

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Bureau of Sanitation's (BOS) long-term strategy for solid waste disposal and ensuring that City residents will not see significant rate hikes associated with the Puente Hills Landfill closure.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Fuentes - Englander):

DIRECT the BOS to provide a report to the Energy and Environment Committee in 30 days on its long-term strategy for solid waste disposal and how it will ensure that the residents of the City of Los Angeles will not see significant rate hikes in their sanitation charges associated with the Puente Hills Landfill closure.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 21, 2013 your Committee considered a Motion (Fuentes - Englander) relative to the BOS' long-term strategy for solid waste disposal and ensuring that City residents will not see significant rate hikes associated with the Puente Hills Landfill closure. According to the Motion, the Southern California's Puente Hills Landfill, one of the largest landfills in the country, is scheduled to shut down operations on October 31, 2013. The site has been in operation since 1957, first as a private dump, and since 1970 as a sanitary landfill owned and operated by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. This closure is expected to send ripples throughout the County, including a hike in waste disposal costs for communities who currently use the landfill. The closure is expected to cause a region-wide scramble for alternative disposal options. The Puente Hills Landfill currently accepts over 13,000 tons per day. The closure will put a strain on the region's ability to deal with solid waste.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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