

Community Focus Statement E: Improve the delivery of essential services such as police and fire to the community.

Action Statement E.4: *Coordinate with the County Public Works Department and the Lucerne Valley Transfer Station to reduce solid waste disposal fees and to expand the types of materials acceptable for disposal.*

Benchmark: Completion of a document of fees charged and materials accepted and present to the San Bernardino County Public Works Department for discussion on or potential fee reductions and adoption.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$50–\$500,000

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The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division is responsible for the operation and management of the County’s solid waste disposal system, which consists of five regional landfills and nine transfer stations. The division also administers the solid waste handling franchise program and the refuse collection permit program, which oversees trash collection by private haulers in the unincorporated areas of the county.

A waste disposal transfer station that accommodates local county unincorporated residents is located at 27805 Squaw Bush [Lucerne Valley (Camp Rock) Transfer Station]. The transfer station is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday through Monday. The Lucerne Valley Transfer Station accepts general trash and recyclables. It does not accept large trash or construction waste. Lucerne Valley residents are charged \$85.00 per year on their tax bill for one load per week. Hazardous waste is collected four times a year.

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Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a group of interested parties.	Champion		San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/SolidWasteManagement.aspx
2. Investigate the fees charged by other jurisdictions to determine consistency, or lack of consistency, with other similar operations. Document findings in report format.	Waste Fees Group	Months 1–6	San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division, Waste Disposal Sites http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/SolidWasteManagement/WasteDisposalSites.aspx
3. Investigate whether other area jurisdictions are able to accept items that are currently unacceptable in San Bernardino County. Document findings in report format.	Waste Fees Group	Months 1–6	San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division, Solid Waste Disposal Fee Information http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/SolidWasteManagement/Fees.aspx
4. Present findings to the San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division and the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Discuss potential opportunities for changes to the existing program.	Waste Fees Group	Month 1	San Bernardino County, Fire Department hazardous material flyer http://www.sbcounty.gov/Uploads/SBCFire/content/hazmat/pdf/20071004_hazmat_electronic_waste_flyer.pdf
5. If deemed necessary, conduct an operations study to determine whether operations and infrastructure at the County landfills and transfer centers can be improved, thus resulting in cost savings.	Waste Fees Group	Months 12–18	San Bernardino County, Fire Department, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities http://www.sbcfire.org/ofm/hhw/CollectionFacilities.aspx The Mojave Desert & Mountain Recycling Authority http://urecycle.org/collection/collection-services/