

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

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SUBJECT

Resolution 2024-070 Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Programming and Infrastructure Improvements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to make an amendment to the 2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Programming and Infrastructure Improvements (the "IGA") to place the existing agreement into abeyance until the parties agree on further amendments to address the changed circumstances and updated timelines. The new amended agreement will supersede the existing one.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Loveland, Larimer County, Fort Collins, Wellington and Estes Park created the Regional Wasteshed Coalition in 2015 to plan for future infrastructure needs after the Larimer County Landfill closes in mid-2025. This planning work developed the Solid Waste Infrastructure Master Plan (SWIMP), which Larimer County adopted in 2018. Subsequently, the aforementioned communities adopted a related Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in 2019 which clarifies how they would work together to implement the SWIMP.

Since the adoption of the 2019 IGA, the landscape of the regional wasteshed has significantly changed. As such, the IGA includes outdated language, assumptions, costs estimates, market conditions, and timelines that no longer reflect the complex reality that exists today, which staff discussed with Council at a Work Session on March 26, 2024.

Given the current state of the IGA, four of the five signatories to the IGA have voted to suspend the agreement. During the period of suspension, the Regional Wasteshed Coalition members have committed to working together to create an amended agreement for implementing waste and recycling infrastructure and policies. The next agreement is anticipated to supersede the IGA that this resolution would place into abeyance.

- Attachment 3 provides additional background and context for this project.
- Attachment 4 is the 2019 IGA that was included in the March 26, 2024 Work Session.

Next Steps

- Staff members of the Regional Wasteshed communities will work together to support the creation of the next agreement.
- Fort Collins staff will conduct analysis on pathways to infrastructure for food scraps and construction and demolition materials (C&D) through grant-funded consulting support as part of the Council Priority to Accelerated Pathways for Zero Waste Infrastructure and Policies.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution for Consideration
2. Exhibit A to Resolution
3. March 26, 2024 Work Session Agenda Item Summary (Copy)
4. 2019 Regional Wasteshed IGA