

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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Hon. Dan Gattis Williamson County Judge 710 Main Street, Suite 101 Georgetown, TX 78626

Re: Waste Management of Texas, Inc. ("WMTX") and Williamson County ("County") Landfill Operation Agreement – Master Site Development Plan

## Dear Judge Gattis:

Waste Management of Texas, Inc. is pleased to submit to Williamson County our 2010 Master Site Development Plan ("Plan") for the Williamson County Landfill ("Landfill"). Section 2.16 of the 2009 Williamson County Landfill Operation Agreement requires that WMTX submit a Plan within one (1) year of the effective date of the Agreement. WMTX is required to begin implementation of the Plan within twelve (12) months after the County has given its approval of the Plan.

Section 2.16(c) of the Agreement provides that as part of the master site development, WMTX would not use the 1,000 foot buffer zone area that includes the regulatory buffer zone along FM 1660, and where possible on Chandler Road. The parties agreed that the 1,000-foot buffer zone is not intended to reduce the waste capacity of [the] Landfill.

The attached Plan takes into account these contractual provisions to the extent that they are related to any impact on the Landfill operations during the term of this Agreement. It should be noted that a portion of the currently permitted Landfill will remain unconstructed at the end of the forty year term of the Agreement. This area is shown in the Plan as Phase 6.

What follows are the major features in the proposed Plan.

1. The construction of a new entrance to the Recycling Facility and the Landfill. This construction will begin as soon as WMTX receives the County's approval of the Plan.

- 2. WMTX proposes to add a new commercial recycling Transfer Station directly South of the existing Citizens Drop-Off Center. WMTX would like to discuss this proposal further with the County, as it is contingent upon market conditions and available volume. We estimate that such a Transfer Station facility could be constructed within two years, provided market conditions and volume are suitable. The Transfer Station would provide an outlet for both Commercial and Residential recyclables.
- 3. WMTX is also proposing to develop the existing house at the Landfill into a Visitor and Education Center. The plans for restoring this house and developing it for use as a Visitor and Education Center will be developed with the County as the lead. We believe that a project of this complexity will take approximately four to five years to complete.
- 4. The last major component of the Master Site Development Plan is a change in the construction sequence of the Landfill itself. Once approved by the County, WMTX would begin to take the necessary steps to change the construction sequence to complete the Landfill operations along the South boundary of the Landfill first. These changes are shown in the attached Plan as Phases 1-5. As mentioned above, the construction of Phase 6 is beyond the term of the Agreement. By making this change, the Southern portion of the Landfill will be completed and capped first to screen future operations.

We look forward to working with the County to develop the items set forth in the Master Site Development Plan. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, please feel free to contact me at 512 748-4235.

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