



RAD Curbside – Teton Valley’s Stewards of Service, Community and Environment

Introduction to a Teton County Environmental Policy & Resolution

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ISSUE - Our core environmental values only exist within the TVCR diversion plan and the RAD Curbside Agreement. Our community is growing, so our environment, watershed and landscape will inevitably be impacted, as will the volumes of our waste & recycling.

ASK – Formalize existing environmental preservation standards and waste reduction goals into a stand-alone Environmental Commitment policy & Resolution.

Links to Drafts: [Policy Link](#) & [Resolution Link](#)

PURPOSES of the Policy & Resolution are to sustain the financial and environmental benefits of responsible resource management in future decision making and to maintain values successful past initiatives.

HISTORICAL VALUES include:

Creating Local, Living-Wage Jobs – At Transfer Station & RAD
Cost-Savings - \$3 Million in *NOT* hauling to the landfill over 10 years
Reduce Landfill Liabilities & Preserve Landfill space
Cost-Avoidance - \$25 million in transfer station renovations that did not promote diversion or recycling

Grant Value - Recycling and diversion brings grant money for development and expansion of processing systems. On the other hand, landfilling requires increasing tax burden to residents and future liabilities. A great example is the C/D sorting pad where public, private and non-profit turned the fire at the transfer station into new infrastructure that created jobs, reduced landfilling and saves money.

Furthermore, there is significant value when a non-profit that applies for a grant can include that the local government

In this way, we are asking that you enable community organizations to get grant money to pay for community infrastructure and preservation efforts!

CONTINUED GROUP CONTRIBUTION - Our group wants to collaborate with & will be a resource for the County & its staff to develop the draft into a well-rounded policy to benefit all County taxpayers

Our Asks:

We would like to see the Policy and Resolution on the next Commissioners meeting
We would like each of you & County Staff to review/comment on each document

