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Public Forum on Tajiguas Landfill & Conversion Technology: a potential component of our community's integrated waste management system

Presentation and discussion on the Tajiguas Landfill & Conversion Technology

Wednesday, August 19th at 6pm

Faulkner Gallery

Santa Barbara Public Library

40 East Anapamu Street

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

For the past two years, staff members and elected officials from the County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta, Solvang and Buellton have been working together to investigate waste management alternatives for the Tajiguas Landfill. After producing a feasibility report in April 2008, these jurisdictions have been developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a conversion technology facility at the Tajiguas Landfill.

Conversion technology refers to the accelerated decomposition of solid waste in a controlled environment to produce energy or fuel. A large number of technologies achieve this process through the use of heat, pressure, chemicals, bacteria and even fungus.

The communities that use the Tajiguas landfill recycle over 65% of the waste they produce. Despite this excellent recycling rate, the Tajiguas Landfill still buries close to 200,000 tons of municipal solid waste per year. One possible alternative to burying our waste is establishing a conversion technology facility.

Next Wednesday's presentation will include information on the different technologies that have been identified as feasible for our community, excerpts from the most recent draft of the RFP, and our next steps.

Additional information, including all reports, on this project can be found at www.conversiontechnologystudy.com.

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