

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: D(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2002

TITLE: A Report on Activities of the Orange County Solid Waste Advisory Board

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Tentative Schedule for SWAB Review B. Memo from SWAB to County Commission	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: PHILIP J. PRETE, 918-7326

PURPOSE:

The Orange County Solid Waste Advisory Board has been charged with reviewing the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and various alternatives to financing continued implementation of the plan. The Advisory Board is scheduled to make recommendations to the County Commissioners by the end of November or early December. The Carrboro appointees to the Advisory Board are presenting a brief report on the status of that process to the Board of Aldermen for discussion and feedback.

INFORMATION:

The Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) has taken on the task, as part of their charge, of evaluating and making recommendations to the County Commission in late November on the following:

- ◆ The County-wide Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan
- ◆ The ten year projected budget necessary to implement the Plan
- ◆ Financing alternatives for covering the projected revenue shortfall

Recommendations will include endorsement of the Comprehensive Plan - or alternatively, rejection of some components of the plan based on budgetary considerations - and a suggested mix of financing measures to cover the budgetary implications of the Plan. This is particularly important as the County approaches the end of its landfill capacity, requiring shifting to a system of waste management that cannot be supported by tipping fee revenue alone.

Primary financing alternatives the SWAB could consider *to supplement* the tip fee include a countywide solid waste tax, a countywide availability fee, and/or an interlocal governmental fee. The SWAB may suggest a combination of these, or other funding mechanisms.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These deliberations could have a significant impact on Carrboro's solid waste management goals and programs, and will potentially result in a new tax or fee imposed on Carrboro residents and businesses in the next fiscal year.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board consider these issues and provide feedback to the SWAB representatives.