

On Wednesday July 12th Andy and I attended a virtual meeting of the SWWG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Discussed during this meeting were the following items:

1. Brief Overview of County's Procurement Process
2. Solid Waste & Recycling Master Plan Scope of Work (est. \$ 1M)
 - a. Seeking a qualified Consultant
 - b. Draft scope was delivered in December 2022 but our first time seeing this item was yesterday.
 - i. While Scope addresses compliance with regulatory requirements concerning emissions, it does not appear to contemplate vigorous independent monitoring, nor does it specifically mention Zero Waste initiatives.
 - ii. Scope also specifically mentions expanding the current WTE or the possibility of building a new one at the same location or other "reasonable" alternatives.
 - c. Utilization of an Evaluation Committee that will be appointed by the County
 - i. Criteria
 1. Ability, Approach, Past Performance, Workload, Location, etc.
 - d. Timeline is expected to take 6 to 12 months after award. Award may not happen for several months.
 - e. Estimated Facility Construction Costs
 - i. New WTE - 5 Years - \$1.1B
 - ii. Expansion of Current WTE – 4 Years - \$250M
 - iii. Single Stream Recycling Facility – 4 Years - \$70M
 - iv. Trash Transfer Station – 3 Years - \$30M
 - v. Bulk Waste/Yard Trash/C&D Facility – 3 Years - \$50M
 - vi. Yard Trash Facility – 3 Years - \$10M
3. TAC is composed of members appointed by each of the municipalities, but citizen input (public comments) is welcome but very limited.
 - a. New version of TAC will require Town Council appointee (staff level)
 - b. Two concerned citizens voiced environmental concerns including the need for Zero Waste solutions.
 - c. One industry professional representing the Composting Council expressed a desire that their interests be represented in the final Master Plan.