress Recycling Program Collection Site

Name of individual completing this form *

First

Last

Please print a copy of the [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Collection Guidelines](#) for your records.



Type the text

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