



## Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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7 June 2017

Dan Gjerde, Fourth District Supervisor  
Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Support for reopening the Westport Transfer Station

Dear Supervisor Gjerde:

Westport residents are concerned about the recent closure of the Westport Transfer Station. Since that time, we have explored ways to resume service through negotiation with Solid Waste of Willits and other interested parties. SWOW has indicated to the WMAC a willingness to reopen the Westport Transfer Station on Saturdays for trash disposal and recycle drop off without buy back if certain conditions are met.

The County Solid Waste Director approved a surcharge of \$1.00 per 32 gallon trash can or \$5/cubic yard to be remitted by SWOW to WCWD pursuant to its franchise contract Section 15 (A) (2). The WCWD agreed to accept that surcharge in lieu of site rental fees. This will result in a \$7/can disposal fee that is acceptable to the community. The only other requirement is a waiver of site permit fees that requires your approval. In behalf of the community, WMAC strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to waive that permit fee.

Reestablishing this transfer station is critical because curbside service is not feasible for many County residents in rural areas like Westport. A local collection hub will reduce travel time and expense, resulting in fewer and shorter trips by customers that translate to less air pollution. More importantly, providing a local facility will avoid an increase in unsanitary illegal dumping. Those seeking redemption fees retain the option to visit more distant facilities that offer buy back.

We appreciate your careful consideration of this modest request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thad M. Van Bueren". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thad M. Van Bueren, Chairman

Cc: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
Louisa Morris, Director of Solid Waste Department  
Lee Tepper, Chairperson, WCWD  
Jerry Ward, Owner of SWOW