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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sarah Reeves
DATE: February 22, 2023
RE: Executive Director Update

January 20 - PRESENT

- **MRF FUNDING -BOND:** The application to the Vt Municipal Bond Bank was approved for the requested \$10M. They are in the process of seeking the best rates for the projects in the winter pool. This loan will be used to pay the first two installments of the MRF equipment procurement. Closing date for the loan is tentatively scheduled for March 16.
- **MRF FUNDING – GRANT:** No update yet from The Recycling Partnership on the grant request (\$450k).
- **MRF FUNDING - FEDERAL:** The Solid Waste For Recycling Infrastructure grant was submitted to the EPA on February 15. Thanks are due to Jen Holliday, Nola Ricci, Michele Morris, and Josh Tyler for their excellent work helping me prepare the grant documents. We've asked for the maximum award of \$4M. The original notification timeline was April, however as the submittal deadline was pushed out one month, it is unclear if the notification deadline will be similarly moved forward.
- **PRESENTATIONS** - I am presenting a session at a Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Technical Session on March 1, 2023, at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. The session is being sponsored by the Region 8 Chapters (New York, Southern & Northern New England). I will be presenting an overview of our new MRF project, and (so far) am the sole female presenter on the panel of technical experts. The audience is Municipal and Public Works Managers, Business Professionals, Colleges and Universities, Transfer Station Managers, Consultants, Engineers, and anyone that might be interested in solid waste, recycling, or sustainability.
- **PRESENTATIONS** - I've been asked to present a webinar for the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) on deciphering jargon in the solid waste industry. The audience for the webinar is new solid waste managers. The webinar is scheduled for April 19.

March/April 2023 Meeting Schedule

- Full Board, 3/8
- Executive Board, 3/13
- Finance Committee/Investment Committee, 3/15
- Full Board (tentative), 3/22
- Executive Board, 4/17
- Full Board, 4/26