RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes (X) No ( )
Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors resolve to approve the burning of nonindustrial wood waste (brush and yard waste) at the County’s Sanitary Landfill due to a severe negative economic impact to discontinue this practice.

The current State permit (portion attached) allows for the burning of such material at the site. However, when we last sought a burning permit, we were requested to obtain a resolution from the Board finding that this burning was necessary due to economic considerations (see attached memo from Health Department.) This is necessary to be in compliance with SB-689 as enforced by the California Air Resources Board (see attached).

This entire issue will be addressed in greater detail as part of the Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP), which is currently being developed. In the short term, we considered the costs to chip the material and found that the cost would likely be $9,000 to $13,000 per year based on the attached costs identified by Total Waste Systems. This would be considered a severe economic impact at this time.

It is possible that as the IWMP is developed, wood waste material and other parts of the waste stream may be able to be used as cover material. However, this will take some time to develop and be approved by the State Waste Management Board.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Burning of nonindustrial wood waste has been the past practice at the County sanitary landfill on allowable burn days.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. The Board could discontinue accepting material for burning at the landfill. This material would likely either be diverted directly into the material being buried or would be burned at other sites and would not be brought to the landfill.

2. Not burn the material and place it directly into the landfill. This would annually add an additional 2.5 to 3.5% or 300-400 tons (approximately) of material that is placed into the landfill and would shorten the useful life of the landfill. It would also accelerate the date at which we will have to find a new source of cover material.

3. Provide the funding to chip the wood waste and direct Public Works to recover some of the costs on the open market. Funding could come from Reserves for Contingencies.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $_____
B. Total anticipated costs $_____
C. Required Add’l funding $_____
D. Source: __________________________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
1. Portion of State permit allowing burning
2. Memo from Mariposa Air Pollution Control District of 1-21-92
3. Statement from CARB on Disposal of Nonindustrial Wood Waste
4. Cost estimate from Total Waste Systems for wood chipping(10-8-91)
5. Letter from Wood Recovery System Inc. (1-15-92)
CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 92-155
Ord. No.: 
Vote - Ayes: ( ) Noes: ( )
Absent: ( ) Abstained: ( )
Approved ( ) Denied ( )
Minute Order Attached

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: 

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Mariposa, State of CA

By: Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: __________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:        LARRY POLLARD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
FROM:      MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RE:        BURNING OF NONINDUSTRIAL WOOD WASTE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 24, 1992

ACTION AND VOTE:

Resolution Approving the Burning of Nonindustrial Wood Waste at the Mariposa County Landfill
BOARD ACTION: Jon Christenson/Health Dept.-APCO, provided input. (M)Baggett, (S)Radanovich, Res. 92-155 adopted approving burning to deal with the current stock pile of wood waste; and Board directed that staff (Public Works and Health/APCO) investigate options for the future, including utilization of a chipper, and come back with a program/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Health