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RE: Board Hearing of August 6, 2013
Agenda Items 32 & 33
Environmental Quality
Pima County Code Text Amendment
Fee Schedule Ordinance

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Please make this letter part of the record of the Board Hearing of August 6, 2013. Please also distribute this letter to all 5 members of the Board.

These comments concern the impact of the proposed Solid Waste Disposal Code Text Amendment and Fee Schedule Ordinance on Western Pima County as a whole and the town of Ajo in particular.

SUMMARY

In a nutshell, these comments and the findings set forth below direct attention to the following mitigation measures which need to be attached to the proposed Code Text Amendment and Fee Schedule Ordinance or made as revisions/amendments to the Code Text Amendment and Fee Schedule Ordinance prior to their adoption by the Board.

1. Within existing Title 13 Code Definitions, amend the definition of "Commercial" (citation) to include two categories:
 - a. Large Commercial: such as large garbage truck haulers of residential household garbage, and
 - b. Small Commercial: such as landscaping and yard waste, other than dirt and rocks, hauled by individually owned small landscaping and yard service companies
2. Within existing Title 13 Code Definitions, amend the code to allow a definition for Government haulers, such as:
 - a. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (National Park Service), which presently hauls its own trash to the Ajo Landfill.

b. ADOT, which presently distributes and picks up trashbags filled along Highway 85 by Samaritans and daily crews from Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, then takes them to the Ajo Landfill.

c. Other heretofore unconsidered County, State and Federal entities requiring a "fair price" fee to sustain their budget operations.

3. Add a Board Directive, either as part of Title 13 Code Regulations, the Fee Schedule Ordinance , or in concert with them as a separate required Mitigation Measure, for a Mandated County Illegal Dumping Remediation Plan directing that the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality/Solid Waste Disposal Division SHALL conduct a monthly monitoring and monthly illegal trash dumping pickup program on public lands in Western Pima County, particularly around the townsites of Ajo, Why and Lukeville . This action must not be left discretionary.

4. In consideration of the three cumulative actions to be considered by the Board:1) the contract with TRWS approved May 14, 2013, 2) the Text Amendment and Fee Schedule Ordinance currently before the Board, and 3)

the forthcoming Ajo Transfer Compacting Station as included in the contract to be placed on County property: Do not place this Transfer Compacting Station at the suggested County Airport Location. It is known that accessible distance from the legal dumpsite greatly increases the probability and impact of illegal dumping, especially when a vast area of open space exists between residential development and the distant legal site.

IF THE BOARD CARRIES OUT THE FOUR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE, IT IS MY OPINION THAT PIMA COUNTY CAN CUT TO THE CHASE AND TAKE CARE OF THE ADVERSE IMPACTS AND CONCERNS LISTED BELOW AS FINDINGS FOR WESTERN PIMA COUNTY.