

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 93-1892
CHAPTER 5 OF THE REGIONAL SOLID	)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND	)	INTRODUCED BY SOLID WASTE
ADJUSTING TONNAGES AT METRO	)	COMMITTEE
FACILITIES		

WHEREAS, The Composter facility is no longer operational;

WHEREAS, The Council has determined that new transfer facilities will not be built or franchised in the near future;

WHEREAS, A number of new processing and recycling facilities addressing specific wastestreams will likely be sited;

WHEREAS, The organic wastestream study may produce recommendations affecting facility configuration and development;

WHEREAS, Major industrial waste generators may develop new non-Metro-related disposal options;

WHEREAS, Review of the solid waste revenue system may produce recommendations affecting facility financing; and

WHEREAS, Tonnage adjustments between existing facilities are needed to maximize their efficient and cost-effective operation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metro Council authorizes the revision of Chapter 5 and such other elements of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and Metro Code as may be necessary to prepare a new facility plan. This revision shall address Metro's regulatory relationship with existing and potential new types of disposal and processing facilities and the nature and configuration of the Metro region's solid waste disposal and processing system.

2. That the Metro Council authorizes the development of a plan

to adjust tonnage levels between Metro Central and Metro South Stations, for the purpose of reducing projected annual tonnage levels at Metro South Station by a minimum of 60,000 tons.

3. The revised chapter shall be presented for Council consideration prior to December 31, 1994. The tonnage adjustment plan shall be implemented by July 1, 1994.

4. That it is the Metro Council's intent that no new transfer stations, as defined in Metro Code Section 5.01.010 (u), with a capacity of over 75,000 tons per year shall be franchised for a period of five years from the date of approval of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1993.

Judy Wyers, Presiding Officer

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 94-1892, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING CHAPTER 5 OF THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADJUSTING TONNAGES AT METRO FACILITIES

-----  
Date: February 15, 1994      Presented by: Councilor Monroe

**Committee Recommendation:** At the February 15 meeting, the Committee voted 3-2 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 93-1892. Voting in favor: Councilors McFarland, Monroe and Wyers. Voting against: Councilors Hansen and McLain. Councilor Buchanan was absent.

**Committee Issues/Discussion:** Councilor Wyers indicated that she had requested the drafting of this resolution to address several issues that emerged during the debate over the Wilsonville Transfer Station. She explained that the intent of the resolution was to: 1) provide for a comprehensive revision of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) as it relates to the development and regulation of solid waste disposal and recycling facilities in the region, 2) provide Council support for the implementation of plan to divert a minimum of 60,000 tons/yr. from Metro South to Metro Central, and 3) establish a five-year moratorium on new large-scale transfer stations. Revisions in the RSWMP would be completed by the end of 1994 and implementation of the tonnage diversion would be completed by July 1, 1994.

Bob Martin testified in support of the resolution, noting that staff was initiating an RSWMP revision and the implementation of a tonnage diversion plan. He indicated that the RSWMP revision would be an open process involved all interested parties.

Merle Irvine, Willamette Resources, expressed concern that the transfer station moratorium would preclude addressing the need for additional transfer station capacity during the proposed revision of the RSWMP. He urged that the moratorium be removed or that a sunset date of December 31, 1994 be inserted.

Councilor McLain expressed concern that the moratorium would tie the hands of future Councils and would limit Metro's options for the next five years. She asked legal staff if the moratorium was legal. Todd Sadlo, Assistant Legal Counsel, responded that the resolution only expressed Council intent and that, because the moratorium was included in a resolution, the Council would be free to rescind or modify its provisions at any time. Councilor McLain expressed her desire to remove the moratorium.

Councilor Wyers opposed deleting the moratorium. She noted that it would serve as a guide to those revising the RSWMP and it would avoid new arguments regarding transfer stations. He commented that the future disposal system may look at types of facilities other

than transfer stations.

Councilor Hansen supported the need to give the new Council a new facility plan derived from an open process and that the moratorium would limit plan flexibility.

Councilor McFarland expressed support for the need to transfer waste from Metro South to Metro Central to eliminate the negative impact of the "put-or-pay" provision of the Metro Central contract. She noted that Metro paid an additional \$503,000 last year for waste that was not delivered to Metro Central.