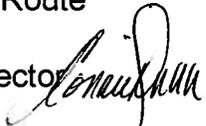


**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA COVER SHEET**

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**ITEM NO:** D - 5  
**DATE:** July 23, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Change of Scheduled Garbage Route  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Connie Dunn, Public Works Director 

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**ISSUE:**

Changing scheduled Tuesday garbage route to Thursday garbage pick up day, effective September 1, 2009.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Advertise, in newspaper, place tags on garbage cans announcing the City of Sultan is changing Tuesday garbage route to Thursday, because of Snohomish County work force reduction at the Sultan Drop Box. The Sultan Drop Box is open 9 am to 4 pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Attachment A)

**SUMMARY:**

The economic downturn in the Region and Snohomish County has created a need to reduce the work force in Snohomish County Public Works. There is still the same amount of garbage just fewer staff to operate the drop boxes. Snohomish County has downsized in several departments which is changing the services provided to city and county residents. Recently Snohomish County has reduced hours of operation at the drop boxes and have closed several locations (Attachment A). The City had contact with the County staff and County staff thought they had picked days that Sultan ran garbage collection service.

Through the process of the adjustments county wide, the Gold Bar and Oso Drop Box Facilities have been closed.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the years as the City has grown so has the garbage collection and route(s). Originally garbage was collected once a week, then Monday and half a day on Friday. In the mid 1990's the garbage route was expanded to two full days of Monday and Friday, by the early 2000's the City added Tuesday as a third day of garbage.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Advertising route changes in the newspaper, in house production of tags to place on cans, and public notification will cost approximately \$150.00, a one time cost.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative 1: Change Tuesday collection day to Thursday so the City can continue to use the County Drop Box in Sultan. After the notification process and a few phones calls from customers the cost is minimal.

Alternative 2: Continue to collect garbage on Tuesday, driving to Cathcart or Paine Field Disposal Sites. Keeping collection on Tuesday will cost the approximately \$104.00 per day for fuel and \$90.00 per day for wages to drive Cathcart twice every Tuesday. The annual cost would be approximately \$10,400.00.

**COUNCIL MOTION:**

Direct city staff to move forward with changing Tuesday garbage to Thursday with notices being given to all affected property owners or tenants.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A Letter from Snohomish County Public Works

**COUNCIL ACTION:**



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May 26, 2009



Connie Dunn  
City of Sultan Public Works  
P.O. Box 1199  
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Dear Ms. Dunn:

Due to the economic downturn affecting the region and the resulting decline in waste received at County facilities, the Solid Waste Division has conducted an analysis of current service levels and hours of operation.

As a result, and in response to the decline in business, the following adjustments are being made and are scheduled to take effect **June 28, 2009**.

Airport Road, Mountlake Terrace, and North County Transfer Stations

Transfer Station      7:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday \*  
                                 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday – Sunday

Recycle Area            10:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday  
                                 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday – Sunday

\*Airport Road Transfer Station will be open at 6:00am to Hauler Commercial Traffic.

Neighborhood Recycling and Disposal Centers

Gold Bar                CLOSED  
Oso                        CLOSED  
Dubuque Road        9:00 am – 4:00 pm Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon  
Sultan                   9:00 am – 4:00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon  
Granite Falls         9:00 am – 4:00 pm Sat, Sun, Tues, Wed

County Transfer Stations are no longer accepting electronic recycling (monitors, televisions, computers) in the Recycle Area. There are outside collection locations available within the County and a listing may be requested at any Solid Waste facility or call (425) 388-3425.

The Moderate Risk Waste Facility will no longer accept latex paint for recycling. As this resource for the public is no longer available please be aware that you may see more occurrences of liquid paint disposed of by your customers. Solid Waste Facilities do not accept liquid waste for recycling or disposal and your cooperation in keeping this material out of the waste stream is appreciated. The Moderate Risk Waste Facility will continue to accept other hazardous waste for free from households and for a fee from small businesses by appointment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



**Matt Zybas**  
Solid Waste Director