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STAFF REPORT

TO: Summit County Board of County Commissioners

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FOR: Meeting of March 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Proposed Formation of the Summit County Disposal District

The Board of County Commissioners previously expressed a desire to bolster the regulation of solid waste collection and disposal in Summit County and enhance its solid waste management activities including recycling and waste diversion efforts. The initial desire for the formation of a Disposal District arose from a concern that has faced Summit County for many years and continues to be a problem - the improper storage, accumulation, and collection of solid waste, including garbage, trash, debris, recycling materials and other discarded materials. Due to the extreme weather we face and the strong presence of wildlife and other animals that are attracted to such materials, these solid waste activities are a matter of substantial public concern and may create a variety of environmental and public health and environmental impacts that can adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare.

One way to enhance the County's authority in this subject area is to form a county disposal district as provided for in the Colorado Disposal District Act at 30-20-201, C.R.S., et seq. A disposal district is empowered to engage in a variety of solid waste disposal activities such as the development of solid waste policies (including recycling) and associated facilities and regulations.

A disposal district must be developed and proposed by the Board of Health. With that goal in mind, the Board of County Commissioners previously requested the Board of Health to develop and certify a tentative plan for the formation of a County Disposal District, as provided for in section 30-20-202, C.R.S. That plan development and certification has now occurred and the BOCC's review and potential approval of the proposed plan and formation of the Summit County Disposal District is on your March 9th public hearing agenda.

A Disposal District may only be established by the Board of County Commissioners after reviewing the proposed plan at a public hearing following extensive public notice, with publication in the Summit County Journal at least three times within a 30 day period prior to the hearing.

In addition to the solid waste storage and collection issues referenced above, the proposed Summit County Disposal District would also be tasked with other general operational and regulatory activities. These activities include the development of solid waste policies (including recycling) and associated facilities and regulations; the development, support or active management of volumetric or weight based waste collection systems; and other programs as described herein or as may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Disposal District programs are intended to stimulate and support increased diversion by focusing on residential and commercial waste reduction; sharing of information and resources; communication, outreach, promotion, and education; multijurisdictional projects; and augmented services for the recycling, reuse, or proper disposal of materials.

To address the aforementioned issues, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners Health review and approve the attached Disposal District plan, including adoption of the solid waste regulations included in the plan.