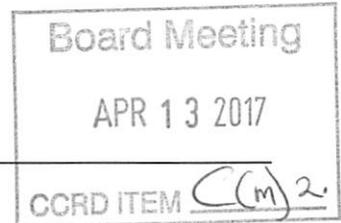




**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL REPORT – 2017 TCWRC SPRING CLEANING EVENT**

**TO:** Donna Mikkelson, Interim CAO  
**CC:** Board Chair Alison Sayers and Board Members  
**DATE:** April 11, 2017  
**FROM:** Ken McIlwain, R.P.F. Operations Manager  
**SUBJECT:** 2017 TCWRC SPRING CLEANING EVENT

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT the CCRD Board of Directors approve administration to develop and implement a schedule that will provide for two weeks of extended operating hours for Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre and that tipping fees as set out in Bylaw 348, be reduced by 50% for all properly sorted loads of residential waste during this same time period.**

**2017 TCWRC SPRING CLEANING EVENT**

1. **ACTION ITEM BACKGROUND:** Last year's community Spring Cleaning event was a success. The landfill operation hours were extended to six days a week for a two week period in the month of May, and tipping fees for residential non-household materials were reduced 50%. The increase in operating costs was offset by the increased volume of billable waste, making the event relatively cost neutral to CCRD. Spreading the event over two weeks slowed the influx of materials and allowed attendants to work with waste haulers to achieve proper sorting of waste and recyclables.

The Nuxalk Nation Public Works Department has inquired if the program will be available again this year, citing the importance of clean living spaces to their community. The reduced fees and extended hours make the community clean-up a viable undertaking.

There are significant benefits to undertaking this event again in 2017.

**BENEFITS:** This initiative will make it more affordable for Valley residents and the Nuxalk Nation to undertake larger scale clean-up operations and hopefully result in a cleaner healthier Valley.

Reduced tipping fees will only apply to properly sorted loads. This is a standard requirement and will allow the CCRD to promote new recycling initiatives for everything from electronics to light fixtures. Many residents are still not aware that loads need to be

separated so that banned items such as electronics and small appliances are recycled and not placed in the landfill.

**RISKS:** Valley residents may also develop an expectation that this would be an annual event. Many residents still inquire when the next "Free Dump Day" will be held.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** Additional costs to operate 6 days per week are estimated at \$1600-\$2000 per week, depending on amount of refuse received and additional landfilling expenses. Additional revenues from tipping fees are estimated at \$1500-\$2000 per week. There is room in the contingency portion of our budget to absorb these losses if tipping fee revenue is not as high as expected.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended the CCRD board approve administration to work with staff, contractors and waste haulers to develop and implement a schedule that will provide for two weeks of extended operating hours for Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre and that tipping fees as set out in Bylaw 348, be reduced by 50% for all properly sorted loads of residential waste during this same time period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken McIlwain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ken McIlwain, RPF  
Public Works Manager