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CITY OF LOS ANGELES PREPARING TO FRANCHISE MULTIFAMILY COLLECTION

The City of Los Angeles is in the process of developing a plan to franchise all multifamily homes (five-units and over) for waste collection, which will include refuse, recycling and green waste collection. Currently the City is subsidizing a multifamily recycling program, which is approaching 500,000 units and will end in June, 2013, with the new non-subsidized program due to start in July, 2013.

Labeled the Multifamily Residential Solid Waste Program, the City developed recommendations as early as January, 2010, to establish a non-exclusive franchise agreement with multiple haulers. The City staff further proposed pre-determined geographical wastesheds whereby each area would be limited to a couple of haulers and haulers would be limited as to how many wastesheds they could work in.

LACDA has gone on record as opposed to the wasteshed concept. The association's position is that a non-exclusive franchise system limited to those companies already serving multifamily units in the City, estimated at about 25 haulers, who are able to work and compete for business City-wide is best for residents, for the City, and best for the industry. In a letter to the City, LACDA stated:

"In order to preserve a true 'open market system' franchised haulers collecting multifamily waste should be able to operate and compete in any part of the City. This will preserve competition in the marketplace, will insure multifamily residents have the very best service and rate and give them an opportunity to seek competitive bids. Our information from the residents and property owners is that they want this opportunity." Another area of concern under the "wasteshed" system is the transition period, if apartment owners, managers and residents are told they must drop their current waste and recycling haulers and select a hauler from another list it could be a confusing and lengthy process.

Because most haulers serve city multifamily residents in "cluster" areas of the city, due mostly

to economic considerations, it is estimated that collection truck traffic under an open system would be about the same as that under a "wasteshed" requirement where two or more companies would be competing in the same area. Also LACDA believes that under an open system reporting requirements would be simplified, waste reporting numbers would continue to be grouped by category with no need to be collected and pre-grouped by individual areas which have no

would be required to comply with the terms of the agreement, including diversion requirements and payment of a franchise fee and Solid Resources Program Fee.

"Owners and residents of multifamily residences would be receiving a higher level of service than what they currently receive since the agreement would include providing the following services: 1) Refuse collection 2) Recycling collection 3) Green waste collection," noted the City memo.

LACDA is in full support of the proposed



LACDA Board members and Regular member Representatives met with Ms. Karen Coca recently to discuss and offer input to the proposed LA. Multifamily Residential Solid Waste Program. Ms. Coca is the acting Division Manager, Solid Waste Citywide Recycling Division, Dept. of Public Works for the city of Los Angeles. (Jay Ware, bottom right, is probably thinking... "if only I hadn't gone snowboarding" ...)

meaning for City totals and State reporting. Haulers would be required to give the City a list of their customers to assist the City with customer complaints and other service information. Electronic reporting procedures and new programs have simplified reporting for haulers and for the jurisdictions.

In a letter distributed to haulers, the City stated, "A non-exclusive franchise maintains a market competitiveness that benefits the customer while providing the City with the benefits of a more focused solid waste program." Franchise holders

program with regard to materials collected, source separated collection has been the overwhelming choice for municipalities in past year and implementation for multifamily collection is certainly at the same comprehensive level as the City single family residential service. The association further supports the Non-Exclusive Franchise System concept and a MultiFamily Fee and a Solid Resources Program Fee.

INDUSTRY NEWS:

JACK TOPALIAN ELECTED TO LACDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Los Angeles County Disposal Association (LACDA) has announced Jack Toplian, General Manager of NASA Services has been elected to the association's Board of Directors.

Jack has spent his entire adult life working in the waste industry, starting at age 17 working for the family business, SK Rubbish. He continued his employment with the company as it transitioned to Vick's Disposal and later to American Waste Industries. In 1992 Jack became the Sales Manager for AWI and by 1995 the company was billing more than \$1.5 million monthly. In 2001 he felt he was ready for a change and began his employment with NASA Services, Inc.

Jack Topalian is filling the Board seat of retiring Board member, Richard Harabedian, Olympic Disposal, who has served many years on various association Boards, including the Greater Los Angeles Solid Waste Management Association which later merged to form the LACDA.



Jack Topalian

McCONNELL & MADZOEFF INSURANCE KEEPING CUSTOMERS UPDATED

McConnell & Madzoeff Insurance Services is working hard to keep their customers updated on new government regulations on Health Care that will impact you and your business. The good news is that the Health Care Reform Act will provide some tax credits for small businesses.

This article will address a few different effective dates that apply to the key changes for employer-sponsored group health plans under the Health Care Reform Act.

Under the Act, group health plans that provide coverage to dependent children of participants are required to continue to make such coverage available for adult children until the child turns 26 years of age. This requirement also applies to married adult children but not grandchildren. The definition of "dependent" under the Internal Revenue Code is also expanded so that the additional periods of coverage are excludable from income. It is not clear how this required expansion in coverage affects other restrictions for dependent coverage. The Act provides that regulations will be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services to define dependents to whom coverage must be extended. This requirement is effective for plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010. This rule applies to all coverage, including Grandfathered Plans.

As part of the Act, group health plans may not impose any pre-existing condition exclusion limiting or excluding the coverage of a condition that existed prior to enrollment. This prohibition is effective with respect to enrollees under age 19 for plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010, and with respect to enrollees age 19 and over for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. This prohibition applies to all coverage, including Grandfathered Plans.

As described in the Act, group health plans may not rescind coverage with respect to an enrollee once the enrollee is covered. This prohibition will not apply if the individual has performed an act or practice that constitutes fraud or makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact as prohibited by the terms of coverage. In addition, this prohibition does not affect the right to terminate coverage upon nonpayment, plan termination, or loss of eligibility for coverage. This prohibition is effective for plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010. This prohibition applies to all coverage, including Grandfathered Plans.

Under the Act, group health plans may not impose lifetime or annual dollar limits on the benefits provided to a particular participant. In certain limited circumstances, lifetime or annual

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Solid Waste Trucks: The Clean Energy Solution

From Colorado, Idaho, Arizona, and California to Florida, New York, Texas, Massachusetts, and New Jersey — solid waste hauling providers and municipalities are actively transitioning their fleets from diesel to compressed natural gas (CNG) power. And the momentum is gaining ground every day.

What accounts for this strongly accelerating national trend? Solid waste operators are concerned about complying with clean-air mandates, reducing dependence on imported oil, and controlling fuel costs. Natural gas fuel is the proven solution for waste hauling truck fleets, because it is cleaner than diesel, greener, cheaper, and domestically abundant.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA/DOE) estimates that 98% of the natural gas consumed in North America is sourced in North America, and domestic supplies are projected to last for 120 years.

In terms of clean air performance when compared to 2010 diesel models, CNG trucks reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 23%, and produce significantly less smog-generating

Natural Gas. It's cheaper, cleaner, greener, domestic, abundant, and it works.

nitrogen oxides and harmful particulate matter.

In addition to running cleaner, trucks with natural gas engines run quieter when idling than their diesel-powered counterparts—helping reduce noise pollution in American communities.

Solid waste fleets represent one of the major markets that is benefiting significantly as the country shifts increasingly away from expensive imported oil. CNG costs 25% to 40% less than diesel fuel, and projections call for this favorable cost trend to extend well into the future. This translates to annual fuel cost savings (natural gas vs. diesel) of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per truck.

And there's no sacrifice in terms of truck operating performance, since natural gas trucks easily match the horsepower and torque of diesel models. Waste haulers have a wide range of CNG

truck makes and models to choose from today, any of which can be configured as roll-offs, front, side, or rear loaders (depending on operator requirements.)

Clean Energy reliably fuels thousands of natural gas solid waste trucks every day across America, and the numbers are steadily growing. Clean Energy's proven solid waste solution includes:

- Comprehensive natural gas fueling supply services
- Long-term fuel contracts and discounted fueling options
- Fleet fuel station design, construction and ongoing operations
- Assistance with securing grant funding, vehicle leasing, and financial incentives

Clean Energy is the leading provider of natural gas fuel and related services for fleet operators in the United States.

For more information on the Clean Energy solid waste solution, email solidwasteteam@cleanenergyfuels.com

ASSOCIATE PAGE

CLEMENTS ENVIRONMENTAL CORP. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

Clements Environmental Corp. is pleased to be the newest member of the LACDA. We are primarily a private sector company, and enjoy working with the family businesses that make up most of the hauling community in Southern California.

Our specialty is developing facilities: MRFs, transfer stations, composting operations, C&D processing facilities, greenwaste chipping and grinding operations. In our 25 years, we have worked on over 50 such projects including: site assessments, land use and environmental permitting, public outreach and government liaison, site plans, stormwater plans, even Climate Action plans. Our success rate at getting facilities permitted is over 95%! In our experience, when projects fail, they fail right out of the box, shot down in the permitting process because of poor site selection, lack of good outreach to neighbors, a myriad of issues. We can save you time, heartburn, and most of all – money.

Start right – Finish well. That’s our creed. And with the pending closure of the Puente Hills Landfill, and cities pressuring for more

and more diversion, now is the time to consider building a new MRF/Transfer facility or expanding an old one. The demand for cost-effective transfer, processing, and diversion will never be greater. And with the carbon cap and trade system coming down with legislation in Congress, the savings in energy you accrue through recycling and composting will be worth real money in the near future.

We are also one of the most experienced firms in California in the new “Conversion Technologies” that convert residual MSW into renewable electricity or transportation fuel. Whether it’s an anaerobic digester for food and green waste, or gasification system for MRF residuals, we are at the forefront of the first developments of these plants in the State.

We look forward to the opportunity of working with all of you.

Give Chip Clements a call at: 1(818) 267-5100 or visit our website at www.clementsenvironmental.com

OUR STORY

F.F. GOMEZ, INC. FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

Francisco F. Gomez began his venture at the age of 21 in the manufacturing of rubbish trucks and equipment. In 1998, with over thirty years of knowledge and experience, Frank branched out and F.F. Gomez, Inc., was born. In 2001, Frank was joined by his son Jorge Gomez and in 2005 the company moved to its current location in Los Angeles where it continues to serve the industry.

At F.F. Gomez quality is their highest priority. From their hydraulic cylinders to their trucks, all equipment is made and repaired with quality control. After seven years of managing the company, Frank Gomez can still be found working under a truck.

“He wouldn’t have it any other way,” said Jorge Gomez. “Quality doesn’t just stop with our products, our customer service is second to none. Here at F.F. Gomez, we pride ourselves on making every customer a satisfied customer. Stop by and give us a call, we are always ready and happy to help.”

Contact Jorge Gomez at 1(323) 581-1465, Fax 1(323) 581-3143 or email at: jgomez@ffgomez.com

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LA MULTIFAMILY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Much credit has to be given to the city of Los Angeles for their current Multifamily Recycling Program. Countless hours have been spent in the development and implementation of the program, along with the expenditure of millions of dollars. What has been achieved is the participation of over 400,000 City multifamily residential units and recycling amounts that far exceed other jurisdictions multifamily recycling programs. There remains a concern that when the program is

folded over into a waste collection program, and subsidies are removed, much of the programs achievement will be lost. Multifamily recycling has shown to be very labor intensive, often requires special container and vehicle use, and a high level of public outreach and education. It is one thing to “provide” a recycling program, it is another to expend the resources to reach the high levels this program has achieved.

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limits on specific covered benefits may be imposed, provided such limitations do not otherwise violate Federal or State law (e.g., the Americans with Disabilities Act). This prohibition is effective for plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010. The prohibitions relating to lifetime limits apply to all coverage, and the prohibitions related to annual limits apply to all group health plans, including Grandfathered Plans. (Contact Matthew Madzoeff at 1(949) 419-7078)

AB 32 COMMERCIAL RECYCLING TO BE CONSIDERED BY ARB IN SPRING 2011

AB 32 with its’ Mandatory Commercial Recycling requirement, included in the California Air Resources Board Scoping Plan for the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, continues down a fast track for development and implementation. CalRecycle has announced that consideration of the proposed Regulation by the ARB is scheduled for Spring of next year.

A stakeholder workshop will be conducted by CalRecycle and the ARB on September 21 in Sacramento and will be broadcast. LACDA along with business and jurisdiction representatives in Southern California have requested another workshop be held in the So. Cal. area.

HIGHWAY & ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

LACDA welcomes Highway & Environmental Insurance Service, Inc., as a new Associate member into the association. The company has over 35 years of specialized experience in the transportation, disposal and storage of hazardous and non-hazardous waste and debris.

With H&EIS no risk coverage is too large or too small and the company offers some of the best rates in the industry, including workers compensation, professional liability coverage for demolition contractors, engineers, and architects in addition to refuse haulers. Commercial truck liability, general liability and products liability, haulers covered with limits of \$5,000,000, including haulers moving dirt with contaminants or pollutants, waste oil, or medical waste.

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