LAKE COUNTY
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SWALCO Presentation to Lake County's Public Works, Planning & Transportation Committee

Walter Willis, August 7, 2019

2019 Solid Waste Management Plan Update

- Hired consultant, RRS, to develop circular economy and greenhouse gases components for the Plan
- Plan development timeline
  - Citizens Advisory Committee meetings on Sept. 4 and 18
  - Presentation to PWPT Committee on October 2, 2019
  - SWALCO Board vote on October 17, 2019
  - PWPT vote on November 6, 2019
  - County Board vote in November or December
- After Plan Update is adopted, hold Circular Economy Workshop in early 2020, to be facilitated by RRS

Proposed Expansion of the Zion LF

- Approximately 9 years of capacity remaining, City of Zion has siting authority
- Ongoing complaints from nearby residents (east of Kenosha Road, primarily Winthrop Harbor residents), including a lawsuit against the LF
- SWALCO is engaging with the concerned residents and has held two meetings this summer
- County SW Plan requires host agreements to be entered into with Zion (completed), Lake County and SWALCO
  - Winthrop Harbor has current agreement, but a new agreement is not required by the Plan

Proposed Expansion of the Zion LF

- SWALCO will assist the City of Zion during the siting process and public hearings
  - Hiring of the hearing officer and legal counsel
  - Hiring of experts in engineering, geology, traffic, land use/real estate
- Waste Management's proposed acquisition of Advanced Disposal creates uncertainty regarding future owner/operator of the Zion LF
  - SWALCO has hired an anti-trust attorney to engage with the Department of Justice which is conducting a review of the impact on competition in the Chicago market

QUESTIONS?