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City and County of Sacramento Reach Waste Management Agreement

Reduced Fees at Kiefer Landfill will allow the City of Sacramento to Dispose of Waste Locally

Sacramento, Calif. – As part of an effort to consolidate waste management services and streamline services for customers, the Sacramento City Council approved a 20-year agreement with the County of Sacramento Waste Management and Recycling Department and BLT Enterprises to allow City of Sacramento Department of Utilities to use County facilities for a reduced fee. The agreement was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on November 9 and approved by Sacramento City Council on November 16.

"It is the right thing to do for our community and the environment," said Mayor Kevin Johnson. "Keeping waste in the region helps to limit the carbon footprint of our garbage collection services by 85% and allows for more efficient routing of vehicles. Beyond the environmental benefits, we are keeping jobs and money here in the Sacramento region, helping our economy."

"This agreement will allow the City of Sacramento to use Sacramento County facilities to dispose of its solid waste locally at the Kiefer Landfill and the North Area Recovery Station, while at the same time allowing the County to use BLT's transfer station," said Paul Philleo, Director of the County Department of Waste Management and Recycling. "This kind of partnership makes sense for our residents and the region as a whole."

Benefits of the Partnership:

- It will reduce the carbon footprint for City of Sacramento Solid Waste Services by 85%.
- It will reduce the number of heavy trucks on the road locally, improve efficiencies in the transfer process, and reduce wear and tear on residential collection trucks.
- It will reduce up to 1.7 million long-haul truck miles driven to Lockwood, Nevada, the location City garbage has been hauled to since 1998
- By using existing in-region transfer and disposal facilities, up to \$6 million, will remain in the local economy.

"This public-private partnership is a win for the city and county, the taxpayers, private enterprise and the environment," said Shawn Gutteresen, vice president of Sacramento Recycling, a division of BLT Enterprises. "It allows us to provide long-term cost controls, to

bring jobs to the Sacramento region and to reduce greenhouse emissions equivalent to 2,250 acres of forest each year."

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