

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS

DISTRICT

**BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
MEASURE G**

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

G Shall Bolinas Community Public Utility District take over solid waste collection services, acquire equipment, and provide residential and commercial garbage collection and recycling services effective on or after January 1, 2002? The 2002 cost for weekly curbside pickup would not exceed the current hauler's 2001 charges.

**BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE G**

This Advisory Measure asks the voters' opinion on whether the Bolinas Community Public Utility District shall take over solid waste collection services, acquire equipment, and provide residential and commercial garbage collection services on or after January 1, 2002. The measure contains the statement that the 2002 cost for collection services would not exceed the current hauler's 2001 charges. As an advisory measure only, the measure will not mandate any action by the Bolinas Community Public Utility District.

Dated: August 11, 2000

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Objective information on this measure:

For 30 years, Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD) has contracted with locally owned businesses for garbage service. The franchise was acquired by Waste Management, Incorporated (WMI) in July, 1998. BCPUD is in the first year of a two-year contract with WMI, ending December 31, 2001. By voting YES on Measure G, you are advising the Board of Directors that you favor BCPUD's taking over management of garbage/recycling services, effective January 1, 2002.

Two approaches being considered by the Board of Directors:

1. Construction of a transfer facility on BCPUD property, opposite the fire station. A "satellite" (small) truck used for collection. Garbage transferred to a compactor box at the site, and recyclables to a box with compartments for bottles, cans and paper. Facility could be open at scheduled times for local residents to drop off trash/ recyclables for a fee. Contractor selected by public bid process would haul the boxes to an approved landfill and/or resource recovery site. Individuals renting debris boxes choose any provider.

2. Eliminates the transfer facility, permits, and construction costs. Requires purchase of standard garbage compactor truck to haul garbage directly to the landfill. There could be a drop off program, subject to effective controls for health and safety. Residents, for a fee, deposit trash at a specified location during selected periods. Collection and transport of recyclables provided by a contractor selected by public bid process. Individuals renting debris boxes choose any provider.

Current monthly rate for one 32-gallon can, collected weekly, is \$16.15. Under the terms of its agreement with BCPUD, WMI may seek a cost-of-living rate increase for 2001. If BCPUD provides these services, it will do so only if it can be done for less than WMI's rate at the end of the contract.

s/ Victor C. Amoroso
President, Board of Directors

s/ Paul Kayfetz
Member, Board of Directors

s/ Jack McClellan
Member, Board of Directors

**NO REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR
OF THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

Please join us in voting to RETAIN Shoreline Disposal as our town's garbage collector. Jose & Victorino Solario and Ruben Garcia are the fine fellows who arrive rain or shine every Thursday and who take away our trash. Jose (small truck) has over 20 years, Ruben (recycling) and Victorino (large truck) have over 15 years. These guys are efficient, dependable and just plain nice people. Where in the world would the BPUD find competent, trained people like these? **If it ain't broke don't fix it!**

The out-of-town consultant's cost estimates are unsubstantiated and he may not be available to help in the future. Expensive trucks are needed to start this operation. Our rates are only guaranteed for 1 year. After that, the BPUD (which scrutinizes Shoreline's rate increase requests) will approve its own rates.

Do you want mandatory garbage collection service to pay for all of this? It's not required now but could be required if revenues fall short.

The BPUD management's responsibility is already stretched to cover water, sewer, roads & septic. There are so many issues to be resolved, such as availability of back up equipment, personnel training, customer service calls, billing and collection and we really can't look to any other Agency for equipment or personnel help.

Do you want a garbage collection and transfer station across from the Fire House?? That's the plan!!

We need to have an overwhelming show of support for retaining Shoreline since the BPUD looks on this vote as "advisory". Lets show the same 80% we showed Caltrans on the Bolinas 2 mile sign issue.

Vote NO on the BCPUD taking over solid waste collection for us.

s/ Malcolm Ponder

s/ Michael Aitken

s/ Joan Bertsch

s/ Louise I. Pepper

s/ Frank G. Pepper

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

Waste Management, operating nationwide, owns Shoreline and has no effective competition hereabouts. They own Redwood Landfill too, and that is where they haul. Shoreline used to own part of West Marin Landfill, and we are in litigation over who pays for the clean up there. We paid our share through our garbage rates once; now they want more.

It is "broke" and the "fix" is competition. When Shoreline's contract expires next year, BCPUD will consider their new proposal in good faith, comparing it to ours and making a choice. A "no" vote is a vote for no choice, no competition.

Sure, this is new ground for us. We're trying it because of our stormy legal relationship with Shoreline, because we think we can do it more economically, and because we need a choice.

Shoreline's rates must include money for huge corporate salaries and shareholder profits. Effective monitoring of their books is, for us, financially impossible. Far better, that BCPUD should set its own rates without money for huge corporate salaries and shareholder profits, and where the books can be effectively monitored.

A transfer station is a concrete pad and a compactor the size of a large debris box. The sewer farm is the logical place, probably unnoticeable.

We may wax nostalgic over lost fellowship with Jose, Victorino and Ruben, but they are not going to lose their jobs just because Shoreline loses Bolinas.

Vote "yes" on BCPUD taking over garbage collection and preserve competition, preserve our choice.

s/ Jack McClellan
Member, Board of Directors

END OF MEASURE G

