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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: CSWD Staff
Date: April 10, 2025
Re: Program Updates

- Solid Waste Management Fee and Disposal (Jon and Becky)
 - As of the first eight months of the fiscal year, from a budget perspective, the SWMF is 2.3% above projected revenues. FY25 revenue is 5.3% lower than FY24 year-to-date. Please refer to accompanying charts.
- Organics Recycling Facility (Dan) –
 - After a false start before the last couple of rounds of snow, it appears that the spring season has indeed arrived. Garden centers are now all just about replenished and ready for the busy season.
 - Dan and Allison Smith represented the District at the New York Organics Summit where they presented on the multi-pronged approach to combatting contamination at the ORF. Our neighbors to the west are in the early stages of their statewide organics diversion mandate and appreciated hearing from those of us in Vermont who have been at it for a long time and have successful programs in place.
 - ORF staff are very highly involved in the annual Vermont Organics Recycling Summit set to take place on April 30th- May 1st. The first day will include a full schedule of presentations and workshops and will take place at the Randolph campus of Vermont State University. The ORF's Kim Stacey and Allison will be presenting on the contamination program as part of the day's events. The following day will include field trips to organics processing sites across the state, including the ORF. The summit is open to the public and registration is available through the [Composting Association of Vermont's website](#).
 - The ORF Contamination Policy from its inception on July 1, 2023 to April 10, 2024 has resulted in a marked improvement in the cleanliness of loads entering our facility. In that period there have been \$3,138 collected in punitive fines from over 287 load checks. These fines are the result of thirty instances of Incidental Contamination (\$50/occurrence), eight loads that have between 5-10% contamination (\$75/T), and three loads with over 10% contamination (\$150/T). Major problem areas continue to be full bags of trash being tipped along with organics as well as loads coming from schools. The latter results in large quantities of milk cartons, plastic juice cups, cutlery, sauce packets, etc.
 - Tons of billable food scraps through the 3rd quarter totaled 3,031. This is 1% greater than the YTD totals for FY24 and 10.9% below budgeted YTD totals of 3,403.
- Materials Recovery Facility (Josh) - see below for MRF trend chart.

- Marketing, Communications & Outreach (Alise & Beth) - See attached Marketing, Communications & Outreach Update
- Safety & Compliance: The Compliance team is in the midst of our twice a year load check intensive at Casella's Avenue B transfer station. The load checks are an opportunity for CSWD staff to see the on the ground work that happens at Avenue B and analyze what is coming in, what is being diverted and checking that haulers are properly registered. This year, we have extended the invitation to several members of the Admin team to join us on site to get a look at the waste generated in Chittenden County and see how it's handled before it is shipped up to the Coventry Landfill.
- Legislation (Jen) – We have been working with the Agency of Agriculture for a few years to provide more funding for pesticide collection to solid waste districts. We have agreed on language for legislative consideration to increase pesticide registration fees that will fully fund our program for pesticide collection and disposal. I testified along with the Agency of Agriculture and the pesticide manufacturers in favor of the language. It will be added to a related miscellaneous agriculture bill and move on to the Senate Finance Committee. The increase in funding would add \$50,000 - \$100,000 in revenue to CSWD's HHW program to offset pesticide collection and disposal costs.

[H.303](#) has been taken up in the House Environmental Committee. This bill proposes to ban the land application or sale of biosolids and sewage sludge with the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The bill would also prohibit the landfill disposal of biosolids, sewage sludge, or similar liquid wastes in which PFAS levels exceed the State standards for hazardous waste. Wastewater treatment operators and the staff from the Agency of Natural Resources have been providing testimony. Though there has been quite a few hearings on the bill, it is unlikely to pass this year since it did not make the crossover deadline.

- Admin (Amy)
Board Appointment: CSWD's Charter outlines board member terms as two-year terms with cities/towns beginning with letters A-K being appointed in even number years and cities/towns beginning with letters L-Z being appointed in odd number years. Appointment letters will be sent out to Milton, Richmond, Shelburne, So. Burlington, St. George, Underhill, Westford, Williston, and Winooski later this month. Board members will also receive the letter. Terms end on May 31st. Cities/Towns will need to provide written proof of appointment/reappointment.

FY 26 Municipal Budget Meetings: Following the Board approving CSWD's Budget, Sarah will be presenting the FY 26 Proposed Budget to all eighteen member towns. Cities/towns have 45 days to vote on our Budget. I will send out a separate e-mail once meetings are confirmed. This will be e-mailed out to you at the end of next week.

CSWD welcomes two new employees Filip Jucewicz joins our Maintenance team as our new Maintenance Operator and Horace Boykin joins the Drop-Off Center program as a new operator. We are also in the process of interviews for a new HR Coordinator.