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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sarah Reeves
DATE: March 17, 2022
RE: Executive Director Update

February 16th - PRESENT

- **CITY OF BURLINGTON:** DPW Director Spencer invited CSWD to participate in a stakeholder process for the Railyard Expansion Project, held on March 2nd. Josh Tyler and I are following up with the city regarding use of the area of Pine Street potentially impacted by the project.
- **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** I met with a representative from The Recycling Partnership to discuss their desire to have a presence in Vermont. TRP has many programs dedicated to providing grants to the public sector for a wide variety of recycling infrastructure needs, including MRF equipment. I directed their cart grant staff to the City of Burlington to offer assistance with the city’s ongoing recycling cart roll-out.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** I recorded a short, two-minute video and voiceover for a “who we are” video that can be used by our member towns on their websites, at Town Meeting Day, in schools, etc.
- **MATERIAL DIVERSION:** I met with a representative from EcoGlobal LLC regarding their interest in film and flexible packaging recycling. CSWD is currently working with a small group of downcity Burlington companies participating in a pilot program to gather plastic film. The pilot was intended to last three months but will be extended to allow all involved to gather more data, particularly around seasonality of this material.
- **CDS REQUESTS:** Another round of Congressionally Directed Spending solicitations has opened, thanks to Senator Leahy. The original deadline was extended to March 18th, and CSWD has submitted a request for a grant to fund a Resource Conservation Education Center to be housed in a new MRF, pending Board approval of that project. The Ed Center will address all areas of solid waste related resource conservation, including food waste prevention, composting basics, waste reduction, and recycling.

BOARD ITEMS ON DECK, 1-2 MONTHS OUT

- JDA Ad Hoc Committee report and termination
- Ordinance Updates
- FY23 Budget
- MRF Operator contract