

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIVERTING) RESOLUTION NO. 83-437
NEWSPRINT FROM METRO SOLID WASTE)
FACILITIES) Introduced by
) Councilor Etlinger

WHEREAS, Newsprint recycling is readily accessible for tri-county residents using regular haulers, depots or civic group collection drives; and

WHEREAS, SB 405 requires that by 1986 all materials more economically feasible to reuse than collect and dispose be collected at all households in the region; and

WHEREAS, Oregon is currently a national leader in the newsprint recycling industry, with major private investments continuing to increase the value of recycling our fiber resources; and

WHEREAS, New landfill space, as well as additional disposal facilities, will require significantly increased tipping fees; and

WHEREAS, It is clearly in the public interest to conserve and reuse newsprint while discouraging unwarranted use of scarce landfill capacity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council hereby declares a regional disposal policy of discouraging the disposal of unseparated newsprint at all Metro operated and franchised solid waste facilities.

2. That a newsprint recovery program shall become a component of the Recycling System Plan.

3. That the Executive Officer shall prepare an evaluation of this voluntary program, including suggested strategies for improvement, six months after adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this 22nd day of November, 1983.


Deputy Presiding Officer

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No. 7.5

Meeting Date Nov. 22, 1983

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 83-437 FOR
THE PURPOSE OF DIVERTING NEWSPRINT FROM METRO
SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

Date: November 14, 1983

Presented by: Councilor Etlinger

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Resolution No. 83-437 was introduced by Councilor Etlinger at the Regional Services Committee meeting on November 8, 1983. The resolution declares a regional disposal policy of discouraging the disposal of unseparated newsprint at all Metro operated and franchised solid waste facilities.

The resolution calls for the following actions:

- Metro's Solid Waste Department to commence a waste reduction report to tabulate the quantities and types of materials recycled by haulers using Metro facilities.
- Metro's Public Affairs Department to expand the encouragement of newsprint recycling.
- The Executive Officer shall prepare an evaluation of this voluntary program six months after adoption of the resolution.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer does not support this resolution. While the spirit of the resolution is laudable, the method of presenting such a resolution which requires additional staff work not presently budgeted or included within the Department's work program is not good. The staff is not clear at this point how much time and effort is necessary to meet the reporting requirements of this resolution. The Executive Officer recommends that this resolution or the intent thereof be considered for inclusion in the waste reduction component of the Solid Waste Systems Plan.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Services Committee recommends Council adoption of Resolution No. 83-437.

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