

Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA)

- Discussion of the Amended and Restated Agreement for potential Council Action



Solid Waste ILA

- Existing Solid Waste ILA a 40-year agreement signed in 1988
- Extending ILA necessary to allow for sufficient time to fund transfer stations replacement
- ILA also addresses governance issues, mitigates risk and addresses Cedar Hills post closure

SW ILA Background

- Current solid waste system formed with 1988 agreement
- King County Council acts as board for Solid Waste system
- All waste sent to Cedar Hills Landfill
- Solid Waste Division formed as enterprise fund in mid1980s, prior to that system investments funded through rates and general fund



Solid Waste ILA Background

- Transfer Station Plan adopted in 2007, called for rebuilding and upgrading transfer stations
- Plan also identified governance issues to be addressed in future agreement
- Existing 1988 ILA didn't provide sufficient time to bond at least 20 years per project
- SW Division, county and cities staff (through MSWMAC) began negotiating an ILA extension two years ago

SW ILA Extension

- Extension necessary for long-term bond repayment
- MSWMAC asked to address governance issues identified by Transfer Station Plan
- Extension includes process for deciding future of Cedar Hills Landfill
- Additional issues identified include Cedar Hills rent, use of grants and liability provisions
- County requires signed agreement by April to affect bond term for Bow Lake station
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Key Provisions of ILA

- Extend 12 years to 2040
- Commits County to implementing Transfer Station Plan
- Memorializes role of MSWAC in ILA
- Confirms Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan ratification process

Key Provision of ILA

- Confirms grants are acceptable system use
- Allows for host and neighboring city mitigation
- Acknowledges system will continue to pay rent at Cedar Hills Landfill
- Includes provisions for financial policies and a dispute resolution process
- Provides for environmental liability mitigation for all parties