

# BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT



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## MEMORANDUM

TO:	Board of BCPUD Directors
FROM:	Belle Wood, Assistant General Manager
RE:	<i>Item #21: Resource Recovery Project Update</i>
DATE:	May 20, 2026

### Purpose

This item provides a summary of current activities and upcoming operational requirements for the Bolinas-Stinson Resource Recovery Project (“RRP”) site.

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### Summary

- Site Management

- a) New Shed

BCPUD is moving forward with the groundwater well project located at the RRP site. Due to the required 50-foot buffer around the wellhead, the vehicles currently parked on-site will need to be relocated. To accommodate materials currently stored in those vehicles, the District recently constructed a small storage shed for overflow materials.

- b) Compost Materials

Due to site constraints, the large volume of compost generated from the most recent grinding operations created overflow issues at the site. As a result, Mickey Murch, who leases the two parcels adjacent to the RRP driveway, accepted the bulk of the compost for eventual use on his produce fields.

Currently, compost is provided free of charge to the public; however, the District is considering the possibility of selling compost in the future to generate additional revenue.

- c) Grind Operations

BCPUD has contacted Fahy Tree Company to schedule the next grind operation at the site.

In recent years, transporting the large tub grinder to the RRP site has proven difficult due to ongoing Highway 1 construction projects and challenges associated with obtaining Caltrans transportation permits. The District is hopeful that this process will move more efficiently this time.

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- Staffing and Hours

#### Part-Time Job Opening

At present, the site has only one attendant on staff, as the second attendant recently resigned. As noted earlier in the meeting, the District plans to post a notice for a part-time position at the site as soon as possible.

#### Temporary Schedule Adjustments

Due to limited staffing levels, the District would like to inform the community that the site may periodically close outside of normal operating hours or close early on certain days. These temporary adjustments may be necessary to accommodate staffing limitations and personal scheduling needs of the current site attendant.

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- Finances

The site has operated at a deficit for many years due to increasing operational costs, including grinding services, material removal, and disposal fees, as well as the loss of greenwaste drop-off revenue previously generated through the Bolinas garbage hauler, Recology Sonoma-Marin.

Following the implementation of California Senate Bill 1383, organic waste handling requirements changed, requiring food waste to be placed in greenwaste bins. As a result, Recology could no longer deliver the community's greenwaste to the RRP site, resulting in an estimated revenue loss of approximately \$1,000 per month.

In March 2025, greenwaste drop-off fees were increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per cubic yard. Despite this increase, the site continues to operate at a deficit. The District is therefore considering an additional increase to \$40.00 per cubic yard.

Comparable nearby greenwaste facilities currently charge:

- West Marin Compost (Nicasio) — approximately \$40 per cubic yard
- Marin Resource Recovery Center — approximately \$50–\$60 per cubic yard