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FROM: Jan Goss, Director, IWMD

SUBJECT: Temporary Closure of the Frank R. Bowerman Landfill due to the Santiago Fire

The Frank R. Bowerman Landfill (FRB) has been temporarily closed due to the Santiago Fire in Irvine and associated road closures. The Integrated Waste Management Department (IWMD) has been in contact with the franchise waste haulers and they have been redeployed to the Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha Landfills (please see Attachment). Currently, the Olinda Alpha Landfill will extend its operating hours until 5:00 pm today and Prima Deshecha will continue to assess whether or not extended hours are needed.

In addition, IWMD has received a request for assistance caused by the fire-related closure of the Escondido Landfill in San Diego County. In response, IWMD is accepting some waste from Ed Co, a waste hauler out of San Diego.

IWMD staff has been working in conjunction with the Local Enforcement Agency to obtain permit waivers to address the diverted tonnage and any extended operating hours caused by this emergency. IWMD has also been in contact with the host cities and will be preparing a press advisory notice to communicate the temporary closure of FRB to the community.

IWMD staff has recently been allowed limited access to FRB to assess the situation. There is no visible damage to the infrastructure or equipment, but the flare is currently non-operational due to the lack of electricity. There is, however, a back-up generator if the site is re-opened before the electricity is available. We have notified the regulatory agencies regarding the status. We will keep you apprised as the situation evolves. Please feel free to contact me at (714) 834-4122 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Attachment

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