

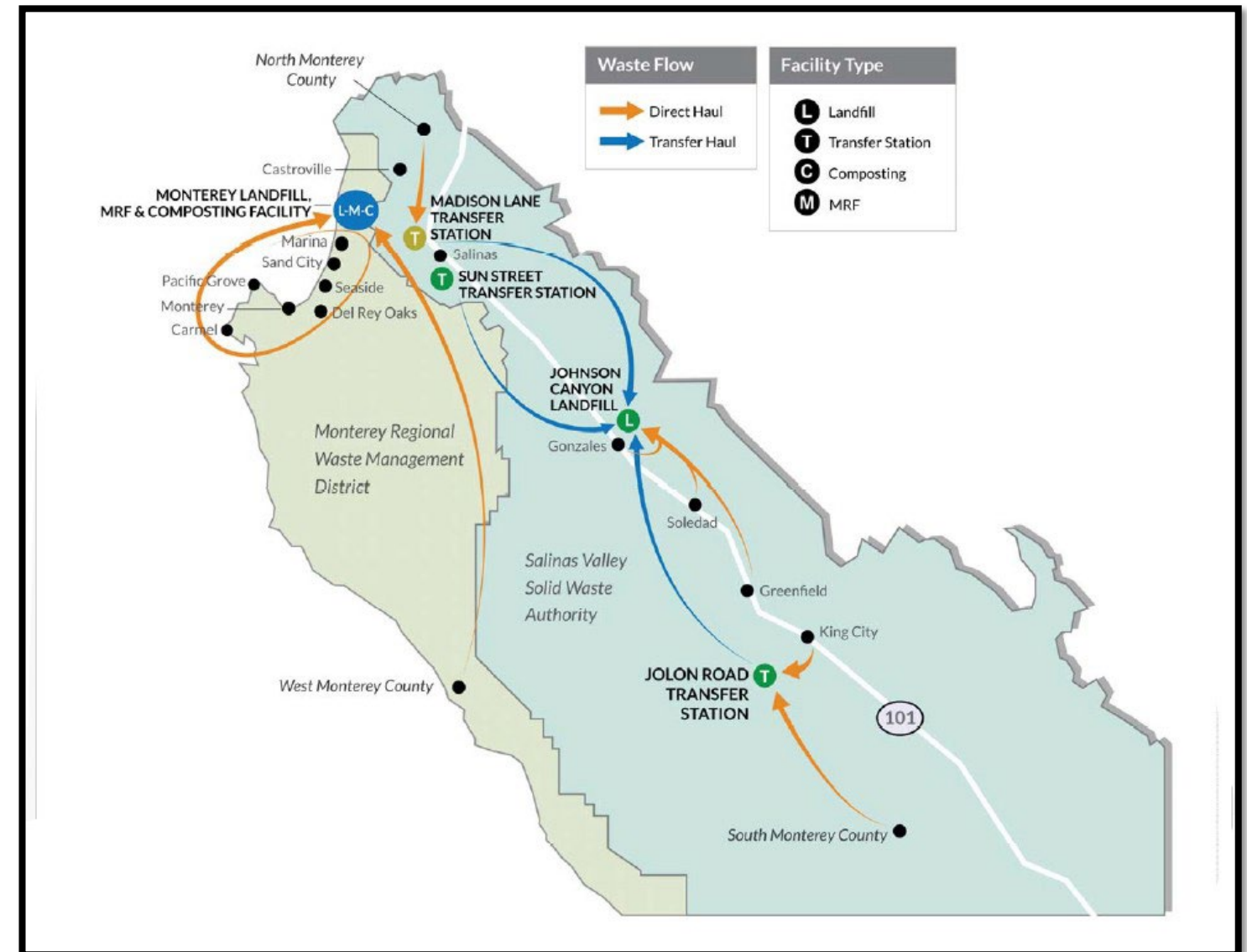
Mandatory Garbage Collection & Exemption Policy

Development Workplan Overview

Health, Housing, Homelessness and Human Services (HHHS) Committee

County of Monterey Health Department,
Environmental Health Bureau

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Today's Item

Receive an overview of the Mandatory Garbage Collection Exemption Policy Development Workplan.



Policy Development Workplan

This presentation provides an overview and seeks direction on a structured workplan. It is **NOT** a request to change County policy or ordinances today.

Committee Tasks



Receive the presentation from the Environmental Health Bureau.



Provide direction and feedback on the proposed workplan sequence.

Existing Authority

Monterey County Code (MCC Chapter 10.41)



Mandatory garbage collection is the default requirement.



Annual exemptions are permitted, but only under strictly defined, limited circumstances.

Board Direction

June 23, 2026 Board Mandate



Explicit direction to review the exemption process and forms.



Requires direct collaboration with Waste Management under the new Unified Franchise Agreement.

Goal: Ensure the administrative exemption process remains transparent, highly practical, and strictly consistent with overarching County policy.

Exemption Eligibility Criteria (MCC 10.41.030.C)

Vacant



Property is completely undeveloped or vacant.

Zero Waste



100% of generated solid waste is actively recycled or composted.

Safety / Access



Long, narrow, or steep driveways where haulers cannot safely access equipment (must not create a public nuisance).

Administrative Lifecycle

Step 1: Annual Application

Submitted by owner / franchisee



Step 2: Director Review

Evaluated by Director of Health



Step 3: Periodic Inspections

County verifies ongoing compliance



Step 4: Maintained or Revoked

Regular collection resumes if waste is present

Key Insight:
Exemptions are conditional and temporary, requiring active annual renewal.



The Default Policy:

Establish, advocate, and promote mandatory solid waste collection as the baseline standard for Monterey County.

Objectivity:

Limit exemptions exclusively to objective, narrowly tailored, and safety-based criteria.

Consistency: Ensure the process is fully

transparent and administratively practical for both applicants and County staff.

Compliance: Align strictly with CA

Government Code §25827(b) (mandating reduced charges/exemptions for properties not requiring regular service).

Major Workplan Activities



Phase 1: Research

Evaluate how other California counties structure and administer mandatory collection and exemption programs.



Phase 2: Review

Audit Monterey County's current administrative processes (initial applications, inspections, appeals).



Phase 3: Standardize

Develop clear, standardized procedures for handling initial reviews, annual renewals, and the loss of exemption status.



Phase 4: Improve

Streamline public-facing application forms and the administrative appeal process for greater transparency.



Phase 5: Evaluate

Determine if formal amendments to County Code (MCC §10.41.030) or the Unified Franchise Agreement (UFA) are necessary.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Alignment Matrix

Operational & Health Benefits

Prevents unmanaged waste, illegal dumping, and environmental contamination.

Ensures equitable cost distribution across ratepayers.

Mitigates access and safety risks for collection haulers.

Maintains consistent, objective regulatory administration.

Strategic Institutional Alignment

Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan:

- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future

EHB 2025-2028 Strategic Plan:

- Deepen Organizational Effectiveness and Support Long-Term Sustainability

10 Essential Public Health Services:

- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety



Committee Direction & Path Forward

Committee Direction



Workplan Overview Received.



Committee feedback and direction recorded for staff integration.

Path Forward (Next Steps)

- 1 Continue targeted stakeholder outreach and collaboration with Waste Management.
- 2 Execute the 5-phase policy review workplan.
- 3 Return to the Board of Supervisors with final recommendations (if policy, ordinance, or UFA changes are warranted).

Thank You. Questions?