

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on March 10, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room at the MCMUA Offices located at 370 Richard Mine Road, Wharton, New Jersey in person as well as remotely using conference call software.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the location, date and time of this meeting was made by posting on the MCMUA website, the Morris County Clerk's bulletin board and the officially designated newspapers for the MCMUA. The meeting may be attended in person or through remote communication in conformance with the directives of the State of New Jersey. Additional notice regarding remote public access is provided at the MCMUA entrance, on its website and in the Daily Record.

Chairman Dour requested a roll call.

PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Dour, Mr. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Dr. Arthur Nusbaum, Mr. Larry Ragonese, and Ms. Laura Szwak.

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry, Dr. Dorothea Kominos, and Mr. Ron Smith.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineers; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Sara Uzatmaciyan, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator, Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator and Michael Kobylarz, Alaimo Engineering Group.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of February 10, 2026.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to approve the Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of February 10, 2026 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Szwak

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of February 2026. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for both Solid Waste and Water year-to-date February 2026 and this month's Investment Report is showing a TD Bank Certificate of Deposit maturing and being renewed in 12 months at a rate of 6.3%. This certificate will earn approximately \$114,404.92 over the course of 12 months. TD

Bank is a private governmental unit under the Depository Projection Act and is listed in the MUA's Cash Management Plan.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Ms. Szwak seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher stated he has the Bill Resolution No. 2026-034 slated for approval after members review the schedule of warrants.

BILL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-034

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the bills as shown on the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS all having been approved by the Board of officials where legally required, be and the same are hereby paid. The SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS designated as Bill Resolution No. 2026-034 containing 3 pages for a total of **\$4,078,535.66** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	7225-7248	\$ 377,943.29
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	16752-16826	<u>\$ 3,740,592.37</u>
		\$ 4,078,535.66

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all vouchers listed above have been reviewed and found to be in proper form for payment, and I have compared the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS to the vouchers for payment and have determined it to be correct.

DATE: March 10, 2026

BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

Christopher Dour, Chairman

SIGNED: _____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that there are sufficient funds in the appropriations charged, or accounts listed to cover the expenditures included in the SCHEDULE OF WARRANTS dated: March 10, 2026.

DATE: March 10, 2026

Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion that the vouchers be approved for payment and Mr. Ragonese seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

PURCHASING (Consent Agenda #2026-035 – #2026-037)

Chairman Dour asked for a Board member to make a motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-035 through #2026-037 as a consent agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve the purchasing Resolutions 2026-035 through 2026-037 as a consent agenda and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion. There were no questions about or requests to consider any of the resolutions on their own.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Resolution No. 2026-035

Resolution Accepting Change Order No. 2 For The MCMUA Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement Project

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2025-036, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (hereinafter the “Authority”) authorized the award of the Authority’s “Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement Project – Bid 2025-SW03” (the “Contract”) to Arco Construction, Inc., having a business address of 15 Fairfield Place, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 (hereinafter “Arco Construction”) in the bid amount of \$1,330,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after the full execution of the Contract and the issuance of the Performance Bond and certificates of insurance, the Notice to Proceed was issued to Arco Construction on May 19, 2025, and became effective May 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Authority on, December 9, 2025, adopted Resolution Number 2025-110 authorizing execution of Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$35,800.00 for changes in the work resulting from field observations; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation by The Garland Company and H2M Architects & Engineers, Inc. is to complete the installation of snow guards on the small run of the new metal roof. Arco Construction, Inc. has started the installation of the snow guard rail at their own expense, and per observations and communication during the last on-site progress meeting, the recommendation is to complete the proper installation of the snow guards per manufacturer specifications. The snow guard installation is required to protect the newly installed gutter adjacent to the snow guard; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor, Arco Construction, Inc. has submitted Change Order No. 2 to complete the proper installation of the snow guard, inclusive of required material and hardware, labor, and overhead and profit in the amount of \$3,700.00; and

WHEREAS, the approval of Change Order No. 2 will increase the contract amount by \$3,700.00, resulting in a final total contract amount of \$1,369,500.00, representing a 2.97% increase in the contract amount, with the inclusion of Change Order No. 2; and

WHEREAS, in correspondence dated February 26, 2026 to the Authority's Executive Director, the Authority's Solid Waste Architect/Engineer, H2M Architects + Engineers, recommends approval of Change Order No. 2 as presented by Arco Construction, Inc. in the total amount of \$3,700.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and the State of New Jersey on the 10^h day of March, 2026 as follows:

1. The Authority hereby determines that acceptance of Change Order No. 2, as submitted by Arco Construction, Inc. for installation of new snow guards and associated materials and work relating to the MCMUA Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement Project.
2. The Authority hereby determines that acceptance of Change Order No. 2, as submitted by Arco Construction, Inc., will enhance the project.
3. The Authority approves and authorizes execution of Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$3,700.00 for changes in the work resulting from design changes.
4. Change Order No. 2 specifically excludes an extension of the contract time.
5. The Authority's staff and consultants are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

1. The Authority hereby rejects the bid submission from PTR Baler and Compactor Company received on March 6, 2026 for Contract No. 2026-SW01 “The Delivery, Furnishing and Installation of Three (3) Self Contained Compacting Units Re-Bid” due to the material defects contained therein.
2. The Executive Director is authorized to release the bid security submitted on behalf of PTR Baler and Compactor Company.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this Resolution shall be kept on file at the offices of the Authority.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chair

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

Resolution No. 2026-037

Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Roll Off Truck Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing system 032824-NVS Purchasing Contract for 2026 (Curbside)

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) is authorized by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to make purchases and contracts for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, and further provided that the contracting unit has made a determination that the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement will result in cost savings after all factors have been considered; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) for the MCMUA has determined that the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Sourcewell) is a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing system and agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit, as it is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a

public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA QPA has further determined that Sourcewell utilizes a cooperative purchasing system and agreement that complies with the competitive bidding process set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and meets the criteria of the New Jersey pay-to-play law at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has advertised and awarded cooperative purchasing agreements for a variety of goods and equipment, including Containers; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority publicly advertised a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract for the purchase of One (1) Roll Off Truck through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The associated public comment period ended on February 27, 2026 and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, the purchase of One (1) Roll Off Truck is available for purchase through Allegiance Trucks; At Northern in the total amount of \$243,968.25; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis was done by the MCMUA QPA and it was determined that the MCMUA would save \$14,017.14 by obtaining the One (1) Roll Off Truck from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, all required documentation, including, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate; Statement of Corporate Ownership; Public Contract EEO Compliance Form (Affirmative Action) and Non-collusion Affidavit has been obtained from the vendor in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is \$243,968.25 as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a) 3; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from account #01-3-300-800-151.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the award of contract through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of One (1) Roll Off Truck in the amount of \$243,968.25.

This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Christopher Dour, Chair

ATTEST:

Marilyn Regner, Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff reported the first two pieces of Correspondence are being handled in Purchasing resolutions and the third one shows progress being made on the N.J. American process. That is moving forward; the Mt. Olive water coming in. There is no additional correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

WATER

1. Letter dated February 13, 2026 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director from Michael McAloon, P.E., Assoc DBIA, Principal Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., regarding Water Division Emergency and On-Call Services, Payment Recommendation No. 2 – John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.

SOLID WASTE

1. Letter dated February 26, 2026 to Larry Gindoff, Executive Director, from Kyle Wulff, Project Designer I, H2M Architects + Engineers, Inc. regarding Change Order #2 for Parsippany Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascial Replacement.
2. Letter dated March 2, 2026 to Honorable Sherri L. Lewis, Secretary, State of New Jersey, Board of Public Utilities, from Brian O. Lipman, Esq., State of New Jersey, Division of Rate Counsel regarding I/M/O Petition of New Jersey American Water, Inc. Approval of a Municipal Consent Granted by Township of Mount Olive, Morris County, BPU Docket No. WE25100575.

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. McAloon reported the following: (1) Through the month of February, we sold approximately 275.785 MG, so way ahead our pace in 2025 and 2024. Several water systems, Denville and Randolph, have higher than normal usage. After our Pre-Construction On February 27, 2026, we met with Randolph to educate them on how their water usage is calculated. Randolph was aware of several large volume leaks on their system which have been corrected over the past several months. Denville had an issue with a private line at the end of January which was immediately repaired. They are also aware of one or two other leaks that are not currently surfacing yet.; (2) On Alamatong Well #4, we experienced a motor failure. There was a short in the connections and this well was put back in service. As you aware, Alamatong Wells 4 and 5 are undergoing electrical improvements, but that work is no way related to the project improvements that we are undertaking. It just happened to be a coincidence; (3) We had a good Water Committee Meeting before this one. Heard presentation from H2M on their water exploration findings so far and we have do some direction on where we are going to be headed from that. They owe us a formal report and an updated Executive Summary.; (4) On the bill list is Emergency and On-Call Contractor payments for John Garcia Construction, two items they did. A leak on the 12" main, as well as a repair on the valve chamber where there is a air leak valve.; (5) Regarding Flanders Valley Wells 1 & 2 Generators & Replacements, no progress report for this meeting.; (6) Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I, all the work is done. We are just waiting for close-out documents from Underground. For the Phase II project, we had a good Pre-Construction meeting. The Contractor anticipates mobilizing in early April and then be complete by the end of June. Best part of that meeting is Randolph advised they were willing to accept a settlement period on the Phase II project, and do one paving of Phase I and Phase II before school back to session in August.; (7) Water Exploration Engineer, H2M gave their preliminary presentation and we expect a draft report here soon.; (8) Regarding Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements, we are pressing the Contractor for a realistic timeline for the remaining work of the project.; (9) Regarding Howard Boulevard, the Cracker Barrel Extension, John Garcia signed their Contracts and we are working on a Pre-Construction Meeting and very similar to Alamatong 4 & 5, when we thought we had a major motor failure at Alamatong Well #4, we reminded the Contractor of the priority at Flanders Valley #2 project, because that is one of our largest producing wells, that is out-of-service now, they are gearing up and getting ready to attack that one first amongst the other projects.

Ms. Szwak was looking at Parsippany's gallonage and in February of 2025 they had 1.12 MG and then in February of 2026 they had 472. Why is it so different? Mr. McAloon replied that they had a tank project and a well out of service and they had to rely on our interconnection for a period of time.

PROJECT STATUS

2. General System:

- A. Through the month of Feb 2026, MCMUA sold approximately 275.785 MG. This amount is approximately 37.594 MG more than the amount sold in the same period in 2025 and approximately 56.835 MG more than the amount sold in the same period in 2024. It should be noted that the total amount sold to Denville and Randolph were higher than normal.

A meeting was held on Friday February 27, 2026 with Wayne Corsey and Trista Kuna-Santos representing Randolph, Larry Gindoff and Tony Milonas representing MCMUA, and Michael McAloon representing SCE to discuss the 2025 water usage, and the projected January 2026 usage for Randolph. We discussed the method in which Randolph usage was calculated. Randolph was aware of several, large volume leaks on their water system that have surfaced and have been corrected over the past several months. With the extreme temperatures and snowfall of this winter, several systems are experiencing significant leaks.

Denville also indicated they discovered an issue on a private line at the end of January which was immediately repaired. They also believe there may be one or two leaks that are not currently surfacing. They are aggressively performing leak detection to locate and ultimately correct.

- B. Alamatong Well #4 motor experienced failure. Upon investigation and troubleshooting, the problem was identified to be a short in the electrical connections to the motor. Repair work has been scheduled and downtime is expected to be limited to a week or less. Note, the necessary repairs are not related to the electrical improvement project.
- C. SCE is prepared to participate in the upcoming Water Committee Meeting to discuss upcoming projects.

3. Emergency and On-Call Contractor

John Garcia Construction has submitted a payment application in the amount of **\$30,689.72** for two incidents. The first being a leak on the 12-inch main at East Randolph Avenue in Mine Hill, and the second is the failing air relief valve chamber at Dover-Chester Road. SCE has reviewed the Contractors request and finds this is reflective of the effort to complete this work and recommends processing payment (see recommendation letter in correspondence).

4. Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements

No progress to report for this meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through March 10, 2026

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	366	100%
Days Remaining:	0	0%
Original Contract Completion Date		May 13, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through March 10, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$520,798.00
Payment Application #1	\$19,230.54
Payment Application #2	\$34,300.00
Payment Application #3	\$42,605.50
Payment Application #4	\$7,840.00
Payment Application #5	\$369,082.84
Payment Application #6	\$14,084.53
Total Value of Work Complete	\$497,085.11
Percent of Work Complete	95%
Total Retainage to Date	\$9,941.70

5. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase I

Underground Utilities Corp. has completed the final cut and caps as part of the Phase I.

The Contractor is working on submitting the final closeout documents.

Project Financial Summary Through March 10, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$1,282,980.00
Payment Application #1	\$965,510.11
Payment Application #2	\$156,027.76
Payment Application #3	\$160,298.60
Total Value of Work Complete	\$1,281,836.47
Percent of Work Complete	99.9%
Total Retainage to Date	\$26,159.93

6. Pleasant Hill Road 24-Inch PCCP Retirement – Phase II

The pre-construction meeting was held on Friday, February 27, 2026 with *Underground Utilities Corp.* The Contractor anticipates a mobilization date of early April, and completion prior to the end of June. During the meeting, Randolph advised they were willing to accept a

settlement period on the Phase II project, and complete paving of the entire project limits at one time.

7. Water Exploration Engineer

H2M is in the process of finalizing the DRAFT report for circulation to the team for review and comment.

Project Financial Summary Through March 10, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$86,000.00
Payment Application #1	\$5,222.40
Payment Application #2	\$13,002.00
Total Value of Work Complete	\$18,224.40
Percent of Work Complete	21%

8. Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements

The Contractor is awaiting a realistic timeline for the replacement equipment, the Contractor will complete the remaining project work.

Project Completion Summary Through March 10, 2026

Contract Start Date		May 13, 2024
Original Contract Completion Time		240 Calendar Days
Amended Completion Time		174 Calendar Day
		Extension
Days Elapsed:	450	100%
Days Remaining:		0%
Original Contract Completion Date		January 8, 2025
Amended Completion Date		July 1, 2025

Project Financial Summary Through March 10, 2026

Original Contract Amount	\$159,900.00
Payment Application #1	\$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	\$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	\$17,434.20
Payment Application #4	\$57,677.90
Total Value of Work Complete	\$85,741.00
Percent of Work Complete	53.6%
Total Retainage to Date	\$1,714.82

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon provided the following updates: (1) Some background on Resolution No. 2026-035, which was in the Consent Agenda, following conversation between H2M Engineers and MCMUA Staff during the recent walk-through site visit, we decided to complete the installation of the snowguard on the smaller section of the roof at Parsippany. This decision was influenced by the frequent use of the maintenance shop area and the shop door below during the winter months, The Contractor submitted a detailed cost breakdown to the MUA and H2M and Staff concurred given the minimal expense we would proceed with this installation.; (2) In recent weeks, the MUA Staff has collaborated with RLE Construction, a contractor that was engaged by J.P. Mascaro & Sons for hydrant and vollers repairs down in Parsippany. As of March 9, all hydrants designated for repair and several vollers were replaced and have been completed receiving approval from our Staff on the work. There were good contractors and thanks to J.P. Mascaro & Sons for following up on these major repairs as part of the old Contract. Pending major repairs with J.P. Mascaro now are door issues at both transfer stations and some issues with the air curtains down at Parsippany.; (3) Regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan, The Public Hearing concerning Dan Como & Sons facility in Montville will be held at the Commissioner Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night on March 11 at 7 p.m. in Morristown.; (4) Regarding Vegetative Waste, we are gearing up for delivery season. Plans are being made to remove the rest of the tailings from Parsippany from our fall screening event. Staff is meeting later this week about the two openings for the Heavy Equipment Operator positions at both locations, which have to be filled in time for deliveries.

Chairman Dour asked how is everything at the Transfer Station and Mr. Deacon replied good so far; much better than the start-up. Weather is breaking and that's better; Staff is in rotation concerning overtime and coverage; equipment has been working well with GT Mid-Atlantic on basic maintenance and our mechanics are up and running. Mr. Gindoff added that our biggest challenge was overtime during the super cold phase of the winter. During the frigid weather, our sprinkler systems were failing on us and we had to do constant fire watch overnight for a couple of weeks. This is the most challenging thing that we have been faced with. He mentioned that our people, our equipment and Mascaro are working well with us and things are going well.

Ms. Szwak asked about the scrape-out and Mr. Deacon replied that the roll-offs come in covered with snow and everything is frozen to the roll-off. They call for a scrape-out and the excavator moves over to whatever bay they are in and gently scrapes out the trash which causes delays.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MCMUA Right to Know (RTK) Central Files- MCMUA Solid Waste Health and Safety Manager Christopher Burns has completed the 2025 New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Right to Know (RTK) surveys for all the MCMUA facilities/site locations. The deadline for these survey submissions is July 15, 2026. All RTK posters (both English and Spanish) are currently up and filled out with the correct contact information, all the related Safety Data Sheets (SDS's) are up to date and in good working order, RTK handouts are readily available for

employees at every location, and our facility RTK Central File Binders are all mounted and visible for inspectors. All the surveys were submitted online to the NJDOH and the Morris County Division of Public Health, serving as Morris County's Lead Agency.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dan Como & Sons, Inc. (Como)- also known as "The Mulch Depot", located at #3 Como Court (Block 41; Lot 1) in the Towaco section of Montville Township. In Fall 2022, Como formally requested a Plan Inclusion to transition from an exempt leaf transfer facility to a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approved Multi-Class (B & C) Recycling Facility. Resolution #2026-033 was approved by the MCMUA Board at its February 10 meeting, recommending approval of the Plan Amendment to the Morris County Board of County Commissioners. Following receipt of the resolution, the County Commissioners scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM to consider the proposed Plan Amendment for the Como facility.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage Summary- The 30,155 tons accepted in February 2026 was 3.52% less than the 31,256 tons accepted a year ago in February 2025. With two (2) months behind us for 2026, the annual projected tonnage for the transfer stations is 458,957 tons which would represent a 3.74% decrease from the 477,215 tons accepted in 2025. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics provided below for additional details.

February Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2025 to 2026):

Mount Olive Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 11,143- 246 less tons than 2025
Total Customers- 2,726- 198 less than 2025
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 511- 75 less than 2025

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:

Inbound Tonnage- About 19,010- 856 less tons than 2025
Total Customers- 4,355- 246 less than 2025
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 305- 17 more than 2025

In-house improvements at both stations are ongoing. A new vertical shop compressor has been successfully installed within its exterior enclosure at the Mount Olive transfer station maintenance shop. All associated supply piping and hose reels have been mounted and are fully operational. MCMUA staff have procured new components for the video security system and have begun installation. Staff will coordinate with the County IT Department to ensure the system is fully operational in the near future. The MCMUA Diesel Mechanics at both facilities continue working with G.T. Mid-Atlantic to perform routine service and maintenance on the new heavy equipment to ensure continued reliability and performance. Additionally, J.P. Mascaro and Sons has retained R.L.E. Enterprises of Moscow, PA, to complete repairs to the two (2) washdown hydrants at the Parsippany transfer station. Upon completion of the hydrant repairs, R.L.E. will replace the damaged protective bollards at both stations. The MCMUA has also

requested a status update regarding the outstanding overhead door repairs that remain to be completed.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- On Wednesday, March 4, MCMUA staff met with H2M Project Managers regarding the award of professional engineering services for solid waste projects associated with the 2026 calendar year. During the meeting, H2M representatives expressed their commitment to providing comprehensive engineering support for all MCMUA solid waste operations, extending beyond the transfer stations. The discussion also included capital improvement initiatives, funding, and preliminary planning for proposed 2027 and 2028 projects. The meeting, held at the MCMUA main office, provided a productive opportunity to review upcoming needs and strengthen coordination for future solid waste engineering efforts.

MCMUA 2025-2026 planned projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), H2M, and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the March 10 meeting:

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- The North Tipping Floor/Small Floor project at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station involves the complete replacement of the deteriorated floor using Euclid Chemical's EucoFloor 404 system. The scope of work also includes enhancements to and replacement of the existing trench drain system, which currently utilizes the same plasma-cut steel grate system installed at the Mount Olive facility. Additional work includes replacement of the emergency valves that control the underground holding tank, as well as installation of new safety bollards and concrete attenuators to help mitigate future damage to the building. On January 28, Alaimo Group conducted a preconstruction meeting onsite at the Parsippany transfer station with representatives from the MCMUA and Persistent Construction, Inc. of Fairview, New Jersey. Alaimo Group has received the Statement of Values and a number of equipment submittals (10) which are currently under review. Due to temperature limitations associated with the Euclid materials, Alaimo will delay issuance of the official Notice to Proceed to Persistent Construction until suitable conditions are met.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station Roof and Partial Fascia Replacement Project - This project includes replacement of approximately 32,300 square feet of standing seam metal roofing, 10,000 square feet of metal siding, 560 linear feet of metal gutters, and full replacement of the EPDM membrane roof system over the transfer station office area. The work is being performed by Arco Construction, Inc. of West Caldwell. Change Order No. 1 has been completed and included the removal and replacement of deteriorated metal C-channel bracing over the office section, as well as installation of a self-adhering underlayment over the existing metal panels to enhance waterproofing and reduce the potential for future leaks. A project walkthrough was conducted on February 19 with representatives from Arco Construction, Garland (manufacturer), H2M, and MCMUA staff. Due to multiple weather-related delays, the project closeout schedule has been extended. During the onsite review, the group discussed and agreed to pursue Change Order No. 2, which includes the installation of approximately 78' linear feet of snow guard along a section of the standing seam roof located above the small SBS roof area that was not included in the original bid specifications. The rest of the newly

installed roof does include this snow guard. Installation of the snow guard is recommended to improve safety and protect the lower roof section from snow and ice accumulation. Change Order No. 2, along with a recommendation letter from H2M and a proposed resolution, has been included in the March 10 Board packet for the Board's consideration.

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Pit Scale Replacement Project (Bid #2025-SW05) – This project includes the removal of the existing pit scale and the installation of two new axle and gross-weighting truck scale systems, along with all necessary labor, materials, and equipment. Each scale system will consist of three (3) separate 15-foot platforms designed to weigh the truck's steering axle, drive axle, and trailer axle. In accordance with the existing foundation configuration, approximately 20' feet of dead space will be maintained between the drive and trailer axles. Atlantic Scale (Mettler Toledo brand) and the MCMUA have fully executed the contract documents, and the Notice to Proceed was issued on February 7. Atlantic Scale is scheduled to deliver the new scale decks to the Mount Olive facility on April 7. Prior to this delivery of new equipment, the MCMUA will conduct an onsite preconstruction meeting to finalize project details and coordinate the construction schedule to ensure that daily transfer station operations continue without disruption.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station Public Water Service Project- This project involves the installation of 800 feet of DICL domestic service and an 8"-inch fire service along Gold Mine Road, in front of the Mount Olive transfer station property. Included as correspondence for the Board at the March 10 meeting is a copy of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel filed comments on March 2, 2026, regarding New Jersey American Water Company's petition for approval of Mount Olive Township Ordinance No. 29-2025. The ordinance grants the company the right to provide water and public fire protection service to the MCMUA Mount Olive transfer station. Rate Counsel does not oppose approval but recommends that the Board limit the term of the water service consent to 50 years (rather than perpetual) to align with the statutory 50-year limit on street-use rights under N.J.S.A. 48:3-15 and recent BPU precedents. They also suggest inclusion of standard protective language in the approval Order concerning rates, asset valuation, and regulatory oversight. The petition will be decided on at an upcoming Board hearing, either March 18 or April 22, the date is to be determined. This matter remains pending before the Board. MCMUA staff will continue to monitor developments given their direct relevance to water service at our facility.

Summary of Future Related Events:

1. The Approval from BPU for NJAWCo regarding the proposed franchise area all detailed above.
2. NJAWCo engages a contractor for the water main extension on Gold Mine Road.
3. The contractor proceeds with the installation of the water-main extension.
4. Following completion of approved plans and documents from Alaimo Group, a Notice to Bidder will be published for:
 - Installation of a meter chamber/hot box
 - Domestic and fire service line connections
 - Installation of a new fire pump to ensure adequate pressure for the sprinkler system

- Installation of one (1) facility fire hydrant within the HHW facility
- Once the Water Connection Project is Finalized:**
5. A new full-site emergency generator (EG) will be installed, sized to power the new fire pump (budgeted for 2027).
 6. The building's sprinkler system will be upgraded or completely replaced (budgeted for 2028).
 7. The existing Public Non-Community Water System (commercial use) or well will be decommissioned, and the 55,000-gallon above-ground holding tank currently used for fire suppression will be removed.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA staff are preparing for the rapidly approaching mulch and compost residential delivery season. Prolonged snow and ice coverage at the vegetative waste sites has limited customer traffic in recent weeks. Staff continue to work closely with Parsippany Site Supervisor Jaime Ayala, providing support as he transitions into his new role. Efforts are underway to fill two (2) Heavy Equipment Operator vacancies, one at each location. In the interim, the Solid Waste Utilitarians have done an excellent job providing operational coverage and supporting the vegetative waste program. Candidates for the Heavy Equipment Operator positions will be required to possess a Class B Commercial Driver's License to assist with deliveries as needed. Staff also continue to collaborate with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) regarding the NJDEP Wood Waste Recycling and Leaf Composting (WRC) General New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) stormwater permits and associated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SPPPs). Additional information regarding vegetative waste flow can be found in the Vegetative Waste Report presented at the March 10 Board meeting.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

On Friday, February 6, MCMUA Hazardous and Vegetative Waste Manager Stephen Adams attended the Association of New Jersey Recycler's (ANJR) Policy Summit roundtable at the Trenton Country Club. The meeting included representatives from ANJR, ANJHHWC, Clean Communities, SWANA, NJ Chamber of Commerce, Chemistry Council, NJ Food Council, and the New Jersey Association of Counties. The intent of the formation of this group is to provide a forum for the discussion of upcoming recycling/ solid waste legislation in the State of New Jersey, along with lobbying efforts being conducted by ANJR and other groups represented. Pending policies discussed included PaintCare, alkaline batteries, the bottle ban, producer responsibility for packaging recycling, and others. Led by ANJR President, Mr. Gary Smalley, the group is designed to convene twice a year. MCMUA Adams will also be attending the 2026- New Jersey Sustainability and Innovation Matter (SIMS) Conference in Caesars, Atlantic City on February 4 through February 6, participating on the HHW panel.

Program Participation- During the month of February 2026, the permanent HHWF had a total of 149 serviced appointments, which included 130 Morris County residents, 5 VSQG/small business, and 14 out-of-County residents. As comparison for the Board, in February of 2025, the permanent HHWF had a total of 145 serviced appointments, which included 128 Morris County

residents, 13 out-of-County residents, and 4 VSQG/small business. 2026 HHW facility totals are now 372 serviced appointments after the first two (2) months.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

Tonight's meeting packet includes the recycling and supplemental reports.

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

As noted in the recycling report this month, the February 2026 rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was finalized at a (Negative) -\$92.14/ton. This represents a \$4.74-per-ton increase in cost for MCMUA and its customers from the January rate of -\$87.40 per ton.

- February marks the start of the MCMUA's fifth and final year under contract with Republic Services to process and market single-stream recyclables. With a new year in our contract comes a \$5.82 increase in the processing fee included in the overall cost noted above.

In February, recycling markets experienced slight price increases for cardboard and steel, while plastic prices dropped significantly. This highlights the contrast between optimistic long-term growth projections and current operational challenges in the recycling sector, where high costs and low demand persist.

- Market experts observed renewed buying activity in cardboard markets, contributing to a \$5-per-ton price increase in February and another \$5-per-ton price increase at the beginning of March.
- Paper has not moved in price since November but is still at an all-time low of \$42.50 per ton. Much of this is due to the lower-quality mix in the absence of higher-quality/desirable newspapers, office-type paper, ledger paper, and more glossy inserts and lower-grade papers as well as less demand.
- In February, the price of PET plastic dropped to \$1.50 per pound, the lowest it has been in over 20 years. This decline is attributed to the increasing availability of inexpensive virgin resin, which now makes up 25% of the North American market.
 - As a result, there has been a decreased demand for recycled materials, disrupting local recycling processes. Consequently, five major PET recyclers in the Northeast United States have closed due to low demand, compounded by an influx of cheap imports in the domestic market.
 - In March, the price further fell to \$1 per pound, despite rising oil prices driven by the ongoing war in Iran. To revitalize the circular economy, we need to increase the use of recycled PET (rPET) in both food and non-food packaging to offset the decline in demand from the textiles sector.

- Establishing long-term contracts is crucial for supporting domestic recycling infrastructure and ensuring stability, but it will take time to recover from the current situation.
- In contrast, natural HDPE prices continued to rise gradually in February, and all other plastics, such as PP and plastics 1-7, aside from PET, also rose in March.
- Pricing for ferrous metals, such as steel, remained slightly elevated but stabilized in February and at the beginning of March.
- The current average price of glass has not moved at all in over a year.
- Looking ahead, plastics prices are expected to rise, apart from PET, while the overall outlook for other materials remains uncertain.

Shared Service Agreement Updates:

- This month's report highlights continued work on securing an amendment to our existing shared service agreement with the Township of Chatham to include vegetative waste recycling services from their depot as they look to close their existing composting site and streamline service with the MUA.
 - While they are still addressing budgetary issues internally, they are keeping us informed about their activities.
- Other updates include improvements to our curbside collection services across our various existing contracts, providing on-site education at collection sites, and working with our partners to streamline services and minimize contamination in recyclable loads.
 - These efforts involve our customers in Mt. Arlington, East Hanover, Roxbury Township, Boonton Town, Long Hill Township, and Rockaway Borough.
 - Notably, in Rockaway Borough, we are coordinating with the Department of Public Works (DPW) director and a private catholic school, Divine Mercy Academy, to establish a new collection service for the school.
 - This initiative was prompted by a request from the president of the student council, who reached out to us seeking assistance in starting a recycling program at the school.
 - The MCMUA will be providing them with collection containers, education for the administration and custodial staff, and an educational presentation for the students.
- Additionally, discussions continued with the Town of Boonton regarding the initial phases of planning out the renewal of our recycling SSA with the town.

For Projects with the Solid Waste Planning Division,

MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division Holds its First MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year:

On February 18, the MCMUA held its first Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting of the year at the Morris County Library, with over 60 participants in attendance.

- Key topics included updates to our website and suggested updates to our town's websites, compliance with the Solid Waste Management Plan, pricing for the transfer station, and disposal of household hazardous waste and organic waste.
- Republic Services discussed market challenges for recyclables, while the Morris County Division of Public Health provided guidance on recycling compliance and reporting for municipalities with exemptions.
- Recycle Coach demonstrated their app's customization options to enhance local recycling efforts.
- After a break, the MCMUA discussions featured MRC responsibilities, ordinance updates, and strategies to reduce food waste.
- The NJDEP concluded with insights on the tonnage reporting process and a Q&A session.

2025 (REA) and (MTG) Program Activities:

On February 5, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) released the 2025 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Procedural Guide.

- Following this, we began helping our municipalities by collecting recycling reports from end facilities, distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators, and posting them on the MCMUA webpage.
- We continue to receive reports from vendors, including new submissions from previous years, while we continue to provide personalized assistance to municipal coordinators with questions about reporting and filing.
 - I have visited several of our coordinators' offices so far to help them set up grant documents and guide them through the process, and tomorrow I'll be in Harding to do the same.
- This support is crucial for new Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRCs) who may need training, especially given high turnover rates. Many do not yet hold the Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) license required to sign the tonnage report.
- The MCMUA also assists in signing these reports temporarily until the new MRCs are certified. Currently, I am the only staff member with a CRP license, while Chavanne is enrolled in the course, scheduled for completion in June.

MCMUA General Projects:

- In February, we continued our work on the Morris County Food Waste Prevention and Redirection Toolkit and continued to have conversations with our food waste partners, Share My Meals, Table to Table, and other various agencies.
 - Notably, the MCMUA was asked to speak at the next County Recycling Coordinator meeting on our work and present at the annual Sustainable Jersey Conference in May on our work.
- Lastly, we have been working on completing our final financial deliverables for the 2024 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement and working on our new 2025 application.
 - On February 19, the MCMUA received the Draft 2025 County REA Grant Guide for review, with comments due by March 6. The NJDEP aims to finalize the guide by mid-March, allowing the MCMUA board to hopefully authorize the grant spending plan at the April meeting. The County of Morris will also adopt a similar resolution annually to reaffirm MCMUA's role in administering the REA grant.
 - However, we have already begun writing up our application in the system and await the final draft.
 - After reviewing the guide, we noted no significant changes from last year, except a new emphasis on prioritizing food waste recycling in action plans which we have already been spearheading.
 - This year, Morris County's grant entitlement is expected to be \$364,500, allocated as \$303,628.50 for Solid Waste Activities and \$60,871.50 for Public Information and Education. Despite a 2,643.11-ton increase in total waste generated, the overall percentage decreased by 0.10% compared to other counties, resulting in a \$8,103.98 reduction in total grant.

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

In February, the preliminary single-stream recycling rate with Republic Services was calculated at -\$93.42 per ton, a \$6.02 increase from the previous month's finalized rate of -\$87.40. February marks the start of the MCMUA's fifth and final year under contract with Republic Services to process and market single-stream recyclables. With a new year in our contract comes a \$5.82 increase in the processing fee included in the overall cost noted above.

In February, recycling markets saw slight price increases for both cardboard and steel, while plastic prices declined significantly. This situation highlights a stark contrast between long-term optimistic growth projections and immediate operational challenges in the recycling sector. Although recycling markets are expected to experience steady growth throughout the year, participants continue to face high costs and low demand for recycled materials, as is reflected in current market conditions. Additionally, uncertainty surrounding economic, political, and regulatory issues plays a significant role in pricing. This affects everything from cautious

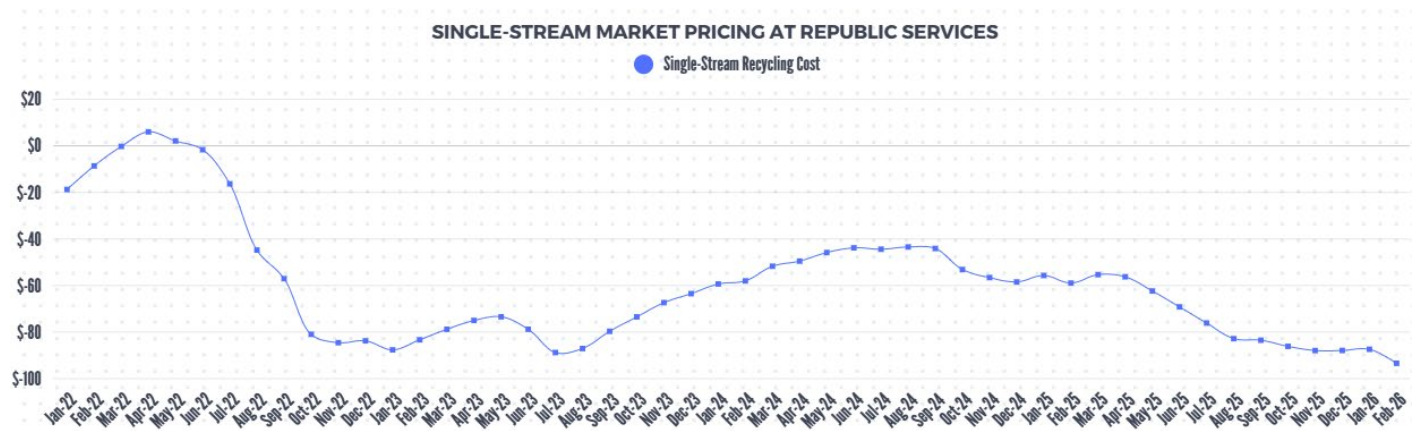
commodity procurement officials to the locations where materials are manufactured, as well as the types and quantities consumers are purchasing in the current climate.

Last month, market experts noted increased buying activity in fiber markets from previously withdrawn outlets, particularly in Mexico. This renewed interest is significant in an oversupplied market, especially amidst mill mergers and closures. The uptick in demand has helped move materials and has accounted for a \$5-per-ton price increase this month, shifting gears from the falling pricing seen over the last year and a half. Experts remain hopeful about increased buying in the second quarter as trade restrictions ease and the post-holiday slump fades.

Plastic resin pricing for PET plastics, commonly used for beverage bottles, closed out the month at \$1.50 per pound, the lowest level in over 20 years on record. The U.S. recycling industry is struggling with inexpensive virgin resin, which is eroding demand for recycled feedstock and compressing profit margins, making it hard to compete on cost alone. Some major recyclers in the Northeast market have also closed plants because of this issue in recent months. On the contrary, natural HDPE, used for milk jugs, continued to increase gradually in February.

Pricing for ferrous metals, such as steel, remained slightly elevated after a delayed buying period in mid-January but has since stabilized.

Looking ahead, plastics prices are expected to rise, while the overall outlook for other materials remains uncertain.



Monthly MCMUA single-stream recycling tip fees at Republic Services.

Resolution(s) for Board Consideration

Resolutions Authorizing Purchase of Equipment:

- The MCMUA Board will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the purchase of three stationary compactors to replace the existing equipment currently in and out of service at the Morris View Healthcare Center, which needs replacement for both recycling and trash collection.

- The MCMUA Board will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the purchase of one roll-off truck budgeted for 2026 to replace an aging roll-off truck currently in the fleet.

Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities in Progress

In February, Marrone worked on incorporating the following shared service agreements into our curbside collection program, as follows:

Township of Chatham Vegetative Materials Depot Collection SSA Proposal:

In February, Marrone, along with the Township’s Director of Public Works, discussed funding options for a revised proposal aimed at amending the existing shared services agreement. This amendment would include the collection of vegetative materials in roll-offs from the recycling depot. This conversation comes as the municipality considers closing its current composting site due to increased operating costs and other factors. The Township does not offer curbside collection of vegetative materials. The proposed plan involves providing lidded container services for the collection of vegetative materials. This includes two 30-cubic-yard containers for brush, one 30-cubic-yard container for leaves, and one 30-cubic-yard container for grass. In late January, a proposal was submitted to the Township for their consideration, but approval is still pending. In early February, a revised proposal was requested to include lids for the containers. The proposal is now awaiting the Township’s next steps as they deliberate on the funding options necessary to execute the agreement.

Recycling/Clean Communities Education, Inspections, and Customer Service Support

Below are summaries of Recycling and Clean Communities’ projects, public outreach, and education programs in February 2026. Details regarding these activities are provided in a supplemental report.

Recycling and Clean Communities Projects, Public Outreach, Education, and Inspections:

- MCMUA, New Jersey County Recycling Coordinator, and the New Jersey Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR) Joint Efforts
- MCMUA Conducts Research on Food Waste and Strategically Plans Its Future Initiatives
- MCMUA to Participate in the 2025 Sustainable Jersey Conference
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations
- MCMUA Continues Rutgers 2026 Green Infrastructure Champions Training Program Education
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course
- MCMUA Attends the 9th Annual Watershed Institute Conference

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division Holds its First MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year:

On February 18, the MCMUA held its first Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting of the year at the Morris County Library. With over 60 attendees, the meeting provided credits for Certified Recycling Coordinators, Public Health officials, and Certified Public Works Managers. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) mandates that all MRCs attend at least one county meeting annually, and 23 out of the 39 MRCs from Morris County meet this requirement. This meeting was the first of five planned MCMUA MRC meetings for 2026, in accordance with NJDEP rules for biannual meetings.

In preparation for the meeting, the MCMUA contacted all municipalities to gather updated information on the solid waste and recycling services they provide to the public. This effort ensured accurate communication with residents and facilitated website updates. Additionally, the MCMUA submitted suggested changes, as the first meeting aimed to improve the accuracy of municipal recycling information on their respective webpages. Eramo also reviewed the recycling ordinances of all 39 Morris County municipalities to assess their compliance with our Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and state regulations. This review highlighted beneficial elements that could enhance practices in the municipalities. The compiled information was evaluated, and some of the lessons learned were shared during our presentation. This exercise helped identify specific areas for improvement. It will serve as a resource for municipalities to revise their ordinances, especially since updates may be needed to comply with the food waste law taking effect in January 2026. Eramo and Marrone also developed a checklist for Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRCs) to use when preparing their annual municipal tonnage grant applications. The checklist incorporated lessons learned and frequently asked questions from previous grant cycles, along with deadlines and other state-mandated requirements.

When the meeting commenced, Marrone opened with updates from the department, introducing new materials and educational tools. Both he and Chavanne discussed the results of a phone survey conducted in late 2025, advising towns to verify which recycling materials are acceptable to enhance public information. This data was shared with attendees to facilitate information exchange within the group.

Following this, Deacon provided an update on the transfer station. At the same time, Adams informed the group about household hazardous waste (HHW) information, the new public drop-off days for the year, proper vape disposal, and pricing for municipal organic waste.

Next, Eric Gabrielson, Operations Manager at Republic Services, spoke about current market conditions for recyclable materials. He highlighted potential challenges in moving PET materials over the next year, including low-cost virgin materials and an oversupply of domestic materials. Republic Services is building a new facility in Allentown and urged haulers to remove snow from covered containers to prevent contamination. He also emphasized the need for MRCs to raise awareness of battery hazards, which pose greater risks in facilities.

The Morris County Division of Public Health discussed the requirements for municipal recycling notifications and various administrative code requirements regarding recycling. They offered assistance with the MRCs' inspection mandate under the solid waste management plan. The Division explained the differences between recycling exemptions and tonnage reporting and advised MRCs to check their status on my.nj.gov. Municipalities with exemptions must submit separate activity reports to the state, and the Division offered assistance to MRCs experiencing difficulties filing their reports to improve compliance. Lastly, they covered laws requiring haulers to tarp their loads to prevent litter from migrating off transport vehicles and onto public roadways. They provided guidance on reporting littering and offered signage to municipalities to discourage illegal dumping.

Next, Recycle Coach demonstrated how to customize their application for town-specific programs, covering available educational resources, marketing tools to boost recycling participation, and alert features. MRCs interested in further training were also invited to participate in additional courses.

After a short break, Marrone reviewed MRC responsibilities, explained recycling laws and violations, and provided a walkthrough of the MCMUA MRC webpage for accessing tonnage report resources. Eramo discussed local ordinances and suggested updates to enhance recycling efforts, noting that revisions could lead to higher tonnage reimbursements. Chavanne recommended tailoring recycling notifications and tonnage letters for better outreach, including communications to food service establishments to reduce food waste.

Finally, the NJDEP provided an overview of the tonnage reporting process, walked attendees through the new webpage and resources, discussed required documentation, and explained how to use grant funding. She advised MRCs to double-check their previous reports to ensure all information is complete before submission and facilitated a lengthy question-and-answer period with the audience.

MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Division Plans for its Second MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year:

In February, the Solid Waste Planning Division met several times to prepare for its second Municipal Recycling Coordinator (MRC) meeting, scheduled for April 1st, to be held virtually on Webex. For this meeting, the NJDEP will once again present on last-minute entry procedures, reviewing the materials covered at the February meeting for those unable to attend or as needed for a refresher. Steve Adams will conduct a live website review of the HHW facility scheduling system for residents and our HHW resources webpage. In addition, the Battery Network, formerly Call2Recycle, will present battery-handling best practices for recycling, battery education to the public, how to set up a recycling program for free through their Extended Producer Responsibility programs for rechargeable batteries, as well as their paid programs for high-wattage, single-use, damaged, defective, and recalled (DDR) batteries. Immediately following this meeting, we will host a virtual tour of the MCMUA/Republic Services facility, followed by a live Q&A with the Republic Services Operations Manager.

2025 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Document Activities:

On February 5, the NJDEP released the 2025 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG) Program Procedural Guide. With its release, both Marrone and Chavanne began to assist our Morris County municipalities by soliciting and collecting recycling reports from end facilities, distributing them to municipal recycling coordinators, and posting them on the MCMUA webpage for this reporting period. The MCMUA continues to receive reports from vendors, including new reports from previous years. Additionally, Marrone began providing personalized assistance to several municipal coordinators in answering questions regarding reporting, filing, and cataloging information they had obtained. Moreover, he has met several of these coordinators at their offices, set them up with the necessary grant documents and resources on their desktops, and walked them through the process in a one-on-one setting. This service is particularly helpful, as we have several new MRCs following retirements at the end of the year and others who need a refresher in this process. Also, due to high turnover among coordinators, these newer coordinators do not currently hold a Certified Recycling Professionals license required to sign the tonnage report. As a longstanding practice, the MCMUA assists in signing reports to bridge the gap until these newer MRCs can attend the course as a temporary measure. However, Marrone is currently the only employee who holds and maintains a CRP license and can sign our municipality's reports with our current employee changeover. At the same time, Chavanne is enrolled in the CRP class, with a scheduled completion date in June.

2025 Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Fund Entitlement and Procedural Draft Document:

On February 19, the MCMUA received the Draft 2025 County REA Grant Guide for review and comment, with comments due by March 6. The NJDEP hopes to publish the finalized version by mid-March, thereby allowing a resolution to be placed before the MCMUA board at the April meeting, which will authorize the MCMUA's spending plan needed to receive the grant amount from the State. A similar resolution will also be adopted annually by the County of Morris, in accordance with NJDEP's new guidelines, reaffirming the MCMUA's role as Morris County's designated solid waste implementing agency for administering Morris County's REA grant. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners will also be sent a sample enabling resolution for adoption at the Commissioners' meeting, which will be included in the MCMUA's grant application.

Following the issuance of the guide, Marrone reviewed the document and found no significant changes from last year's application. The only addition of note is information and guidance for the counties to prioritize food waste recycling programs and education, specifically regarding their implementation in this year's action plans and, when necessary, in their solid waste management plans. This year's grant entitlement is anticipated for an award for Morris County in a total of \$364,500, broken down as \$303,628.50 for Solid Waste Activities, funding the MCMUA HHW Mount Olive Facility and HHW event operation days, and \$60,871.50 for Public Information and Education Activities, funding various solid waste planning outreach actions principally spent on the full-time salary of our new Recycling Outreach Coordinator, Ashleigh Clenord, and municipal recycling coordinator educational opportunities. In reviewing

the 2025 grant awards, our total waste generated increased by 2,643.11 tons compared to last year. However, our overall percentage of total waste decreased slightly, by 0.10%, compared to other counties. This reduction resulted in a \$6,747.29 decrease in our grant award for solid waste activities and a \$1,359.69 decrease in our grant award for public information and education activities, totaling an \$8,103.98 reduction from last year's entitlement.

MCMUA and Morris County Municipal Website Revisions and Recycling Education Improvements:

In January, Chavanne began reviewing each municipality's recycling websites to provide suggestions for improving them in 2026. Marrone and Chavanne created a template email and trained the Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRCs) on the importance of keeping their recycling websites accurate and up to date. This ensures effective communication and compliance, as the town's website is often the first resource residents consult when seeking information on how to dispose of solid waste and recycle in accordance with municipal guidelines. Additionally, the Recycling Enhancement Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96) requires counties to assist municipalities in providing clear, easily accessible recycling information to residents and to fulfill the education and notification requirements outlined in the NJDEP-approved Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan. In February, all 39 municipalities received suggested changes. Of those, 27 coordinators began or completed their work on those changes. The recommendations included formatting changes, updates to the suggestions, updates to the 2026 Household Hazardous Waste information, and revisions to flyers and recycling schedules. As part of this initiative, Chavanne also completed creating bilingual flyers for each of the main Materials Recycling Facilities used in Morris County. This aims to improve communication with residents who do not use MCMUA as their waste hauler.

MCMUA Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Stewardship Efforts:

In February, Marrone continued efforts on the boat shrink wrap recycling program in Morris County for its fourth year. Collaborating with Roxbury Township's Municipal Recycling Coordinator and the Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF), Marrone engaged marinas, boating clubs, and local residents. Marrone created email templates and letters for potential partners, emphasizing the benefits of participation. Many who had not previously joined the program expressed interest in this year's public drop-off day. Some participants have provided positive feedback and suggestions for improvement, while others are keen to work with local marinas to drop off materials. The program officially starts on April 1st. Marrone will coordinate with UltraPoly to set up containers on-site the week before and ensure proper signage is in place. Marrone, the MRC, and the LHF will monitor collection sites, manage materials, and provide ongoing education.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

2026 Clean Communities Non-Profit Mini-Grant Updates:

On February 27, the Clean Communities Non-Profit Mini-Grant closed, with a total of 3 approved non-profits for this grant period seeking funding and equipment to conduct cleanups

throughout Morris County and to promote anti-litter education. In total, we have allocated \$9,500 to support river cleanups throughout Morris County. The tentative cleanup schedules are as follows:

- Whippany River Watershed Action Committee: March 20, April 21
- Raritan Headwaters Association: April 18 (13 cleanups throughout Morris County on this date)
- Passaic River Cleanup with the Great Swamp: May 9

In total, up to 650 volunteers are expected to participate in these cleanups.

MCMUA's First Youth Upcycled Art Workshop:

On February 7, 2026, the MCMUA hosted its first Youth Upcycled Art Workshop at the Morris County Library. The event was open to students in grades K-12 and was well attended by the public, who actively participated. This event started with a 10-15-minute art demonstration by local artist Dabbling Brook, followed by an interactive session in which children can explore and experiment with upcycled materials in their artwork. After the session, Chavanne and the art instructor assisted students with their art projects made from reused materials for the rest of the session. Some of the students' artwork is shown below. The MCMUA plans to move this activity to the summer next year as part of the library's summer camp series for students.



OLD BUSINESS:

There being no Old Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Marilyn Regner advised the Board that she provided updated information on Board Members emails and status to Laura Roberts of the Morris County Clerk's Office. She informed the Board to look for email from Laura Roberts regarding Financial Disclosure Statements in early April.

Mr. Gindoff welcomed Marilyn back.

There being no further New Business, this portion of the meeting was closed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

There being no comment from the Public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into Closed Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss two topics: Open Space acquisition and our lease property which we use to lease to AJACO Towing for potential litigation, property acquisition and attorney-client privilege information.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to go into closed session at 7:53 p.m. and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further matters to discuss in Closed Session, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into Open Session at 8:14 p.m.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 7:53 p.m. and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 6 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Farris seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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