# Siskiyou County Department of General Services

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# Siskiyou County Statistics

- Population: 44,634
  - Yreka 7,343 people
  - Mt. Shasta 3,517 people
  - Weed 3,020 people
- Median Household Income \$36,823
- Median Age 43 years
- ▶ 6,287 square miles

Features of Siskiyou County

Mt. Shasta

Mt. Shasta Ski Park

Marble Mountain Wilderness Area

- Lake Siskiyou
- Headwater of the Sacramento River
- and home to 34 landfills



## Map of Siskiyou County



## Overview of Solid Waste Program

- 4 Transfer Stations
  - Operated by private contractors
- Transfer Stations accept:
  - Municipal Waste
  - Appliances
  - Green Waste
  - Metal
  - Inert Material

# Solid Waste Program cont...

- Siskiyou County Recycling Efforts
  - Siskiyou Recycles Program
  - Tires
  - Electronics
  - Universal Waste
- Recycling Centers
  - Yreka Transfer Recycling
  - Siskiyou Opportunity Center
  - Recycling Centers Accept
    - Cardboard
    - Newspaper and Office Paper
    - Aluminum Cans
    - Glass
    - Tin
    - #1 & 2 Plastics

# Solid Waste Program cont...

- Operating Expenses
  - · 2007
    - \$2,173,313
  - 2008
    - \$2,017,341
  - 2009
    - \$2,179,191
  - 2010
    - \$1,523,798

#### Revenue

- 2007
  - \$2,320,951
- 2008
  - \$3,872,340
- 2009
  - \$2,206,988
- 2010
  - \$2,201,029

## Oberlin Road Recycling & Transfer Station



#### Oberlin Road

- Operating Expenses
  - Monitoring \$16,200

- Revenue
  - \$90,132

Total \$16,200

Difference: \$73,932

# Black Butte Transfer Station



#### **Black Butte**

- Operating Expenses
  - Monitoring \$11,155

- Revenue
  - \$76,932

Total: \$11,155

Difference: \$65,777

# **Tulelake Transfer Station**



#### Tulelake

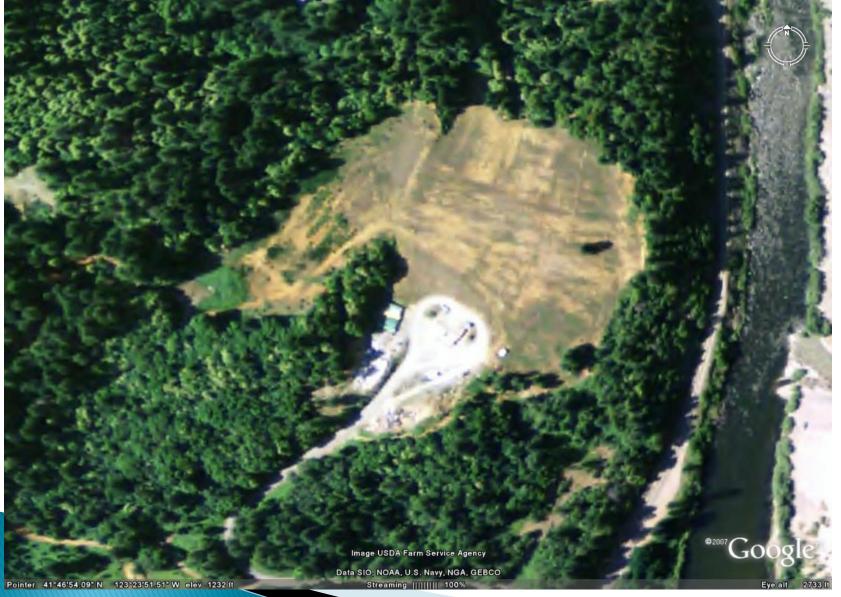
- Operating Expenses
  - Disposal Fees \$52,144
  - Hauling Fees \$143,790
  - Operator \$49,735
  - Monitoring \$13,190

- Revenue
  - \$79,500

Total: \$258,859

Difference: -\$179,359

Happy Camp Transfer Station



# Happy Camp

- Operating Expenses
  - Disposal Fees \$82,585
  - Hauling Fees \$100,879
  - Operator \$86,924
  - Monitoring \$4,550

- Revenue
  - \$78,408

Total: \$274,938

Difference: -\$196,530

#### Solid Waste Issues the County is Facing

#### Contracts

- Your word and a handshake
  - Tulelake property tax bill
  - Weed landfill water board bill
- I Bank vs. Private Operators
  - Cannot be described with out using the word "Cluster"

#### Issues cont...

#### Spring Drain 5

- Spring found when excavating for unlined Cell 5
- Water began testing positive for MTBE and other VOCs after cell was used
- Cell 5 was clean closed in 2007 in a deal with Cal Recycles. County began treating water in 2007
- MTBE Levels have gone from 1.3 ppb to nearly zero since treatment began. California drinking water standards is 5 to 13 ppb
- NCRWQCB is still requiring treatment of the water
- Cost of treatment in 2009 was \$43,826

#### Cell 5Clean Closure





Removal of Waste

Water from Waste

#### Spring 5 Collection & Treatment System





**Building of Dam** 

**Treatment Facility** 

#### Issues cont...

- Closing the Oberlin Road Landfill
  - Stopped accepting waste in 2007
  - Closure account was not fully funded when they stopped accepting waste
  - County's high debt to equity ratio means we are unable to borrow funds
  - Closure cost \$4,700,000
- Permanent Transfer Station
  - Temporary open air transfer station on site
  - Contractor, Water Board and Cal Recycles all waiting for a covered permanent transfer station
  - County can not afford to borrow the funds
  - Transfer station cost \$4,200,000

# Questions & Suggestions