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Board of Public Works

AGENDA

March 15, 2011

4:30 PM

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Meeting Room Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Public Comment
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes
- IV. Solid Waste Operations
 - A. 451 Plan
- V. Director's Report
- VI. Miscellaneous
- VII. Adjournment

MEETING DATE: **March 15, 2012**

AGENDA ITEM#: IV-A



**BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS
ACTION REQUEST**

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Plan

DIVISION: Solid Waste Division

PREPARED BY: Douglas G. Wood

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize Extension of Solid Waste Plan Amendment Public Comment Period

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Solid Waste Plan Amendment comment period ends March 17th. The public hearing was held March 7, 2012. Due to significant interest in the Solid Waste Plan Amendment staff recommends extending the public comment period an additional 90-days. The State law procedure for approval of a plan amendment requires that the plan be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for action within 30-days of the close of the public comment period. This constraint will not allow enough time for input from the Solid Waste Plan Committee and a subsequent recommendation from the Board of Public Works serving as the designated planning agency. It is staff opinion that extending the comment period 90-days will provide time to prepare revisions to the plan for review by the Solid Waste Plan Committee and the Board of Public Works.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to extent the public comment period on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment for 90-days and authorizes a public notice to be published declaring the extension.

ATTACHMENTS:

Public Notice

GOVERNING/ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL DATE March 15, 2012

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:

Douglas G. Wood

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

The Kent County Solid Waste Planning Committee has drafted a Solid Waste Management Plan amendment. The draft amendment has been approved by the Solid Waste Planning Committee for public hearing. The amendment will become Appendix F of the current plan which was approved in April 2000 and amended August 25, 2009 by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The draft Plan addresses the County's strategies and methods to handle its solid waste for the next ten years. The amended Plan includes continued reliance on the existing integrated solid waste system of energy recovery, landfilling, recycling, household hazardous waste collection and expanded education in resource recovery.

As a result of the significant public interest and comment during the initial phase of the public comment period, the Kent County Board of Public Works has determined that it is in the public interest to extend the public comment period for another 90 days. A 90 day extension has been established for review by regulating agencies, all municipalities in the County and the general public. The draft Plan amendment can be reviewed by the public at the following location:

Kent County Department of Public Works
1500 Scribner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Written comments received through June 15, 2012 will be considered by the Committee prior to the final adoption and should be sent to:

Douglas G. Wood
Director
Kent County Department of Public Works
1500 Scribner NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Copies of this Plan are available at cost. For further information, call 336-3694.

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Theodore J. Vonk, Chairperson