



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** April 11, 2023

**Title of Item:** East Central Solid Waste Commission requesting Certificate of Need

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Andrew Carlstrom	<b>Department:</b> Environmental Services / Zoning
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

East Central Solid Waste Commission Landfill located in Mora, MN. is approaching their end date of "Certificate of Need" with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). They are requesting Aitkin County Board of Commissioners support and to adopt a resolution in favor to continue receiving waste hauling from Aitkin County to ECSWC. Currently, two Aitkin County licensed haulers deliver to the ECSWC Landfill with an estimated 3000 - 5000 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), construction and demolition waste (C&D), and industrial waste annually. Anticipated amounts for the next ten years delivered to ECSWC in Mora are on letter written to the MPCA.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

Motion to deny support of Certificate of Need for ECSWC.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Motion to approve resolution and support Certificate of Need for East Central Solid Waste Commission and make Environmental Services Director Andrew Carlstrom County Board approved designee to sign MPCA letter.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?       Yes       No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?       Yes       No      Please Explain:

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MPCA Greater MN Planning Coordinator  
525 Lake Avenue South Suite 400  
Duluth, MN 55804

RE: ECSWC requesting Certificate of Need

Dear Ms. Ringhofer,

Aitkin County is sending this letter of estimated tonnages for the Certificate of Need (CON) request being submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the ECSWC Landfill. The estimates are for the years 2023 - 2032 for municipal solid waste (MSW), construction and demolition waste (C&D), and industrial waste that will be sent to the ECSWC Landfill.

Because the MSW tonnage that is listed in the county's 2013 solid waste management plan is inconsistent with the present amount of MSW being sent to the ECSWC Landfill, the following waste estimates have been approved by the Aitkin County Board.

**Estimated MSW – C&D Waste (in tons) 2023 – 2032 for Aitkin County to ECSWC Landfill**

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
5,176	5,128	5,041	4,954	4,867	4,780	4,693	4,606	4,519	4,432

The county's inconsistent estimates are lower due to the county's decreasing population, as well as added competition from other MSW haulers, who in turn haul to other landfills. Aitkin County continues to develop alternatives to landfilling through the education of the public, increased opportunities for recycling/composting, and collaboration with neighboring counties on initiatives to divert more MSW from the waste stream.

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PROPOSED April 11, 2023

By Commissioner:

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**Aitkin County's Support for Certificate of Need for East Central Solid Waste Commission**

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County licensed waste haulers have and will continue to utilize the East Central Solid Waste Commission's (ECSWC) Landfill located in Mora, MN; and

**WHEREAS**, ECSWC is approaching their expiration of "Certificate of Need" with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to operate their landfill and is requesting County Board support;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby support Certificate of Need with the MPCA for ECSWC continued operations of their landfill into the future

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 11th day of April 2023 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of April 2023

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator