

Green Coalition

FOR RESPONSIBLE WASTE/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Redwood Landfill Expansion Hearing Set

Marin County Planning Commission ~ April 28, 2008 ~ 1:00 pm

Greetings Friends of the Green Coalition,

We are writing to alert you that the Marin County Planning Commission will be hearing public comment regarding Waste Management Inc.'s Redwood Landfill expansion project on April 28 at the Marin County Civic Center, Room 330, at 1:00 pm. This will be a critical hearing for the public to express its views. (A second hearing date, May 5, has also been set.) The Green Coalition, representing 25 major environmental, health, and social justice groups, has proposed **Four Principles** (see greencoalitionmarin.org) that we insist be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report and the Expansion Permit. We need your help.



Possibly toxic "leachate" being pumped into a tank.

This dump was built on historic Bay wetlands in the Petaluma Marsh just north of Novato. If you believe, as we do, that the North Bay's wetlands are precious, that our health and the health of the Bay are worth preserving, and that taxpayers should not be expected to pay for a potential toxic cleanup when the dump is closed, then we urge you to attend this hearing to express your concern and support for the Green Coalition.

Also, call Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold or your own Supervisor at (415) 499-7331 and say that any expansion alternative must incorporate the Four Principles.

GreenCoalitionMarin.org provides a wealth of background material no matter how much or how little you want to study this matter for yourself. We have been studying it for three years, and have brought in experts to advise us.

As long as Marin and Sonoma produce waste, we will need a place to put it. But the Green Coalition advocates for environmental and public safety measures, financial guarantees for any toxic cleanup, increased dump fees to fund independent monitoring of dump safety and to fund waste reduction and resource recovery programs, and putting a stop to the use of green and organic material being used as daily cover at the landfill to avoid substantial methane gas generation— a major cause of global warming.

Please "forward" this email to alert others to the upcoming Planning Commission hearings. The Green Coalition welcomes your comments and participation.

Sincerely,
Christopher Gilkerson, Director
Green Coalition for Responsible Waste/Resource Management

For detailed information on Waste Management Inc.'s expansion request, the Environmental Impact Report, the Green Coalition, and the Four Principles, please visit our website: greencoalitionmarin.org

THE FOUR PRINCIPLES

(details at greencoalitionmarin.org)

1. Marin must ban green and organic waste from the dump, and convert it to a resource in a manner that reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Marin must insist on strong earthquake, groundwater, and flood protections at the dump.
3. Adopt a mitigation fee to discourage waste, to fund zero waste initiatives, and to pay for an independent monitor who reports to the community.
4. Insist on a real financial guarantee or insurance to pay for the inevitable toxic clean-up.

MEMBERS OF THE GREEN COALITION INCLUDE: Sierra Club Marin Group, Sustainable Novato, Sustainable San Rafael, Sustainable Petaluma, Sustainable Marin, Sustainable Fairfax, Friends of the Petaluma River, Madrone Audubon, The Bay Institute, Baykeeper, No Wetlands Landfill Expansion, Novato Democratic Club, Petaluma Tomorrow, Democracy for America, Green Builders of Marin, Friends of Novato Creek, Seniors for Peace, Grey Panthers of Marin, Environmental Action Committee of West Marin, Petaluma River Council, Daily-Acts, Democratic Central Committee of Marin, 6th Assembly District Democrats, Green Gate, Novato Live-Well Network.