



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 7, 2013

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Discussion/Consideration of Response to Grand Jury Report "Garbology in Marin: Wasted Energy"

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Town Manager to submit the Response to the Grand Jury Report

DISCUSSION

On May 24, 2013, the 2012/2013 Marin County Civil Grand Jury issued a report "Garbology in Marin: Wasted Energy." The Town was requested to respond to recommendation No. 5 within 90 days of the report release date. Responses were prepared by staff and reviewed by the Zero Waste Committee on July 30, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Response to Grand Jury Report
Grand Jury report

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Garbology in Marin: Wasted Energy

Report Date: May 8, 2013

Public Release Date: May 14, 2013

Response By: Town of Fairfax

FINDINGS

- We agree with the findings numbered: N/A.
- We disagree with wholly or partially with the findings numbered: N/A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered: NONE have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered: NONE have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered: None require further analysis.

See attached explanations. (Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- Recommendations numbered: R5 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

DATED: _____

Signed: _____
Town Manager

ATTEST: _____

Number of pages attached: 1

R5: The Grand Jury recommends that Local Jurisdictions holding MSW franchise agreements mandate, through revisions to the agreements, that haulers dispose of all MSW generated in Marin County in Marin County.

Response: The Town of Fairfax has a municipal solid waste (MSW) franchise agreement (Agreement) with the waste hauler, Marin Sanitary Service (MSS). To mandate that our franchised hauler dispose of all MSW in Marin County would have economic, environmental, and legal impacts that would require further evaluation before such a mandate could be considered and implemented. It is currently unclear that the Grand Jury recommendation will be environmentally beneficial due to the competing environmental impacts. However, the current Agreement allows the Town the option to request a proposal from MSS to re-direct all or part of the compostable component of the waste stream to a facility in Marin County, if one was permitted during the term of the Agreement. Before the Council would consider such an option, the Council would need to evaluate any proposed rate adjustments caused by this option.