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September 18, 2024

Carolyn Bloede
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Sustainability Department
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Dear Ms. Bloede:

This letter is to inform you that the City and County Association of Governments (C/CAG), as the Local Task Force (LTF) for San Mateo County, in coordination with a Countywide Integrated Waste management Plan (CIWMP) Working Group composed of County staff, solid waste company staff, an environmental organization staff, and city environmental staff, has completed a review of the elements of the existing Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), to determine if they are still relevant and appropriate tools for guiding waste reduction programs in San Mateo County, and to identify any elements that may need revision.

Based on our review, we find that some existing elements of the CIWMP are no longer adequate to guide waste reduction and diversion programs in San Mateo County. Below is a detailed summary of our review:

1. The Cities' and County's Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRREs) reflect the changes that have taken place in the solid waste industry, recycling markets, additional composting requirements under SB 1383, and in the waste reduction and diversion programs developed and implemented by the jurisdictions.
2. The Household Hazardous Waste Elements are still adequate and do not require any revisions at this time. The County's Environmental Health Department continues to provide the needed services to residents and small businesses for collection of hazardous waste in San Mateo County.
3. In the countywide Siting Element (SE), some of the information on is outdated, however the County has provided sufficient updates to CalRecycle via the Electronic Annual Report. These updates include the date of the last permit review (April 2017), the maximum permitted rate of disposal (3,598 tons/day), the permitted traffic volumes (501 vehicles/day round trip) and the average rate of daily waste receipt (1,647 cubic yards). While Ox Mountain Landfill is the only remaining landfill in the county, the capacity for waste disposal at the landfill exceeds 15 years.

4. The non-disposal facilities listed in the countywide Non-Disposal Facility Element (NDFE) does not accurately represent the existing list of permitted facilities that are currently being utilized by jurisdictions. Several non-disposal facilities have closed and should be removed from the current list of available facilities. The countywide NDFE may be updated separately from other updates to the CIWMP.

The following additional considerations were expressed by the participants in the CIWMP Working Group:

- Supporting and increasing awareness of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs and legislation at the statewide and local levels.
- Expansion of the use of durable reusable products through outreach and promotion.

As the LTF, we request that the County of San Mateo Sustainability Department staff complete a 2024 Five-Year Review Report to C/CAG and to CalRecycle, so that CalRecycle may determine if revisions are necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at scharpentier@smcgov.org.

Sincerely,



Sean Charpentier, Executive Director
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County