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August 28, 1985

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Transportation & Community  
Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Update on Vegetal Waste Processing Program

SUMMARY:

This report summarizes the recent activity and current status of the Vegetal Waste Processing Program. The following activity has occurred:

1. The City Department of Public Works received a memorandum (attached) from the State Department of General Services, dated August 27, 1985, which informs the City of Sacramento that the State of California; Department of General Services, is prepared to begin using City processed fuel to operate its Fluidized Bed Gasifier beginning September 16, 1985.
2. The City of Sacramento's Solid Waste Division is prepared to deliver shredded material to the State Department of General Services on September 16, 1985.

BACKGROUND:

On June 17, 1980, the City staff and State Department of General Services staff presented a report to the City Council on the possible utilization of some of Sacramento City's vegetal waste to heat and cool some State buildings. The City Council later approved an agreement with the State to sell them vegetal waste.

During the construction and testing phases of both the City's Vegetal Shredding Facility and the State's Gasifier System, both encountered problems which delayed the start up of the program. The City shredding facility became operational and ready to deliver fuel except for a short period when an arsonist rendered the facility inoperational from November 1984 to January 1985.

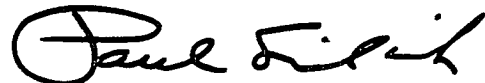
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The State had encountered problems with both its feed system and its boiler. They have now indicated in a memorandum dated August 27, 1985 that they are ready to accept the City's shredded material on September 16, 1985.

RECOMMENDATION:

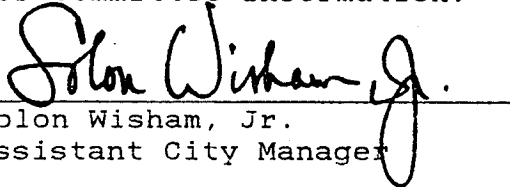
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Respectfully submitted,



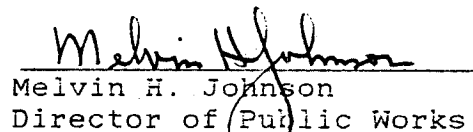
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## DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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August 27, 1985

Mr. Reginald Young, Superintendent  
City of Sacramento  
Division of Waste Removal  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Young:

We are prepared to begin using City processed fuel to operate our Fluidized Bed Gasifier beginning September 16, 1985. I need to know if you can supply fuel as specified in the contract as of that date. Please respond by September 6, 1985, with this information. You may contact Ed Loader at 445-8936 to schedule testing of the fuel prior to delivery.

I am looking forward to operating the Gasifier as a cost effective operation. Your participation supplying low cost fuel is a vital part of this cost efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosamond Bolden".

ROSAMOND C. BOLDEN, Chief  
Office of Buildings and Grounds

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