This is an informational report and no Council action is required.

**BACKGROUND**

On October 7, 1991, Council approved a long-term refuse disposal agreement with Waste Management, Inc. of California. At the same time, the Council also approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating a partnership with the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale to construct and operate the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT®) Station, in Sunnyvale, on a ten-acre site. These two agreements assured Palo Alto solid waste capacity for 30 years (until September 30, 2021). Per this MOU, the City of Sunnyvale was and is taking the lead in the construction and operation of this station. In October 1993, the SMaRT Station® began operation on time and within budget. It was designed and is permitted to handle a maximum of 1,500 tons per day of solid waste.

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Palo Alto delivers approximately 53,000 tons of solid waste per year to the SMaRT Station. This is approximately 60 percent of the total waste stream generated within the city. The Palo Alto Sanitation Company/Waste Management delivers the majority of the waste. In Fiscal Year 2000-01, the SMaRT Station recovered approximately 6,500 tons (or 12 percent) of recyclables from the Palo Alto waste stream delivered.

Please see “A Report to the Community about the SMaRT Station cooperative venture 2000-2001”, Attachment A.

**ATTACHMENT**

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