

Butte County interested in property next to landfill for secondary services



A sign is posted near the Neal Road landfill where the county may be interested in purchasing a 50.59-acre parcel. Bill Husa — Enterprise-Record

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Oroville >> Butte County officials are interested in buying a 50.59-acre parcel adjacent to the county landfill on Neal Road.

The negotiations were announced in a public notice published three times in this publication. The site is wedged between the 200-acre landfill site and the road, west of the landfill entrance.

Adding the property could enable the county to increase recycling and improve safety at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, but it wouldn't expand the landfill, according to public works director Mike Crump.

Crump said there can often be lines on Neal Road for people to enter the landfill, particularly when people self-haul their refuse in the spring. If the county acquires the new site, the landfill could add an enclosed area for self-haulers to drop off their refuse.

The enclosed area would include a concrete floor area to make it easier to find recyclable material. It would also be safer and more efficient as the personal vehicles would no longer go to the active tipping area to put their waste in the landfill.

The Public Works Department may also look at different projects on the landfill's strategic plan, including increased composting and methane gas capture. Crump said the department also has to address its pond used to store septic waste.

The property became available about five weeks ago, according to county general services director Grant Hunsicker. He said the Board of Supervisors authorized him to begin negotiations for the land.

Hunsicker said he wasn't at liberty to disclose what the county may pay for the property, but a contract may be reached in a week or so.

If there is a contract, the General Services Department would perform inspections and other due diligence while ensuring the property fits the county's land use plans.

If the property meets the county's needs, general services will make a recommendation to the board. There would be additional public notice before it goes to the board for a hearing and final consideration.

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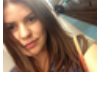
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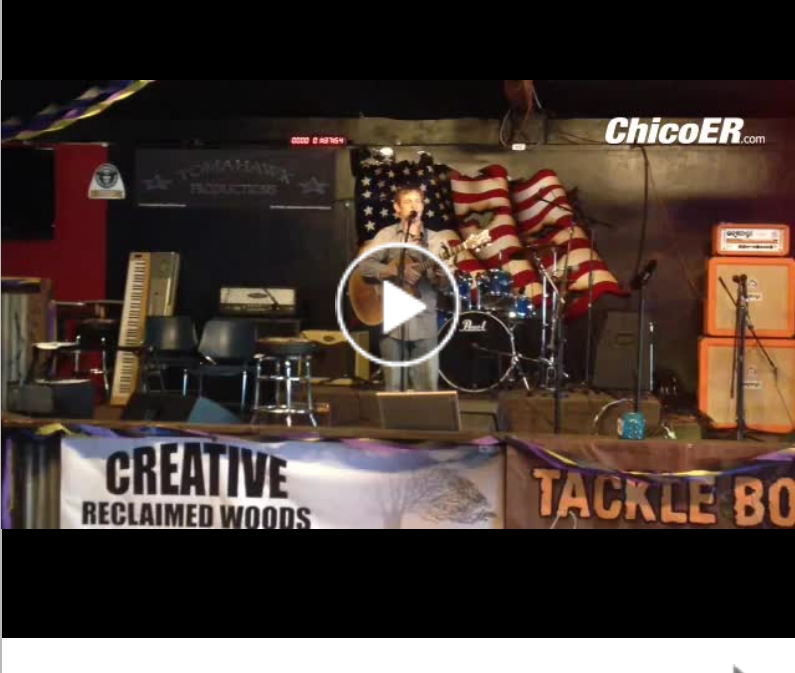
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