

**NINE STEP PLANNER
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the board **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: *Public Health; Alan Melnick*

1. **TOPIC:** *Public Health: Environmental Public Health Solid Waste Programs Supported by Tipping Fees and Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant (previously titled the Coordinated Prevention Grant)*

2. **WORK SESSION:**

Alan Melnick, Travis Dutton, Chuck Harman, Janis Koch

3. **TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: *60 minutes*

DESIRED DATE: *March 21, 2018*

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:** *On September 26, 2017, the Clark County Council (CCC) approved a \$1.43 increase in residential solid waste tipping fees and \$1.83 on drop box tipping fees to support programs that address solid waste enforcement, hazardous substance assessment and protection, impact mitigation, operations oversight and planning, and waste reduction education and outreach. The tipping fee supports existing solid waste and hazardous assessment programs and also provides sustainable funding to cover losses to the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG), now called the Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA), the Remedial Action Grant (RAG) and the delay of the Capital Budget being signed. When the CCC approved the tipping fee increase, we were asked to update the CCC once the Capital Budget was signed and provide information on how the tipping fees and LSWFA will be used to continue supporting our solid waste programs.*

The Capital Budget was signed on January 19, 2018, and the Department of Ecology anticipates opening application to apply for the LSWFA grant on March 1, 2018, with applications due within 30 days.

5. **DESIRED RESULTS:** *Provide CCC with an update on how tipping fees and LSWFA funds will be applied to continue addressing solid waste enforcement, solid waste impact mitigation, hazardous substance assessment and protection, and addressing a volatile recycling environment and the changing needs of the County's solid waste system.*

6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** *A reduction in either funding source could result in a reduction of solid waste enforcement, a reduction in response to elevated blood lead levels in children, an increase in complaint response time, a reduction in hazardous substance exposure assessments, and reduced ability to address emergent solid waste and recycling challenges for a growing community with increasing population and an overburdened solid waste system.*

7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** *Unknown at this time*

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** *Clark County's current solid waste tipping fee is significantly lower than other demographically comparable jurisdictions. Maintaining the current tipping fee sustains the County's ability to thoroughly evaluate the long term solid*

waste, recycling and other materials management needs that strain the current systems. It also allows us to effectively address volatility in the solid waste and recycling marketplace. The current trend of reductions in grant funding stresses our ability to provide sustained service level and operational capacity. Sustaining both of these sources of revenue allows us to potentially mitigate increasing costs.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** *No change to tipping fee schedule or LSWFA application at this time.*

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING:

Signature of requestor:

DATE: _____