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Chair, Cr Cameron Schuster	Melville
Deputy Chair, Cr Doug Thompson	Fremantle
Cr Michael McPhail	East Fremantle
Cr Sandra Lee	Kwinana
Cr Kevin Allen	Cockburn

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP – 9 APRIL 2015

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) purpose is to;

- Increase community understanding of the importance of recycling and living more sustainably through education
- Increase awareness of the operations and programs of both the SMRC and RRRRC.
- Gather community feedback and suggestions to assist with education and decision making.
- Help the SMRC to respond more effectively to issues and concerns arising in the community

The group supports the RecycleRight education program and is involved with waste education at community events.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 21 APRIL 2015

WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS - DIGESTERS

A Special meeting of Council was called to consider tenders for the supply and installation of Digester wear bars & surface treatments. After lengthy discussion it was resolved that the decision be deferred to the Ordinary Council meeting on 30 April 2015.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 30 APRIL 2015

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATION LICENCE UPDATE

The SMRC has a 3 year licence for its compost and green waste operations expiring 30 March 2017. The SMRC was recently successful in amending its licence increasing its annual waste composting facility throughput from 95,000t to 109,200t (the original design capacity).

The current licence as amended presents a significant turnaround from the situation the organisation faced in October 2011 when the SMRC were presented with what was effectively a “shut down” notice by 31 March 2012.

DIGESTER WEAR BAR REFURBISHMENT & STRENGTHENING WORKS

Council resolved to award the Tender to Alloy and Pipe Specialists for Digester Wear Bars and Surface Treatments. The \$4 Million maintenance cost will be funded from the RRRRC Plant Reserve.

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Apr 09.....	Community Advisory Group
Apr 15.....	Agenda Briefing Session
Apr 21.....	Special Council Meeting
Apr 21.....	MRF Business Plan Briefing Session
Apr 30.....	Ordinary Meeting of Council

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT

SMRC has received two recent safety awards:

1. Gold Diligence in Safety Award Achievement by Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS) compliant to AS/NZS 4801:2001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System Audit at the RRRRC in January 2015.
2. Gold Certificate of Achievement under the Department of Commerce *WorkSafe WA* Plan assessment.

DRAFT 2015/16 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Draft Budget for 2015/16 represents a \$30 million operational budget and \$3.6 million asset replacement expenditure budget funded from existing reserve funds.

The following proposed budget parameters are:

- SMRC Annual Contributions towards Governance and education average increase of 4%
- Materials Recovery Facility Gate Fee – No increase
- RRRRC Project Participants to receive a \$15 per tonne dividend from last FY surplus.
- Green Waste Gate Fee – No increase
- Waste Composting Facility Gate Fee increase 3%
- RRRRC Total Loan repayments reduced by \$151K.

The above parameters maintain an overall no increase in Members' contributions.

The Draft Budget Report has been sent to Member Council's CEOs for comment before the final budget is proposed for adoption in June 2015.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO DATE

The projected financial position for 2014/15 is expected to increase by \$1.1 Million.

The increase in revenue in the first six months is due to the sale of Carbon Credit Units valued at \$300K, additional throughput in the Green Waste Facility of \$325K and a surplus in RRRRC Operations of \$320K. Additional savings in insurance premiums of \$460K, together with lower than anticipated expenditure of \$310K make up the net position.



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MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY BUSINESS PLAN

A business plan, pursuant to Section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), is being prepared for a major trading undertaking comprising the disposal, via sale, or alternative means, of the SMRC's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) RRRR, Canning Vale.

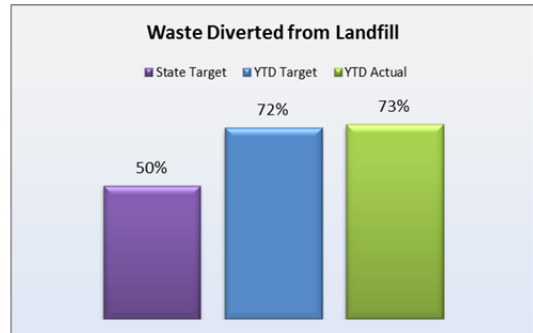
The major trading undertaking or MRF comprises:

- MRF site area of 14,436sqm on land leased from the City of Canning.
- MRF buildings including Materials Recovery Building, Bale Store, Fire Protection and Pump House.
- MRF plant and equipment.
- MRF recyclable waste processing contracts with Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville.
- MRF processed recycled material sales contracts.
- MRF labour comprising 17 full time equivalents.

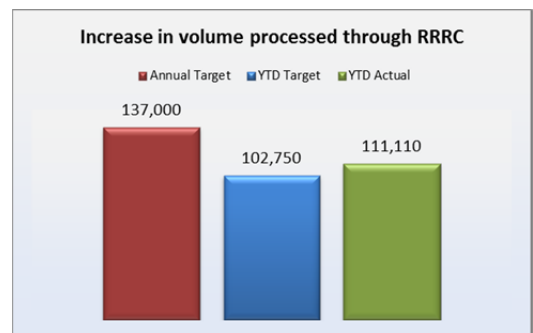
The draft Plan is provided to Participants to consider and adopt no later than 30 June 2015.

If Participants are in agreement the Plan will be advertised and a public tender process will commence.

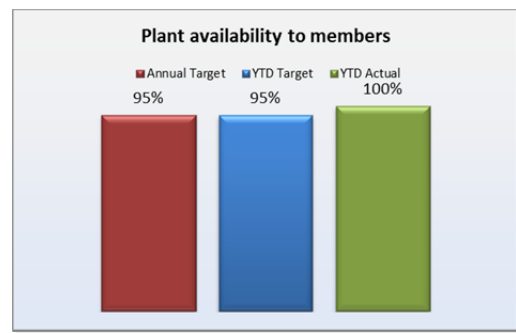
KEY PERFORMANCE RESULTS TO 31 MARCH 2015 (9 MONTHS)



RRRC recovery rates
 Recycling 86% (bgt 85%) Waste Composting 59% (bgt 59%)
 Green Waste rec'd from other councils



Measured in Tonnes
 Waste Composting commercial customers up 1,200 t
 Greenwaste commercial customers up 7,700t



RRRC plant was 100% available to members in Q1, Q2 & Q3

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