

# CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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# Agenda

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- Background on CRCOG Solid Waste Efforts
- Outline of new Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority
- Benefits of CCSWA
- Requirements for Member Towns
- Timeline Forward
- Questions

# Solid Waste Management Timeline

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- June 2008: Discussion Began about Solid Waste Alternatives
- July 2008: RFP for Consultant Services
- August-November 2008: Consultant Research
- November 2008: Final Options Report
- Jan-March 2009: Solid Waste Working Group works on specifications for a RFI
- June 2009: CRCOG Releases RFI for Long Term Waste Transfer, Transportation, Disposal and Processing/Recycling Services
- July 2009: CRCOG receives six responses and consultants analyze results, concluding there is a viable private market for solid waste disposal for towns
- August 12, 2009: CRCOG Executive Committee authorizes pursuit of regional solid waste authority
- September 9, 2009: CRCOG hosts informational webinar on new Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority
- November 2, 2009: Preliminary deadline for interest forms
- \*\*Additional interested towns are welcomed to participate beyond this date\*\*
- November 18, 2009: CRCOG Policy Board authorized expenditure of municipal contributions to establish the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority
- December 4, 2009: CRCOG hosts conference call to discuss Governance Options
- December 18, 2009: CRCOG releases draft Model Ordinance and begins collecting feedback from towns
- January 25, 2009: Legislative Briefing at the State Legislative Office Building
- February 19, 2010: Final ordinance is distributed for local passage by June 1, 2010.

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# Regional Solid Waste Authority

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- Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA)
- CCSWA will be formed as a regional resource recovery authority under the “Regional Authority Statute” Sections 7-273aa to 7-273oo, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.
  - This statute gives CCSWA the widest scope of potential powers (not all of which it may want to exercise) combined with a minimum amount of initial organizational burden and flexibility in establishing a governing board

# Regional Solid Waste Authority

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## □ Governance

- CCSWA executive board elected by CCSWA membership at-large by region and by tier (one representative per tier):

% Population	Votes per Town
0-1	1
1-2	2
2-5	3
5-10	4
10+	5

- Executive Committee two year terms, staggered



# Regional Solid Waste Authority

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## □ Implementation

- Each municipality that wishes to join CCSWA would become a member by adopting an identical ordinance setting forth the CCSWA articles of incorporation (the “CCSWA Ordinance”).
- Once two towns pass the model ordinance, the authority is formed.
  - **After** Authority is formed, towns will:
    - Determine Bylaws
    - Determine next steps (solicitation, etc)
    - Determine what obligations the towns will have and ask for commitments

# Benefits of CCSWA

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- **Transparency**
  - Executive Committee elected directly by the membership at-large and is responsible for management of the authority, including determining staffing and overhead (upon approval by general membership).
  - Executive Committee members are Chief Elected Officials or their designees.
- **Accountability**
  - Tiered voting for general member votes and regional and tier representation on Executive Committee.
- **Prospect of Savings**
  - Forming CCSWA with the maximum possible number of members is the best way to get optimum results from a procurement solid waste services.

# What we ask of the towns

- Initially, asked to express interest in helping establish CCSWA with \$500 contribution to form the solid waste authority.
- Currently, those 49 municipalities have committed to reviewing the final documents establishing the CCSWA and take action to join the authority if it is determined to be in the best interest of the municipality.
- Municipalities must pass the CCSWA ordinance by June 1, 2010.

# Timeline Forward

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- Early 2010
  - ▣ Final Version of Ordinance for local passage
  - ▣ Deadline for passage: June 1, 2010
  - ▣ Establish by-laws
  - ▣ Group determines next steps (including Solid Waste Management (SWM) solicitation)
- Summer 2010: Release SWM solicitation
- Late 2010-Early 2011: Contract for services in place

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# Questions?

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