

Solid waste plan closer to a county ballot

By Pat Murphy
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Oakland's controversial solid waste program got some good news and bad news last week, as officials moved one step closer to putting bonding of the \$500 million project to a vote of the people.

The good news, as far as proponents of the program are concerned, is that the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission has tentatively set June 17 and 18 as the dates for a hearing on the operating permit for the controversial incinerator in Auburn Hills, said Roger J. Smith, deputy director of the county's Department of Solid Waste Management.

"But that's very tentative. It's not confirmed," said Smith. "But it is a

sign we're close to getting a decision on our permit."

THE BAD NEWS, again as far as proponents are concerned, is that Southfield and other communities in southwest Oakland are one step closer to sending their trash to the Detroit incinerator.

"It's a matter of economics," said Lenora K. Jadun, general manager of RRISOC (the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County).

Tipping fees at the Detroit incinerator are about \$20 per ton lower than those anticipated for the county's facility in Auburn Hills, Jadun said.

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Oakland County Commissioner

RRISOC and Detroit have negotiated, but not yet signed, a contract under which 450 tons of trash from Southfield would be burned at the Motor City facility for about 60 days. "It's a test," said Jadun. If this trial period works out, there's a good chance Farmington Hills and other RRISOC communities would follow suit.

An operating permit and getting commitments for trash from communities — like Southfield — are at the core of problems plaguing Oak-

land's solid waste plan. "We were supposed to have a hearing on the operating permit last June," said Smith. Lack of a permit has led to delays and put the entire program on hold.

NOT GETTING commitments from Southfield and other communities has called into question the ability of the county to successfully operate an incinerator. It's also an indication that residents don't want a county operated

incinerator if there are alternatives, like Detroit's.

A group of county commissioners Tuesday discussed that possibility as they considered a resolution that would put the solid waste program — or bonding for it — on a county-wide ballot.

The Planning and Building Committee approved the resolution. It will be discussed by other committees before being referred to the entire board of commissioners, possibly as early as the May 23 meeting.

Before approving a vote on the solid waste program, however, the committee defeated a proposal from Commissioner Marilyn E. Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills, that would have divided the program.

HER MEASURE calls for putting two issues before the voters. One issue would ask voters to approve — or reject — bonding for recycling. The other would ask them to decide on bonding for the incinerator.

"I don't want a partial solution," said Commissioner Lillian Jaffe, D-Southfield, who voted against separating the ballot question — as proposed by Gosling — and for putting the solid waste program to a vote.

Like many of her colleagues on the Board of Commissioners, Jaffe said a solid waste program without the incinerator would be incomplete and would not meet the needs of the county.

Prosecutor fighting for mandatory life sentences

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Efforts by Oakland Prosecutor Richard Thompson to bolster Michigan's tough anti-drug laws will have little effect, according to a Southfield lawmaker.

"We get letters like that all the time," said state Rep. Maxine L. Berman, D-84th District. Lawmakers consider such letters, but usually

decide the issue on other — more objective — information.

Berman is one of the Michigan lawmakers to whom Thompson sent a letter last week.

ESSENTIALLY Thompson urged them to reject efforts to eliminate or weaken the state law requiring mandatory life sentences for those convicted of possessing 650 or more grams of cocaine.

Thompson was referring to House Bill 4024, that would do away with the mandatory life sentence.

"I want you to know that major drug dealers are supporting HB 4024," Thompson said in his letter dated May 1.

The prosecutor said copies of a petition drive supporting 4024 were found among the drugs, guns and other property seized a week earlier in raids conducted on the basis of in-

dictments handed down by the Oakland County citizens grand jury.

Those were the raids in the week of April 21, after 18 people were indicted. Among them were two defendants the prosecutor said recorded a rap video to launder profits from their narcotics business that

did \$5 million worth of business monthly.

Thompson said Michigan's stiff law is effective . . . and drug dealers want it repealed or watered down.

That accusation drew chuckles from William R. Bryant Jr., R-

Grassie Pointe Farms, the sponsor of HB 4024.

CLAIMING drug dealers support his bill, "Sounds like something Thompson would do," Bryant said, who explained that his bill is currently before the House Judiciary committee.

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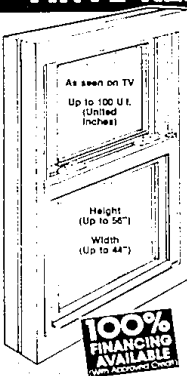
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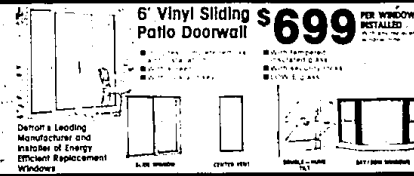
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