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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Board
From: CSWD Staff
Date: August 19, 2019
Re: Program Updates

1. Solid Waste Management Fee (Jon) – Data will be available for the full August Board meeting.
2. Solid Waste Tons Disposed (Nancy) – Trash tonnage for FY19 was down 1.3% compared to FY18. Of the overall tonnage, the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) component was up 3.9%, the Construction and Demolition Debris portion was down 5.0%, and the Alternative Daily Cover portion (fee is 25% of the full rate) was down 35.4%, compared with FY18.
3. MRF Overview (Josh) – The FY19 summary MRF data will be present in the full board packet.
4. Compost (Dan) – July food scrap tonnages were 480 tons. This is 3 tons less than the same period last fiscal year and 8% greater than budgeted amounts. ● Early fiscal season sales are off to a good start, with large volumes of compost and soil blends going out for a variety of large landscaping and development projects underway in the area. Reception of the new business model has been generally very positive.
5. Outreach and Communications (Michele): Please see the Community Cleanup Fund annual summary report, included.

Community/Residential (Lauren): Lauren presented “Recycle Right!” and discussed options for food scrap diversion at three meetings of local organizations, attended two condo association meetings to help residents build food scrap diversion programs, and tabled at the Milton Farmer’s market.

Events (Robin): We are pleased to welcome Katherine (Kat) Moody, a rising Senior at UVM as the Event Waste Reduction Intern. Her assistance will enable us to expand data collection to better measure the impact of our outreach to event organizers and attendees. ● Charlotte Commissioner Abby Foulk reports that “since purchasing (in late spring) 3 foldable Clear Stream Waste Stations with a CSWD matching grant, the Charlotte Library has ... fielded 15 loan requests for both public and private events.” Abby secured funding from multiple municipal departments to pay for the town’s 50% share of the purchase price.

Schools (Rhonda): In addition to visiting camps in Milton and Essex, Rhonda is developing 3 R's curriculum with the VT Agency of Education and several teachers (elementary to high school). Newly developed units should be ready to pilot this school year. ● Recycle Rhonda was referred to as an "expert in recycling and composting" in a case study used in a *National Geographic* online course attended by more than 130 people from around the world.

6. Marketing (Alise/Raeann) – The Local Color campaign ended with a high amount of participation on social media. Two lucky winners won a 5-gallon bucket of Local Color for their home project! ● Recent media coverage included:
 - 7.4.19: The Citizen - [Hinesburg trash, recycling drop-off going out to bid: Project draws some fire over costs and planning](#)
 - 7.10.19: Seven Days - [Burlington, South Burlington Consider Consolidated Approach to Trash Pickup](#)
 - 7.16.19: Burlington Free Press - [Federal judge: Lawsuit against Keurig recycling claims will go forward](#)
7. Compliance (Josh/Jeannine) – Jeannine performed 14 load checks at Ave B. The facility has improved operations to better deal with banned C&D materials -a new shingles bunker has been installed and an additional employee was available on the floor to direct trucks and to aid in kick sorting of material. Jeannine also visited 8 construction projects.

An all-staff training was held on July 16th and 17th. Included topics were an introduction to a new stretching program as presented by Injury and Health Management Solutions, a review of heat-stress injuries and prevention techniques, a presentation by Jonathan Goffe of Opportunities Credit Union on credit 101, and a district update from Sarah.
8. Hinesburg Drop-Off Center (Brian) –Design work continues on the new DOC project. The plans and specifications should be ready for requests for bid by September 1. The bid prices and a recommendation for accepting a bid will be brought to the Full Board in September. The preliminary estimated cost is \$445,000.
9. S.113 Working Group (Jen) – I have been appointed by the legislative Committee on Committees to serve as the representative of an urban solid waste district to the Single-Use Products Working Group. The group is tasked with making recommendations to the legislature to improve the management of single-use products in the State including whether the State should establish extended producer responsibility for these products. The first meeting will convene in September.
10. Trends/In the News/What We're Watching – A mix of news, opinions, and studies that highlight what's happening in solid waste. The information isn't necessarily a direction either the District or the state will take; It's a reflection of the industry and intended to spark thought and conversation.

Federal packaging extended producer responsibility legislation under development:

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