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To: Caspar Transfer Station Joint Coordinating Committee
Subject: Agenda Item 4A

As the JCC has long been aware, the coast's self-haul waste transfer site should be located so as to minimize the average travel distance between the transfer station and homes, jobs and shopping centers. There are many reasons for this, including costs to ratepayers. But the most important reason is the fiduciary responsibility of city and county leaders to meet state mandated diversion goals or face sanctions. Mendocino County is nowhere close to meeting these goals, and a long-term commitment to the Caspar Transfer Station will take the County in the wrong direction. Staff's recommendation to abandon the CCTS project is irresponsible.

Regarding the claim that the proposed improvements to the Caspar Transfer Station will decrease GHGs, the staff memo offers no supporting data and the real impact would be like putting lipstick on a pig. The vast majority of emissions is from the self-haul traffic, not long-haul trucks heading down the hill..

The City of Fort Bragg and County of Mendocino missed an excellent opportunity to develop a CCTS on Highway 20, but that doesn't mean the need has disappeared for a transfer station that is efficient for self-haulers, recyclers, ratepayers and operators.

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