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SUBJECT—

Collection and Processing of Yard Waste Materials

SYNOPSIS—

Approval of 28E Agreement with Metro Waste Authority for the Operation of a Program for the Collection and Processing of Yard Waste Materials. Staff recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The 28E Agreement provides for a payment of \$77.75 per ton for yard waste delivered by the City of Des Moines for a total annual revenue of \$668,650 based on last year's tonnage of approximately 8,600 tons.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

On November 6, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-4288, the City Council authorized staff to negotiate a 28E Agreement with Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for lease and operation of the City's Harriett Street Compost Facility. On March 12, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-763, the City Council

approved the 28E Agreement by and between the City of Des Moines and MWA for lease of the Harriett Street Facility through March 31, 2004. Staff has now renegotiated the terms and conditions of the agreement with a new expiration date of March 31, 2007.

In 1989, the State of Iowa passed legislation that prohibits the landfill disposal of yard debris. The law was effective January 1, 1991. To comply with this law, the City initiated a separate collection of yard debris for residential properties and constructed a yard debris processing facility, known as the Harriett Street Facility. The separate collection program began in October of 1989.

On March 12, 2001, the City Council approved a 28E Agreement with the MWA for the lease and operation of the Harriett Street Facility for composting of yard debris. The term of the lease agreement expires March 31, 2004.

A new 28E Agreement has now been negotiated for the lease and operation of the Harriett Street Facility for a term of April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007, and provides for the following:

1. MWA will pay the City of Des Moines \$77.75 per ton of yard waste delivered to the Harriett Street Facility.
2. A lease payment of \$4,166.67 will be paid monthly by MWA to the City of Des Moines for the term of the lease.
3. A 25¢ host fee will be paid to the City of Des Moines for each ton of yard waste delivered to the Harriett Street Facility from other private and governmental entities utilizing the facility.
4. The City of Des Moines will no longer provide personnel to the Harriett Street Facility.
5. MWA has agreed to pay the City the same price per ton of yard waste from another entity if that price exceeds the City's contracted price of \$77.75, retroactive.

The MWA approved the proposed agreement by resolution 02-04-03 on February 18, 2004, and Council approval is now recommended.