

Community Newsletter



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Introduction

Welcome to the introductory issue of the new City of Yreka Community Newsletter. This periodical will be mailed along with your City utility bill. We are seeking to communicate important issues and valuable information to the citizens of Yreka. We will discuss a variety of topics and provide references in an attempt to keep you informed and provide answers to questions or concerns you may have. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Why charge a Landfill Fee if we no longer own or operate a landfill?

By: Brian Meek, City Manager

In order to answer that question, I need to explain a little history. The City of Yreka and County of Siskiyou had been co-owners of the Yreka landfill for over thirty years. The 1971 Agreement allowed for the City to be the operator and the County to pay their proportional share of the operational costs. This arrangement worked well for several decades but with more recent operational oversight by the State Water Resources Board and the California Integrated Waste Control Board, costs and concerns over operational issues escalated. The County wanted to close the landfill and convert the Yreka Landfill site to a transfer station solid waste facility much like they have done at the Black Butte site just north of Mt. Shasta. The City had been negotiating in an attempt to transform the

partnership with the County. The City offered to give up most of the operational control and provide the County a more favorable reapportionment of the operational costs. The Board of Supervisors determined that they no longer wanted to partner with the City and issued a "Notice of Withdrawal" according to the conditions of the 1971 Agreement. The original Agreement stipulated that either party may withdraw from the Agreement by giving the other party one year's written notice of said withdrawal which shall state one amount for which the withdrawing party will agree to either buy or sell to the other party. The County ordered an appraisal which determined the value to be a negative \$7,000,000. The City's share would be a negative \$3,500,000 for which we could either buy or sell. The County offered terms of

\$1,000,000 down, the \$1,100,000 in the Landfill Closure Account (of which half was County contribution) and \$175,000 per year for 25 years. The County committed to operating a solid waste facility at the site for that period and agreed to not charge gate fees to City residents any differently than County residents. The price included indemnification to the City for all future environmental liability costs.

The City conducted its own evaluation of the costs and liabilities and concluded that the City would need to raise tipping fees significantly if it were to exercise the option to buy out the County. That, we assumed, would not be very popular with our constituents. The County has a couple of advantages over the City. It has an economy of scale in staffing and equipment that lent favor for to sale to the County. The

ANNOUNCEMENT
TOWN HALL MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTER
810 N. OREGON ST

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County also enjoys a higher yearly parcel fee from its constituents (\$63/parcel) than does the City for use to offset expenses. Because of these advantages and because the City Council did not want to see tipping fees rise, they decided to sell to the County. The City borrowed the \$1,000,000 down payment from General Fund Capital and Operating Reserves. The current \$2.13/month City landfill utility fee generates about \$100,000 annually. The net annual shortfall to repay the County

for the next 25 years of the contract is \$75,000.

In order to offset this operating loss and restore operating capital, the City needs to increase the monthly solid waste disposal fee by \$2.00 per month.

The landfill fee on City water bills goes toward buying access to the new County-owned facility.

When the City operated the landfill, we did not charge an adequate fee required to pay for the ultimate closure

and post-closure costs of the Yreka Landfill. Now, City and County residents must pay to close the Yreka landfill to State standards. County residents pay through their yearly parcel fee (\$63 per year). Yrekans pay monthly on their utility bills.



Recycling Is Easy

Siskiyou County offers several locations for recycling a wide variety of materials. Please refer to the following guide for a list of recycling locations in Siskiyou County.

Materials Accepted	Alum. Cans	CRV Containers	#1 PETE Plastic	#2 HDPE Plastic	Glass Bottles & Jars	Plastics #3-7 CRV Only	Newspaper	Cardboard	Office Paper	Yard Waste	Wood Waste	Scrap Metal	Used Oil	Used Oil Filters	Electronics	Fluorescent Lights	Household Batteries
Recycling Locations																	
Recycling Buy Back Centers (Call for days and hours of operation.)																	
Yreka Transfer Recycling 231 Ranch Lane Yreka - 842-9119	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRV = \$ CRV Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Siskiyou Opportunity Center 1516 S Mt Shasta Blvd Mt Shasta - 926-4716	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRV Only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
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**Scott Valley Area Wed/Thurs - Ray's - Ft Jones Fri/Sat - Etna Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CRV = \$											
<small>**service provided by Yreka Transfer Recycling Co. 842-9119</small>																	

Transfer / Recycling Stations (Call 842-8250 for days and hours of operation.)

Oberlin Road Solid Waste/ Recycling Facility (530)842-5865	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Black Butte Transfer/Recycling Center (530)926-1610	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Happy Camp Transfer/ Recycling Center (530)493-5335	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tulelake Transfer/Recycling Center - (541) 205-1025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			