



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** November 13, 2012

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: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

**SUBJECT:** Earlimart Transfer Station Closures

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the extension of closure of Earlimart Transfer Station to January 1, 2013.
2. Find that the transfer station closure extension is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the adopted State of California CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) and direct the Environmental Assessment Officer to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.

**SUMMARY:**

On August 28, 2012 your Board passed Resolution 12-0668 authorizing the closure of the Earlimart Transfer Station effective November 1, 2012. Since that time, staff has met with the community and Licensed Refuse Hauler affected by this closure.

On October 23, 2012 your Board passed Resolution 12-0829 which extended the closure dates for the Balance Rock, Badger, and Kennedy Meadows Transfer Stations. As part of that items discussion it was requested to include the Earlimart Transfer Station. However, the motion did not include the amendment to add the Earlimart Transfer Station to the final resolution.

Staff is requesting an extension to the closure date while working to lease the site to a private operator in order to keep the site open for the community. Staff expects to bring an item back to the Board before January 1, 2013 with a plan of action.

**SUBJECT:** Transfer Station Closures

**DATE:** October 23, 2012

Extending closing the underutilized transfer station is consistent with Section 15061 (b)(3) "general rule" or "common sense" exemption. The exercise of the authority contained in Tulare County Ordinance Code Section 4-03-1135 to open and/or close waste transfer stations will result in the Earlimart Transfer Station to remain open. Extending the closure date of the waste transfer station will not result in an adverse impact on the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Tulare County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Closing the underutilized transfer station would have resulted in approximately \$100,000 in savings for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. Extending the closure date will have a negative impact to the Solid Waste Enterprise fund and diminish the projected savings for the fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The requested actions assists the County in its efforts to manage its natural resources in addition to providing for the health and safety of the general public through environmental protection.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Roger Hunt, RMA Assistant Director  
Administration Branch

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel

Attachment: CEQA NOE Earlimart Transfer Station Closure Extension

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

IN THE MATTER OF EARLIMART  
TRANSFER STATION CLOSURE

)  
) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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1. Authorized the extension of closure of the Earlimart Transfer Station to January 1, 2013.
2. Found that the transfer station closure extension is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the adopted State of California CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) and direct the Environmental Assessment Officer to sign and file the Notices of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.