

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE  
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 80-136
AND AUTHORIZING THE POSITIONS	)	
OF OPERATION MANAGER AND	)	Introduced by the
OPERATION ASSISTANT IN THE SOLID	)	Council Coordinating
WASTE DIVISION	)	Committee

WHEREAS, Metro will become involved in the operation of solid waste disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, A need exists to coordinate and manage Metro's operation contracts; and


WHEREAS, There are no position descriptions in the current Classification Plan which fully cover the requirements to manage solid waste disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, There is an immediate need to establish the positions of Operation Manager and Operation Assistant within the Solid Waste Division; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the position classification for an Operation Manager at salary range 13.5, (\$27,401 to \$34,132), and an Operation Assistant at salary range 10.0, (\$19,451 to \$23,585), be authorized for the Solid Waste Division.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 27th day of March, 1980.

  
Presiding Officer

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AGENDA MANAGEMENT SUMMARY  
 APPROVED BY THE METRO COUNCIL  
 THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 1980

*Mary E. Linder*  
 CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

TO: Metro Council  
 FROM: Executive Officer  
 SUBJECT: Approving and Authorizing the Positions of Operation Manager and Operation Assistant in the Solid Waste Division

I. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. ACTION REQUESTED: Approve establishment of an Operation Manager classification at salary range 13.5, (\$27,401 to \$34,132), and an Operation Assistant classification at salary range 10.0, (\$19,451 to \$23,585), and authorize positions to be established in the Solid Waste Division. The Council Coordinating Committee unanimously recommends establishment of these positions.
- B. POLICY IMPACT: Approval of these positions in the Solid Waste Division will make it possible to effectively implement Metro's involvement in the St. Johns, Troutdale and Nash Pit Landfill operations and future transfer stations, and is in keeping with the Council's policy to provide and properly manage solid waste disposal facilities.
- C. BUDGET IMPACT: Positions within these classifications would be established after receiving position authorization from the Council. Funds are currently available within the Solid Waste Division budget.

II. ANALYSIS:

- A. BACKGROUND: The City of Portland's current contract for the operation of the St. Johns Landfill with Land Reclamation, Inc., expires on June 1, 1980. For various reasons the City has chosen not to extend their current contract, but rather has chosen to turn over the operation of the St. Johns Landfill to Metro effective June 1, 1980. In addition, the Troutdale City Council has requested that Metro assume operational control of the Troutdale Landfill, and Metro staff is negotiating a contract with the Metropolitan Disposal Corporation to operate the gatehouse facility at the new Nash Pit Landfill. Controlling the gate at all disposal facilities is an essential part of implementing Metro's uniform disposal rate.

In order to effectively monitor the gate and other aspects of disposal facility operation, it is essential that Metro have adequate staff. The Operation Manager would provide supervision of all disposal facilities, concentrating on the St. Johns Landfill initially, with the Operation

Assistant providing daily observation of the Troutdale Landfill, Nash Pit Landfill and other existing facilities.

- B. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: One alternative would be to monitor the operation of the various disposal facilities with existing staff. This alternative was rejected since the management of the disposal facilities requires full-time positions and would place a tremendous workload on existing staff to implement the Solid Waste Management Program.

Another alternative considered was to not become involved in the operation of the various disposal facilities. To implement its Resource Recovery Facility, it is essential that Metro control the rates charged for disposal. Current State statutes exempt the St. Johns Landfill from Metro rate setting authority. As a condition to establishing rates at the St. Johns Landfill, the City required that Metro assume operational control of the entire facility. Another requirement to implementing the Resource Recovery Facility is the establishment of a uniform disposal rate. To establish such a rate, Metro must control the gate at all facilities. Therefore, this alternative was rejected, as it would prohibit Metro's implementation of the Resource Recovery Facility and uniform disposal rate at this time.

- C. CONCLUSION: It is imperative that Metro's first involvement in solid waste operation establish our credibility and set an example for future involvement. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that adequate staff be available on a full-time basis.

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