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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Sarah Reeves  
DATE: February 16, 2022  
RE: Executive Director Update

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**January 20th - PRESENT**

- **LEGISLATIVE:** Senator Thomas Chittenden asked that I speak to the Senate Transportation committee (where he is a member) to discuss CSWD’s goals for production and use of processed glass aggregate from the MRF (the link to the hearing is included in Program Updates). The committee members were highly engaged in the conversation and asked important questions about the potential to use PGA in local VTRANS projects. I appreciated the opportunity to talk about the on-going study at UVM - [Evaluation of PGA for use in transportation projects as sand borrow](#) - and to talk about why it’s important to keep this material local.
- **TOWN OF WILLISTON:** Josh Tyler and I met with Erik Wells, Williston Town manager and Erin Dickinson, Assistant to the Town Manager, to keep them in the loop about projects on Redmond Road. We will present a project update to the Selectboard in May, most likely just prior to presenting the town with the FY23 CSWD Budget.
- **CLOSED LANDFILL:** Josh Tyler, Jeannine McCrumb, and I met with DEC staff to review recent field work contracted by CSWD to better understand the causes of leachate from the closed landfills under District care. The goal is to move the closed landfills from post-closure care to what is known as custodial care. We are required by federal regulation to provide 30 years of monitoring after a landfill has been closed. We’re now entering Year 26/27 of post-closure care of the CSWD operated lined landfill and ‘ve been concerned for the past four years that the amount of leachate generated by the landfill is excessive, given its age. In general, over time, leachate volumes should decrease steadily. Our volumes have remained higher than I would expect they should be. Josh and Jeannine will work with DEC on next steps, with additional testing to be done this spring and summer. When there is additional information to share, I’ll ask Josh and Jeannine to make a presentation to the Board.
- **AD HOC COMMITTEE – COMPENSATION:** The next meeting of the Total Compensation Ad Hoc Committee will be February 22nd. The packets for all meetings are posted on the CSWD website.
- **CDS REQUESTS:** Another round of Congressionally Directed Spending solicitations has opened, thanks to Senator Leahy. I will work with Jen Holliday to prepare a request in the event funding is available for District projects. The deadline to submit preliminary requests is March 11.

- **RECOGNITION – Municipal Waste Management Association:** I’ve been elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Executive Committee of the Municipal Waste Management Association. The MWMA is the environmental affiliate of the United States Conference of Mayors. From the website: *“As the environmental affiliate of The United States Conference of Mayors, MWMA is dedicated to and driven by the needs of municipal solid waste directors, environmental commissioners, and public works professionals. Formed in 1982, our mission is to impact policy, share best practices, promote operational efficiencies, and provide information on innovations in the delivery of integrated waste management services”*. I’ve been on the Executive Committee for four years and have found it invaluable to have close access to and learn from colleagues around the country wrestling with problems like ours in VT. I’ve also been able to participate in solid waste discussions at the national level by having access to the US Conference of Mayors’ legislative staff, such as early access to drafts of position papers and legislation. The main duty of the President of the Executive Committee is to be host to the annual conference. This would see the group visiting the Burlington area in the fall of 2024.

#### **BOARD ITEMS ON DECK, 1-2 MONTHS OUT**

- Total Compensation Ad Hoc Committee report
- JDA Ad Hoc Committee report and termination
- Ordinance Updates
- MRF Operator contract