

Comments for Zoom Meeting RE: County Solid Waste Management Plan and Relocation of Coastal Transfer Station
July 19, 2021

To Be Read into the Record of Proceedings:

In October of 1995, Citizens for Sensible Solid Waste Planning (Citizens) signed a release with the County of Mendocino (County) stipulating that, (1). "Defendants (County) will continue in good faith to progress in landfill closure. Plaintiffs (Citizens) will remain on the public notification mailing list and be entitled to timely and appropriate disclosure consistent with the Public Records Act, particularly Government Code sec. 6254, with respect to monitored test well records; and (2). "The County will provide . . . the status of test well results from the landfill monitoring wells and evaluation of their results, including the then-current extent of contamination."

Please be informed that we, two members of Citizens, have received no test results from these monitoring wells since this promise was made over 25 years ago.

Arguably, the landfill was eventually closed, but the operation simply switched to a transfer site and continues in operation today. The problem of what to do with our waste just moved from one local landfill site to another out of the county. Twenty Five years have passed and a solution remains elusive.

Citizens for Sensible Solid Waste Planning now informs the County that it is beginning discussions of what next steps it might take to compel the County to move forward with a comprehensive alternative to the wasteful, exceedingly expensive, and completely inadequate stalling tactics used over the past 25 years to obfuscate a simple solution to the problem: purchase property on Highway 20 and build a state-of-the-art transfer station there. Think of the time and money that would have been saved if this process had begun 25 years ago when the County promised it would close the landfill property.

The time for action is now. Let's get this project moving forward instead of looking at past practices to guide decision-making.

We ask that the City Council and County Board act now to actualize promises made years ago to solve the coastal waste disposal problem.

Respectfully,

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