MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority was held on September 15, 2026, at 7:00 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. Frank Druetzler, Ms. Maria Farris, Mr. Larry Ragonese, Mr. Ron Smith, Ms. Laura Szwak and Mr. Christopher Dour.

(Dr. Dorothea Kominos entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.)
(Dr. Arthur Nusbaum entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mr. James Barry.

Also present were Larry Gindoff, Executive Director; Michael McAloon, Suburban Consulting Engineers; Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer; Marilyn Regner, Secretary; Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; Gabrielle Hartman, Esq., Maraziti Falcon LLP; James Deacon, Solid Waste Coordinator: and Anthony Marrone, District Recycling Coordinator.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of August 11, 2026, and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 5 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: Dr. Dorothea Kominos, Ms. Laura Szwak & Mr. Christopher Dour

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaletcher presented the Treasurer's Report for the Solid Waste Operating and Water Operating for the month of August 2026. Also included are the Comparative Balance Reports for

both Solid Waste and Water Divisions year-to date through August, and the MCMUA Investment Report which shows no new investments were purchased during the month of August 2026.

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: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher asked for the Board's approval of the following 2026 Budget amendment resolutions:

With regard to Resolution No. 2026-077, Mr. Kaletcher explained that the MUA is utilizing additional Solid Waste fund balance in the amount $2,050,000 for the following: (i) unforeseen fuel charges billed by J.P. Mascaro that began in April; (ii) the original budget for the Transfer Station overtime is not sufficient for actual costs, increase in tonnage, equipment challenges, and fire watch (iii) equipment-maintenance and lubricant costs.

Mr. Druetzler asked how much was the original overtime that we budgeted for and Mr. Kaletcher replied $250,000; however, we are asking for an additional $750,000. Mr. Gindoff gave the following explanation on why this is so much. At the beginning of the year, we were dealing with new equipment along with snowstorms and fire watch for three weeks. We also have been through many Equipment Operators. The gaps in between were significant causing other staff to work longer hours and paying them a lot of overtime. Mr. Deacon added the fire watch continued into January when damage to our sprinkler system couldn't be repaired. Some manpower issues forces us to use our Utilitarians to fill the gap of Heavy Equipment Operator or Jockey Truck Driver and increases overtime. Mr. Gindoff added that we have been brainstorming on how to get staggered shifts. A lot of staff are working 12 hour days. It is difficult to find people to fill these positions. Mr. Deacon added that we also have issues with Case, who we bought the equipment from, as the equipment is under warranty and their company has to repair the equipment and we cannot use our mechanic.

Mr. Druetzler asked $1.2M is enough for fuel and Mr. Kaletcher replied, yes.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned going into a new operation starting at $250,000 is a low number and can understand that you would need more money. You all knew this was coming up and it is incumbent to tell the Board that we are having trouble here and we are going to need more money. Ms. Szwak remembers Staff talking about this at the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Deacon mentioned that the biggest disappointment is buying this equipment after our Salem County landfill visit and doing research and asking other transfer stations what they use and looking into the maintenance agreement and comparing costs. There hasn't been one week when Case hasn't been at our facilities fixing our equipment. Bobby Ross told them that we cannot stop; the equipment has to be in working order. This is out of our hands and we are not happy about it. We have been talking with other vendors and we will be talking at the budget meeting of possible changes.

Resolution No. 2026-077
Resolution To Amend The 2026 Fiscal Budget For The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
Solid Waste Division (Operational Costs)

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve an amendment of the budget of any Authority when unrestricted net position is utilized to increase budgeted appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for this amendment are that Cost of Providing Services appropriations for 2026 are insufficient to cover (i) the J.P. Mascaro fuel-price adjustment authorized by Resolution 2026-061, (ii) Transfer Station overtime and related FICA driven by higher incoming tonnage, equipment challenges, and weather related coverage, and (iii) Transfer Station equipment-maintenance and lubricant costs running above the adopted amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that an additional Two Million Fifty Thousand Dollars ($2,050,000) of Solid Waste unrestricted net position should be utilized to increase Cost of Providing Services appropriations in that amount; and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2026 budget as follows:

	From	To	+/-
Anticipated Revenues			
Total Anticipated Revenues	$59,955,923	$59,955,923	$0
Anticipated Appropriations			
Total Administration	$4,690,034	$4,690,034	$0
Total Cost of Providing Svcs.	$54,863,488	$56,913,488	$2,050,000
Total Non-Operating	$1,469,401	$1,469,401	$0
Total Operating & Non-Operating	$61,022,923	$63,072,923	$2,050,000
Total Unrestricted Net Assets Utilized	$1,067,000	$3,117,000	$2,050,000
Net Total Appropriation	$59,955,923	$59,955,923	$0

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to amend the 2026 MCMUA Fiscal Budget for Solid Waste Division (Operational Costs) and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

With regard to Resolution No. 2026-078, Mr. Kaletcher explained that the MUA is anticipating approximately 490,000 tons at our transfer stations in 2026. This is higher than 480,000 tons we originally budgeted for. This Resolution recognizes additional contractual costs incurred will be offset by corresponding tipping fee revenue.

Resolution No. 2026-078
Resolution To Amend The 2026 Fiscal Budget For The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
Solid Waste Division (Additional Tonnage Costs and Revenue)

WHEREAS, the Morris County M.U.A. on September 15, 2026 proposed to amend the Solid Waste Division budget to include additional revenue and appropriations due to 2026 additional disposal tonnage activity in the amount of $863,500, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Solid Waste Division budget was adopted based on 480,000 tons of transfer-station disposal, and year-to-date activity indicates full-year tonnage of approximately 490,000 tons; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Director, Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are increases in budgeted revenue with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted revenue and appropriations in equal amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2026 budget as follows:

Increase Amended Revenue:	From:	To:
Tipping Fees (Oper. Rev.)	$54,240,000.00	$55,103,500.00

Increase Amended Appropriations:	From:	To:
Transport & Disposal (Transfer St. O&M)	$37,545,600.00	$38,327,800.00
NJ Recycling Tax (Transfer St. O&M)	$ 1,440,000.00	$ 1,470,000.00
Host Benefit Fees (Transfer St. O&M)	$ 2,462,400.00	$ 2,513,700.00

CERTIFICATION

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MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Szwak made a Motion to amend the 2026 MCMUA Fiscal Budget for Solid Waste Division (Additional Tonnage Costs and Revenue) and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

With regard to Resolution No. 2026-079, Mr. Kaletcher explained for our Water Division we are reallocating budgetary funds in the amount of $130,000 to the following accounts: Electricity, Increased Water Production and Flanders Valley Well No. 2 being out of service has resulted in $100,000 to cover the additional electricity costs. Engineering - An Additional $30,000 is required to cover the redesign of Flanders Valley No, 1 & 2 PFAS treatment facility following Bureau of Water System Engineering comments, including additional treatment trains to provide a full treatment capacity of 4,000 gallons per minute so as not to impact the Authority's allocation limits.

Mr. Druetzler mentioned that the Board should have been made aware of electricity costs.

Resolution No. 2026-079
Resolution To Amend The 2026 Fiscal Budget For The
Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Pursuant To N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8
Water Division (Operational Costs)

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.8 provides that the Division of Local Government Services may approve the amendment of the budget of any Authority or District when there are decreases in budgeted appropriations with corresponding increases in budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Director may approve the amendment of the authority's budgeted appropriations in equal amounts.

WHEREAS, Cost of Providing Services (COPS) appropriations for electricity are insufficient because of increased water production in 2026 and the extended outage of Flanders Valley Well #2, requiring a reallocation to Miscellaneous COPS (Electricity); and

WHEREAS, additional Engineering appropriations are required to cover the redesign of the Flanders Valley #1 and #2 PFAS treatment facility following Bureau of Water System Engineering comments, including additional treatment trains to provide a full treatment capacity of 4,000 gallons per minute so as not to affect the Authority's allocation limits; and

WHEREAS, corresponding decreases in Salaries and Wages – Administration, Liability and Workers' Compensation, and Miscellaneous Administration – Rent are available to offset those increases in equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County M.U.A. hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the amendment to the 2026 budget as follows:

Decrease Appropriations:	From:	To:
Salaries & Wages - Admin.	$ 333,901.00	$ 253,901.00
Liability & Workman's Comp.	$ 161,994.00	$ 121,994.00
Miscellaneous Admin. (Rent)	$ 271,824.00	$ 261,824.00

Increase Appropriations:	From:	To:
Engineering	$ 450,000.00	$ 480,000.00
Miscellaneous COPS (Electricity)	$ 1,302,800.00	$1,402,800.00

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion to amend the 2026 MCMUA Fiscal Budget for Water Division (Operational Costs) and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher stated he has the Bill Resolution No. 2026-080 slated for approval after members review the schedule of warrants.

Chairman Dour asked for the Board's approval of the Bill Resolution:

Mr. Druetzler commented on payment of three vouchers. He was not in favor of paying these vouchers. Two of the vouchers for H2M, one on the Water Bill List and one on the Solid Waste Bill List. If they cannot complete a Contract, they shouldn't get paid and I'm voting no.

The other voucher was for Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. on the Solid Waste Bill List. We extended this Contract and they asked for 365 days more. It doesn't make sense to have these projects go over 2 ½ years when they are contracted to do it within 340 days. It doesn't make sense to pay people right away and I'm voting no.

Mr. Gindoff suggested that we pull the payment of these three vouchers from this schedule of warrants and place these three payments on next month's meeting and Mr. Druetzler concurred. After discussion, the Board concurred to table Resolution No.2026-084 for Accepting Work of Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. until the MCMUA's October 13, 2026, Board Meeting.

Bill Resolution No. 2026-080

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. 2026-080 containing 4 pages for a total of **$4,529,177.06** dated and made a part hereof by reference.

SUMMARY

CHECK NUMBERS

WATER OPERATING FUNDS	**7407-7441**	**$ 273,590.60**
SOLID WASTE OPERATING	**17386-17503**	**$ 4,255,586.46**
		$ 4,529,177.06

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: September 15, 2026 BOARD CHAIRMAN APPROVAL

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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: September 15, 2026.

DATE: September 15, 2026

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Larry Kaletcher, Treasurer

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion that the vouchers, as amended, be approved for payment and Mr. Smith seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Chairman Dour asked the Board if they want any Resolutions in the Consent Agenda be addressed separately. There were no resolutions addressed separately.

PURCHASING (Consent Agenda #2026-081 – #2026-083)

Chairman Dour asked for a Board Member to make a Motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-081 through #2026-083 as a consent agenda.

Resolution No. 2026-081
Resolution Authorizing the One (1) Year Extension of Contract for Emergency and On-Call Services With John Garcia Construction Co., Inc.

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2025 the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "Authority") finalized the Contract with John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. to perform Emergency and On-Call Services for Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID for a term of one (1) year, with an option to extend the term of the Contract, to be exercised at the discretion of the MCMUA, for two (2) additional one (1) year periods in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA desires to extend the term of the Contract for the first one (1) year extension; and

WHEREAS, the amount for the first one (1) year extension shall not exceed the contract amount of $100,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority as follows:

1. The MCMUA finds that the services of John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. are being performed in an effective and efficient manner.

2. The MCMUA authorizes the first one (1) year extension of the existing contract with John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. for the Contract No. 2025-W01 – RE-BID "MCMUA Emergency and On-Call Services".

3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute any other necessary documentation and to take all other actions necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

4. The Treasurer certifies that Funds are available for this Contract from Budget Line Item 02-6-600-602-324 and a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted to the Authority's Treasurer and kept on file in the offices of the Authority.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

Resolution No. 2026-082
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Approving a Vendor Service Contract on a 'Non-Fair and Open' Basis Pursuant to the 'Pay-to-Play' Law Harrington & Sons Inc. (Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations Paving)

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") has a need to acquire a contractor to pave roadways at the, MCMUA Parsippany and Mt. Olive Transfer Stations on a 'non-fair and open' contract pursuant to the provisions of the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play" Law, P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, competitive quotations were solicited in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations for the Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations Paving, Harrington & Sons Inc., having a business address of 50 Parker Rd. Chester, NJ 07930 submitted a proposal for the Mount Olive Transfer Station in the amount of $8,000.00 for the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, in response to the solicitation of competitive quotations for the Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations Paving, Harrington & Sons Inc., having a business address of 50 Parker Rd. Chester, NJ 07930 submitted a proposal for the Parsippany Transfer Station in the amount of $45,000.00 for the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, Harrington & Sons Inc., quotes were most advantageous to the MCMUA needs, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the contract to be awarded includes a requirement that the work shall be completed within 240 days from the date of full execution of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract to be awarded is further subject to the following:

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed $17,500.00;

2. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.

3. The required Political Contribution Disclosure form has been submitted and will be placed on file.

4. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

5. In lieu of a separate certification of funds, the maximum dollar value of this contract is as set forth in this resolution per N.J.A.C 5:30-5.4 (a) 3.

6. The submission of the Public Works Registration Certificate to be placed on file.

WHEREAS, the MCMUA Treasurer certifies that sufficient funds are available from Budget account number 01-5-900-958-151 for the work to be performed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority does hereby award and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract for the work in the proposal from Harrington & Sons, Inc., dated August 19, 2026 as most advantageous, price and other factors considered in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 under a 'non-fair and open' basis:

Vendor Name:	Harrington & Sons Inc.
Cost of Service:	$53,000.00
Account Number:	01-5-900-958-151

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Harrington & Sons Inc. for the Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations Paving based on the 2026 Proposal received by the Authority, available in the offices of the Authority, and incorporated by reference and made part hereof, for a term of 240 days.

2. The Contract is awarded subject to the submission of all insurance certificates required by the Contract, in a form acceptable to the Risk Manager of Morris County, and all other documentation required by the Contract, and shall commence upon the execution of a written Contract by both parties.

3. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or desirable to fully effectuate the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

4. 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 September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

Resolution No. 2026-083
Resolution of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority Authorizing the Purchase Contracts with Approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System - #65MCECCPS Contract Hoffman Services Inc.
(Curbside)

WHEREAS, MCMUA is a party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq. may, by Resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System "ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System", which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, goods or services utilizing the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA intends to enter into contracts with the following Referenced ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts;

Hoffman Services Inc. – Vehicle Service Lifts and Accessories #ESCNJ 24/25-14
$69,427.98 Line Item #01-3-300-800-151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCMUA authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System Vendors on the afore mentioned list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing System contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the governing body of the MCMUA pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the MCMUA and the Referenced ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing vendors shall be from **September 15, 2026** to **December 31, 2026.**

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:_____
Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion to approve purchasing resolutions #2026-081 through #2026-083 as a consent agenda and Ms. Szwak seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Kaletcher mentioned that budget discussions for 2027 have started and the Budget Committee Meeting will take place the week of October 5, 2026. He will reach out to the Committee members before that time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Gindoff mentioned that the only Correspondence this month was from Vincent Beyer of Euclid Chemical regarding Morris County Par-Troy Transfer Station Eucofloor 404 Repairs for surface imperfections on the North Floor Tipping Floor. This matter will be discussed under the Solid Waste Report.

There is no additional correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:

SOLID WASTE

1. 2026-09-02 – Letter to Otto DeJager of Infrastructure Repair Service of Lincoln Park, NJ from Vincent Beyer of Euclid Chemical regarding Morris County Par-Troy Transfer Station Eucofloor 404 Repairs for surface imperfections.

WATER ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. McAloon gave the following updates: (1) We are on pace for being a record year. September, October, November and December remain similar to what we experienced in 2025.; (2) SCE is preparing the updates to the Asset Management Plan, as well as preparation for the Water Division 2027 Budget and Capital Improvement list.; (3) Appreciate everyone passing the resolution extending John Garcia for one year. They continue to perform in an effective and efficient manner on that emergency and on-call contract.; (4) Update on Flanders 1 and 2 generators, all generators have been started up and tested and certifications have been performed. Both are functional and are on stand-by. There are very few punch list items and trying to get that work complete so that we can close-out that contract.; (5) Underground Utilities completed the final milling and paving of the punch list and paving of Phase II of the project. They submitted Payment Application No. 3. They did indicate there is a Change Order for additional paving limits they need to sort through to confirm those quantities. We still anticipate with some of the allowances we have built in the project being at or below the original contract value. Once we get that Change Order, we aim to get them closed out as well.; (6) Dee-En sent a report saying that they completed all of their work; I know not in a timely and efficient manner, but they are done at the Mt. Olive Transfer Station. So we will take this off our list for next month,; (7) Alamatong Wells 4 & 5 Electrical Improvement Project with Sovereign – They continue to get the necessary materials and looking at a start date for Alamatong Well No. 4 and getting on to the next phase of the project. We will be happy to have them move on and get the other wells completed.; (8) Regarding the Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement Project, the contracts have been fully executed. The Contractor does have some lead time on the new pumps. They are looking at January/February based on their current schedule.; (9) A few minor edits and revisions to get back to H2M but we will get those comments to them and anticipate their final report.

Chairman Dour asked how are we with Randolph and Denville with their leaks and Mr. McAloon replied that Randolph continues to be high and the same thing with Denville. He mentioned that Parsippany-Troy Hills is starting a Tank Rehabilitation Project so they are taking a lot more water to satisfy some of those impacts. Theoretically, we could be looking at a very high September/October.

Mr. Druetzler asked if SCE has ever done a leak protection program and Mr. McAloon replied they have used Ecologics. They have overseen a couple scenarios.

Ms. Szwak asked about the Ecologics proposal. Mr. McAloon mentioned that the next step is to schedule a meeting with Ecologics to discuss some costs, roll out the maps and come up with a game plan. Mr. McAloon mentioned that we are trying to make sure that our pipes are not contributing in any way.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through August 2026 the MCMUA sold approximately 1,254 MG of water—about 119 MG more than the same period in 2025 and 209 MG more than 2024. If the remaining months track 2025, annual sales could exceed 1,800 MG. Pleasant Hill Road Phase II is complete, including the Chester Avenue cross-connection and final paving; Payment Application No. 3 ($144,857.32) is recommended, with closeout targeted for October. Flanders Valley generator replacements are fully functional, with only minor punch-list items remaining. The Mt. Olive Transfer Station MCC project is complete; final payment and release of retainage ($10,348.00) will be presented as Resolution 2026-084. Contracts for the Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement are fully executed, with construction expected in January/February 2027. The Board will also consider the first one-year extension of the Emergency and On-Call contract with John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. (Resolution 2026-081).

PROJECT STATUS

1. *General System:*

   A. Through the month of August 2026, MCMUA sold approximately 1,253.982 MG. This amount is approximately 119.265 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2025 and approximately 208.919 MG more than the amount sold in the same time period in 2024. If the water usage is similar to 2025, for the months of September, October, November and December, the total usage could exceed 1,800 MG.

   B. SCE is preparing the updates to the Asset Management Plan, as well as preparation for the 2027 Water Division Budget and 2027 Capital Improvement List.

2. *Emergency and On-Call Contractor.*

   The MCMUA entered into agreement with ***John Garcia Construction Co.***, for the *Emergency and On-Call Contract (No. 2025-W01)* on October 9, 2025. As part of that Contract, the term was for one (1) year, with two (2) one (1) year extensions. John Garcia continues to perform this work in an effective and efficient manner, and we are proposing to extend this contract the first, one (1) year extension. We are prepared to present a Resolution at the meeting extending this Contract.

3. *Flanders Valley #1 and #2 Generator Replacements*

   The final generator start-up, testing and certification has been performed, and both facilities are fully functional and on standby. The Contractor is addressing a few minor punch list items, including the louver operation and grouting a small gap in the housekeeping pad. The goal is for project closeout at the October meeting.

Project Completion Summary Through September 15, 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 September 15, 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

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

Underground Utilities Corp. has completed the punch list including a temporary shutdown to complete the 8-inch cross connection at Chester Avenue, as well as the final milling and paving of the Phase II portion of the project. It is anticipated that project closeout will occur at the October meeting.

The Contractor has submitted payment application #3, in the amount of ***$144,857.32***. SCE has reviewed and finds this reflective of the work completed, and recommends processing if all necessary documents are submitted.

Project Completion Summary Through September 15, 2026

Contract Start Date		April 28, 2026
Original Contract Completion Time		120 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	120	100%
Days Remaining:	0	0%
Original Contract Completion Date		August 26, 2026

Project Financial Summary Through September 15, 2026

Original Contract Amount	$1,309,045.00
Total Value of Work Complete	$1,180,373.83
Payment Application #1	$877,705.24
Payment Application #2	$134,203.79
Payment Application #3	$144,857.32
Percent of Work Complete	90.1%
Total Retainage to Date	$23,607.48

5. *Mt. Olive Transfer Station Motor Control Center Improvements*

DEE-EN has finalized all outstanding punch list items, and has prepared the closeout documents. SCE is prepared to present the Resolution Accepting Work and Authorizing Final Payment & Release of Retainage. The final payment amount of **$10,348.00** is recommended.

Project Financial Summary Through September 15, 2026

Original Contract Amount	$159,900.00
Change Order #2	($10,000.00)
Current Contract Amount	$149,900.00
Payment Application #1	$7,199.08
Payment Application #2	$1,715.00
Payment Application #3	$17,434.20
Payment Application #4	$57,677.90
Payment Application #5	$55,525.82
Payment Application #6	$10,348.00
Total Value of Work Complete	$149,900.00
Percent of Work Complete	100%
Total Retainage to Date	$0.00

6. *Alamatong Well #4 and #5 Electrical Improvement Project*

Sovereign Consulting, Inc., has begun the selective demolition at Alamatong Well #4 and #5, and has secured the necessary materials to advance the work at those stations.

The Contractor has submitted payment application #3, in the amount of ***$31,767.26***. SCE has reviewed and finds this reflective of the work completed, and recommends processing if all necessary documents are submitted.

Project Completion Summary Through September 15, 2026

Contract Start Date		March 23, 2026
Original Contract Completion Time		365 Calendar Days
Days Elapsed:	176	48%
Days Remaining:	189	52%
Original Contract Completion Date		March 23, 2027

Project Financial Summary Through September 15, 2026

Original Contract Amount	$1,225,000.00
Payment Application #1	$84,280.00
Payment Application #2	$118,041.00
Payment Application #3	$31,767.26
Total Value of Work Complete	$238,865.57
Percent of Work Complete	19.5%
Total Retainage to Date	$4,777.31

7. *Mt. Arlington Pump Replacement*

   The Contracts have been fully executed, and we are in the process of scheduling the pre-construction meeting. With the lead time on this equipment, it is anticipated that January/February the work will be performed.

8. *Water Exploration Engineer*

   H2M is in the process of finalizing the report for circulation to the team for review and comment. H2M has submitted the next invoice, totaling $10,386.80. SCE reviewed and finds this reflective of the work completed, and recommends processing. Per discussion with the Board in August, H2M has advised they will be providing the close out report on this project very soon.

Project Financial Summary Through September 15, 2026

Original Contract Amount	$86,000.00
Total Value of Work Complete	$72,843.50
Percent of Work Complete	84.7%

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

Mr. Deacon reported on the following: (1) August was a big month for tonnage at both transfer stations; 8% increase over 2025. Staff did a great job after Labor Day having both stations cleared.; (2) Additional repairs by IRS on the North Tipping Floor in Parsippany have been scheduled for September 24 and 25. Details for those repairs are mentioned in the report.

Chairman Dour asked if this was a quality control issue on their part? Mr. Deacon replied that work done by Persistent outshines the work done by IRS. He explained that this is a different type of material. The product was great, but it is just the quality of work. When Alaimo, Euclid and Persistent met for the final inspection of the work, it was either temperature or didn't put the poly on too soon or not fast enough. They don't have any excuses for the footprints. Mr. Deacon thinks the plan is going to be, just because it is a tipping floor, we should get what we paid for. They are going to start in the Mechanic's Bay #5 and see how the repairs go; if it is causing more problems or damage than we want, we may not do the rest. Chairman Dour asked if we don't do the rest, would we get an extension on a warranty and Mr. Deacon replied that we did ask for that.; (3) Staff is currently working with Alaimo Group on our NJDEP Solid Waste Permit Renewal for the Mt. Olive Station which is set to expire in January 2027.; (4) Staff met with N.J. American Water, Alaimo Group, members from Mt. Olive Township, Voellers and our Fire Marshall's Office on Friday, September 11 for a Pre-Construction Meeting on the extension of the water main along Gold Mine Road. This is scheduled to start on Monday, September 28. We did meet with Alexis from Alaimo and she walked the entire site with us for the next step when we will be getting water into the station.; (5) Regarding HHW Disposal for our CCM Event, the location has been changed from Lot #1 to Lot #9.; (6) Regarding Vegetative Waste, Staff started screening yesterday up at Mt. Olive. Parsippany was completed on Friday, September 11.; (7) Both Heavy Equipment Operators are at Rutgers Compost Certification Course today and tomorrow.; (8) Voellers has started to move some of our wood mulch, especially out of Mt. Olive.; (9) The Vegetative Report shows this year's data keeps increasing over 2025 data and strong in-bound sales kept us moving forward compared to last year.

Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to table Resolution No. 2026-084, Resolution Accepting The Work Of Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. For Contract No. 2024-SW01 "Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements" until the MCMUA's Board Meeting on October 13, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion to table Resolution No. 2026-084, Resolution Accepting The Work Of Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. For Contract No. 2024-SW01 "Mt. Olive Motor Control Center Improvements" until the MCMUA's Board Meeting on October 13, 2026 and Mr. Ragonese seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

Mr. Deacon thanked Mike and Joe of Suburban for the constant oversite on that Project.

Mr. Deacon asked for the Board's approval of the following Resolution No. 2026-085:

Mr. Carney mentioned that the following Resolution needs to be amended as follows:

On Page 1, second to last paragraph needs to be deleted. It reads as follows: **"WHEREAS,** the MCMUA filed a Request for a Warrant of Removal on August 26, 2026, which has been executed by the Special Civil Part; and".

Also in the next **WHEREAS** clause, at the end of the first line after the word Possession, "and Warrant of Removal" needs to be deleted.

Resolution No. 2026-085
Resolution Acknowledging Possession Of Block 770, Lots 17, 18 & 19 In The Township Of Parsippany-Troy Hills For The Public Purpose Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And Exempt From Ad Valorem Real Property Taxes

WHEREAS, the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority ("MCMUA") is the owner of land located at New Road and Edwards Road, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, New Jersey, and known as Lots 17, 18 & 19 in Block 770 of the Tax Map of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA leased the Property to AJACO Towing, Inc., ("AJACO") pursuant to a September 2, 2015 lease (the "Lease Agreement" or "Lease"), with said Lease to expire on September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, via a letter dated September 19, 2024, the MCMUA served a Notice of Termination on AJACO, noting that the Lease was to expire on September 30, 2025 and the MCMUA did not intend to extend the term of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, AJACO remained on the Property past the expiration of the Lease and rent was not paid to the MCMUA per the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Lease Agreement, AJACO was also responsible for paying any property taxes due to the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills ("Township"); and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA was advised by the Township that property taxes had not been paid by AJACO since 3rd Quarter of 2020 for Block 770, Lot 18 and the 4th Quarter of 2021 for Block 770, Lots 17 and 19 and as a result, Tax Sale Certificates were issued for all three (3) lots ("Certificates"); and

WHEREAS, the Township purchased the Certificates and, in order to prevent further accrual of liens on the publicly owned Property, the MCMUA paid the outstanding tax liens, bringing the taxes on the Property current; and

WHEREAS, after months of attempted negotiations, the MCMUA filed a Verified Complaint (Holdover Eviction) seeking to obtain possession of the property in the Special Civil Part of the Morris County Law Division; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2026, the Special Civil Part issued an Order of Disposition and Judgment for Possession after AJACO agreed to a Voluntary Default; and

WHEREAS, the MCMUA filed a Request for a Warrant of Removal on August 26, 2026, which has been executed by the Special Civil Part; and

WHEREAS, due to the Order of Disposition, Judgment of Possession and Warrant of Removal, the MCMUA's Property is now solely for the public purpose of the MCMUA, including in connection with MCMUA's adjacent Solid Waste Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, as a public entity, utilizing the property for a public purpose, the Property is exempt from property taxes owed to the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey on this 15th day of September, 2026 as follows:

1. Since the date of the Judgment of Possession, the MCMUA's Property, known as Block 770, Lots 17, 18 and 19 in the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills is now utilized for public purpose of the MCMUA and is therefore exempt from ad valorem real property taxes.

2. The MCMUA's staff and consultants are authorized to take all actions reasonable and necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority at the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2026.

MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By:_____
Christopher Dour, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marilyn Regner, Secretary

MOTION: Ms. Farris made a Motion adopt the following Resolution, as amended, to Acknowledge Possession Of Block 770, Lots 17, 18 & 19 In The Township Of Parsippany-Troy Hills For The Public Purpose Of The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority And Exempt From Ad Valorem Real Property Taxes and Mr. Druetzler seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

SOLID, HAZARDOUS AND VEGETATIVE WASTE REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August 2026 the MCMUA transfer stations accepted 43,648 tons of solid waste, 8.0% more than August 2025. Full-year 2026 tonnage is now projected at approximately 485,871 tons, a 1.9% increase over 2025. The Parsippany North Tipping Floor is in closeout; Change Order No. 1 work is substantially complete, and surface repairs to the EucoFloor 404 are scheduled for mid- to late September. The Board will consider a paving contract with Harrington & Sons for both transfer stations (Resolution 2026-082), closeout of the Mount Olive MCC project with DEE-EN including final payment of $10,348.00 (Resolution 2026-084), purchase of four Stertil-Koni mobile lifts for the Curbside Armory ($69,427.98) (Resolution 2026-083), and acknowledgment that Block 770, Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Parsippany-Troy Hills are now in MCMUA possession for public use and tax-exempt (Resolution 2026-085). HHW activity was strong (424 appointments in August; 2,378 year-to-date). Vegetative waste screening is underway at Parsippany and moves to Mount Olive on September 14; approximately 500 cubic yards of surplus mulch have been sold through the amended Vollers arrangement since August 21.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

In late August, all MCMUA facilities, grounds, and buildings, including the Main Office, were inspected for environmental, health, and safety compliance by Garden State Environmental (GSE). GSE is retained by the Morris County Office of Risk Management to conduct annual inspections of all County facilities. The GSE Health and Safety Specialist who conducted the inspections made several positive comments regarding the improvements that have been made at MCMUA facilities over the past year. Issues identified during the inspections have either been corrected or are actively being addressed in a timely manner. Credit should be given to the Water and Solid Waste Managers and their respective staff for their continued efforts to improve facility conditions and move the MCMUA toward full compliance. Their ongoing attention to environmental, health, and safety requirements has resulted in measurable improvements throughout the organization. A similar inspection was conducted by the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office on September 8, with a greater focus on fire-related codes and regulations. The inspection(s) also resulted in positive outcomes and provided the MCMUA with an additional opportunity to identify and address any remaining compliance issues.

Transfer Station Annual SPPP Training and Inspections- The MCMUA conducted its annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) training and facility inspections at both transfer stations in August. The Parsippany Transfer Station training and inspection was conducted on August 3, beginning at 6:00AM, prior to the start of business. MCMUA onsite staff reviewed the current NJDEP permit and updated SPPP and discussed applicable Best Management Practices (BMPs), including spill response procedures and measures for controlling leachate within the tipping building and the new trench drain system on the North floor. The same training and inspection activities were conducted with Mount Olive Transfer Station staff on August 4. As part of the annual SPPP requirements, members of the MCMUA Pollution

Prevention Team are required to inspect the entire facility to evaluate areas where stormwater is discharged under the authorization of the MCMUA's NJDEP Stormwater Permits. The team must also assess whether the SPPP has effectively eliminated or minimized exposure of source materials to stormwater, whether the plan is being properly implemented, and whether additional measures are necessary to maintain compliance. All annual inspections are documented, and in the event of any identified noncompliance, the inspection report must identify the measures taken or proposed to remedy the issue. Copies of the sign-in sheets documenting the August 3 and August 4 training and inspection events were provided to the respective managers and Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) for their records. Following completion of the inspections and training, MCMUA staff submitted the 2026 Annual Certifications for both the Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations to the NJDEP Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control, through the MY.NJ portal.

Transfer Station Paving Improvements- A resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its September 15 meeting to authorize a service contract on a "Non-Fair and Open" basis pursuant to the Pay-to-Play Law for paving improvements at the Mount Olive and Parsippany Transfer Stations. Harrington & Sons, Inc. submitted the most advantageous quote for the Mount Olive Transfer Station in the amount of $8,000.00 and the most advantageous quote for the Parsippany Transfer Station in the amount of $45,000.00. The proposed paving work will address specific areas at both transfer stations that experience significant wear and tear due to the high volume of trucks and heavy equipment continuously operating on the premises.

TRANSFER STATIONS

Tonnage Summary- The 43,648 tons of solid waste accepted in August 2026 from the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations was 8.00% greater than the 40,413 tons accepted a year ago in August 2025. Following the first eight (8) months of actual disposal data for 2026, it is projected that for all of 2026, a total of 485,871 tons of solid waste will be disposed. This would represent a 1.9% increase over the 477,215 tons accepted in all of 2025. Please refer to the attached Transfer Station Disposal Report by Month and the comparison statistics provided below for additional details.

August Monthly Transfer Station Comparison Statistics (2025 to 2026):
Mount Olive Transfer Station:
Inbound Tonnage- About 16,928- 1,132 more tons than 2025
Total Customers- 4,660- 245 more than 2025
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 1,260- 159 more than 2025
Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station:
Inbound Tonnage- About 26,719- 2,103 more tons than 2025
Total Customers- 6,279- 303 more than 2025
Self-Generated/ Residential Customers- 510- 42 fewer than 2025

With tonnage increasing throughout August, MCMUA staff experienced exceptionally heavy volumes on September 8, the Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday. Through the hard work

and dedication of staff, along with an adequate supply of transfer trailers from JP Mascaro and Sons, both facility tipping floors were cleared that evening. A total of 991 tons were processed at Mount Olive, while 1,795 tons were handled at Parsippany.

Solid Waste Professional Engineering Services- MCMUA 2025-2026 planned projects and improvements involving the Alaimo Group (Alaimo), Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE), and H2M at the two (2) MCMUA transfer stations. Updates will be provided to the Board at the September 15 meeting:

Parsippany-Troy Hills Transfer Station

- The North Tipping Floor/Small Floor project at the Parsippany-Troy Hills transfer station involves the replacement of the top section 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. As part of Change Order No. 1 approved at the August 11 Board meeting, Persistent Construction has finished the repair of three (3) damaged curb valves located at the rear of the transfer station that control the floor wash-down hydrants serving the Small Floor and installed approximately 240' linear feet of new "Jersey" barriers to permanently separate Tipping Floor Bay #5 from Bays #6 and #7, which serve as the facility's mechanic service area. The only pending item is the replacement of the two (2) existing emergency shut-off valves serving the Main Tipping Floor with the same upgraded valve configuration installed as part of the North Tipping Floor improvements. As part of the project closeout, on August 28 MCMUA staff met with Alaimo, Persistent, subcontractor Infrastructure Repair Service (IRS), and a representative from Euclid Chemical in regard to surface imperfections of the Eucofloor 404 that was installed several weeks prior. There were several areas with footprints and surface imperfections from the polyethylene sheeting used for the curing process of the 404. The group also observed one area where the material had "sagged" and the 404 was not at the proper thickness. IRS has proposed the following repair procedures to Alaimo and the MCMUA:
  - A 30" prep master grinder will be used across the entire floor to remove high spots made by the poly used for curing.
  - The area where the material has sagged (approximately 10' by 7') will be addressed as follows:
    - The perimeter will be saw-cut.
    - Repair area will be chipped to a depth of 1".
    - The surface will be sandblasted clean and blown off.
    - The area will receive Euco Floor Epoxy Primer at 60 square feet per gallon and #1silica sand will be broadcasted to refusal.
    - Excess silica sand will be removed.
    - EUCO 404 will be placed, curing compound applied, and curing sheet applied over the repair.

As far as the footprints, IRS proposed to saw cut, chip to a depth of 1", repair the area and sandblast, clean and blow off. Application of the Euco Floor epoxy primer at 60 square feet per gallon and #1silica sand will be broadcasted to refusal, excess silica sand will be removed, and EUCO 404 will be placed, curing compound applied, and curing sheet applied over the repair. MCMUA staff have approved these repairs and are now scheduling with IRS for the weekend of September 11/12 or 25/26 to complete. Additional project updates and discussion will be provided during the Solid, Hazardous, and Vegetative Waste Report at the September 15 Board meeting.

- The Parsippany Scale House Improvement Project- was planned and budgeted for 2026. However, MCMUA staff, with assistance from Treasurer/CFO Larry Kaletcher, determined that the funds dedicated to this project should be redirected to assist with the completion of the Mount Olive Transfer Station Bathroom Alterations and Mezzanine Addition (Breakroom/Shop) Project in 2026. In preparation for the 2027 budget, staff requested that H2M provide pricing for engineering design, bidding, and construction oversight services for the Parsippany Scale House project. H2M met with MCMUA staff on August 27 for a detailed walkthrough of the Scale House. Following the site visit, H2M provided meeting notes documenting the items and scope of work discussed. Based on H2M's site assessment, the project scope will generally focus on renovating the interior spaces to improve functionality, upgrading finishes throughout the building, replacing doors and windows, addressing exterior repairs, and removing obsolete electrical and utility infrastructure. H2M also noted that several existing systems and components, including the furnace, domestic hot water equipment, lighting, and most mechanical systems, appear to be relatively new and are anticipated to remain in service. The next step is for H2M to develop a proposal for a "Phase 1- Feasibility Study", which would include a comprehensive existing-conditions assessment, preliminary cost estimate, and schematic design for MCMUA staff review and approval. This phased approach is similar to the process being used for the Mount Olive Transfer Station Breakroom/Shop Project. Following completion of the feasibility study, subsequent design phases would be developed and authorized as appropriate. Staff has confirmed that H2M should proceed with this phased approach. This will provide the MCMUA with a clear understanding of the project scope and anticipated costs and establish a foundation for planning, budgeting, and preparing the project for implementation in 2027.

Mount Olive Transfer Station

- Mount Olive Transfer Station NJDEP Solid Waste Facility Permit Renewal (PI #133624)- With the Mount Olive Transfer Station permit set to expire on January 11, 2027, MCMUA engaged the Alaimo Group to assist with the NJDEP permit renewal process. Staff are currently collecting data and information regarding capital improvements completed over the past five (5) years and providing it to Mr. Tom Cappetti, Environmental Planner for Alaimo Engineering. A major component of the renewal process will be updating the site's Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual to reflect MCMUA's operation of the facility since taking over operations in mid-December 2025.
- Mount Olive Transfer Station Bathroom Alterations and Mezzanine Addition (Breakroom/Shop)- Proposed improvements include the construction of a dedicated employee break room, renovated restroom and shower facilities, and a new mezzanine-

level locker room within the existing double-height maintenance and garage area (shop) of the Mount Olive Transfer Station building. H2M Architects and Engineers (H2M) had provided the MCMUA with its feasibility report, schematic drawings, and cost opinion for this 2026 budgeted capital improvement project. Staff reviewed and met virtually with the H2M project team in late July, resulting in additional engineering clarification regarding the project's major cost components. H2M subsequently submitted a revised cost opinion reflecting those discussions. H2M has also provided a detailed cost breakdown for construction documents, bidding and permitting, construction administration, and project closeout. Staff have reviewed and approved the proposed scope and costs and authorized H2M to proceed with the next phase of the project.

- Mount Olive Transfer Station Public Water Service Project- This project involves the installation of 800 feet of 8" diameter ductile iron concrete lined pipe necessary for 2" domestic service/ 8" fire service along Gold Mine Road to provide domestic water service and fire protection to the Mount Olive Transfer Station. Alaimo Group is working with MCMUA staff and the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office on the next stage of the project- finalizing the design of the fire pump and completion of the plans and specifications for the service connections phase of this project into the station.

  Remaining Time Frame from NJAW on the Main Extension process:

  20. Preconstruction meeting scheduled for Friday, September 11 at 1:00PM, onsite at the Mount Olive Transfer Station (Gold Mine Road)- MCMUA, NJAW Co, Vollers (contractor), Alaimo Group, Mount Olive DPW, Health Department, and Fire Official, and the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office.
  21. NJAW contractor to install mains. (Potential start date of Monday, September 21)
  22. NJAW will test and place in service.

  For steps 21-22 Depends on scope of the project.

  23. Developer to contact customer service to install meter.
- The Motor Control Center (MCC) Improvement Project with DEE-EN Electrical Contracting, Inc. (DEE-EN)- DEE-EN completed the punch list items provided by SCE at the end of August. As a result, a resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its September 15 meeting to accept the completed work and authorize final payment. Included with the resolution for project closeout will be Payment Recommendation No. 6 to DEE-EN in the amount of $10,348.00, as well as Change Order No. 2, which represents a reconciliation of unused line items and a three hundred ninety-eight (398)-day time extension associated with delays in equipment production.

Formerly Leased to Ajaco Lots: Following the August 20, 2026 Order of Disposition and Judgment for Possession, and execution of the Warrant of Removal, the MCMUA is in sole possession of Block 770, Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Parsippany-Troy Hills (New Road and Edwards Road), adjacent to the transfer station. Resolution 2026-085, to be presented to the Board for its consideration of approval, acknowledges that the property is now used solely for a public purpose and is therefore exempt from ad valorem real property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.3.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

MCMUA staff continue to work to improve the grounds in and around the Curbside Recycling facility. The fence line has been straightened and reset, and the gravel lot has been graded. The interior of the maintenance garage was also cleaned and organized in preparation for the GSE and Fire Marshal inspections referenced above. Staff will be working with SCE to evaluate a potential improvement project to pave the equipment and truck lot inside the fence line. These improvements would ideally include a large concrete pad extending the length of the building to safely store containers and roll-offs without damaging the new asphalt. As a result of the GSE inspection, staff researched a safer and more efficient method for lifting heavy equipment for

necessary repairs. The Stertil-Koni Earthlift uses less energy while providing the strength, speed, and power required for heavy-duty lifting. These mobile hydraulic units have a lifting capacity of 22,000 pounds per column and a maximum lifting height of 73 inches. Because the units are mobile, they can also be transported to other MCMUA facilities for use as needed. A resolution will be presented to the Board for consideration at its September 15 meeting to purchase four (4) Stertil-Koni Earthlift Model ST1085-2FRA mobile hydraulic units for a total cost of $69,427.98.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) MANAGEMENT

Program Participation- During the month of August 2026, the permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility serviced a total of 424 appointments. This included 382 Morris County residents, 6 Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs)/small businesses, and 36 out-of-county residents. For comparison, in August 2025, the HHW Facility serviced 329 total appointments, consisting of 294 Morris County residents, 3 VSQGs/small businesses, and 32 out-of-county residents. Overall, August 2026 saw an increase of 95 appointments (approx. 29%) compared to August 2025. Year-to-date, through the first eight (8) months of 2026, the HHW facility has serviced 2,378 appointments, including 2,173 Morris County residents. This represents a significant increase in participation, with the facility having processed 480 more customers year-to-date than during the same period in 2025. The facility also completed a large hazardous waste shipment through MXI Environmental Services on August 11. The shipment consisted of 38,780 pounds of chemicals and other unacceptable hazardous materials, preventing these materials from being placed on the tipping floors or ultimately disposed of in the landfill. MXI subsequently scheduled another full hazardous waste shipment for Tuesday, September 8, which totaled 22,800 pounds. These manifested shipments highlight the continued importance of the HHW program in safely managing hazardous materials and diverting them from the transfer station tipping floors and the solid waste stream.

REMINDER- Due to a scheduling conflict with the CCM, **the MCMUA HHW Event location is being moved from <u>Parking Lot #1 to Parking Lot #9</u>-** Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the County College of Morris (CCM), 214 Center Grove Road in Randolph, New Jersey 07869, 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

VEGETATIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

MCMUA is currently working through its Shared Services Agreement with the Parsippany Forestry Department to schedule the rental of its Diamond Z brush grinder. Parsippany's grinder has been undergoing repairs throughout the summer and should soon be available for use. Once operational, the grinder will allow both MCMUA Vegetative Waste facilities to process the accumulated wood chips and brush received following the heavy storm systems in July and August. Staff successfully rented a Phoenix 3300 Trommel Screener from Emerald Equipment to complete the fall screening of compost at both facilities. Although the screener arrived in Parsippany on August 24, equipment issues delayed the start of site screening until August 28. Once operational, staff processed approximately 623 cubic yards (CY) in seven (7) hours. Program Manager Stephen Adams worked with staff to operate extended hours and a Saturday to make up for the lost time. As of the writing of this report, Parsippany Vegetative Waste staff continue to screen material, generating an average of approximately 650 CY per day. All unscreened compost onsite has now made a first pass through the machine, and staff have begun rescreening the overs/tailings to recapture as much usable material as possible before the remaining material is hauled for disposal at our transfer station. Arrangements have been made to transport the screener to Mount Olive on Monday, September 14, so screening can commence at that facility.

On August 25, the MCMUA Vegetative Waste Program collaborated with Ms. Sophia Forstmann, a soil scientist at Stanford University, who is completing a nationwide research project analyzing circular nutrient flows and compost properties at facilities throughout the United States. Ms. Forstmann selected the Parsippany Vegetative Waste Facility as a representative facility for Northern New Jersey and requested to collect samples for analysis. The data will remain anonymous if the research is ultimately published, and Ms. Forstmann has agreed to share the results with MCMUA upon completion of the study.

MCMUA continues to work with Suburban Consulting Engineers (SCE) on the development of stormwater management plans for both sites, as well as the design of the proposed bin-block and loading ramp projects. Program Manager Stephen Adams will be coordinating the next steps with SCE. Heavy Equipment Operators Joseph Furey and Justin Buller will attend the Rutgers–New Jersey Compost Operator Certification Course on September 15 and 16. The Mount Olive Vegetative Waste staff, led by Supervisor Keil Klaver, completed the site drainage project on August 27. Keil utilized a rental excavator to install 20 feet of 30-inch-diameter culvert pipe underneath the main driveway leading into the facility. The pipe was then buried beneath a layer of rip rap and covered to maintain a uniform road surface for municipal and commercial customers. This enhanced drainage system should help prevent erosion of the main driveway during heavy rainfall events, which has historically been an issue at the facility.

Vollers has begun sending walking-floor trailers to the Mount Olive facility to transport bulk sales of wood mulch, with approximately 70 CY shipped per load. A total of 500 CY of mulch has already been sold through this arrangement since August 21. Sales of this surplus material through HVI (Vollers) will continue even during the off-delivery season. Additional information regarding vegetative waste material flow is provided in the Vegetative Waste Report being presented at the September 15 meeting.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Mr. Marrone reported on the following:

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

In August, the rate for Single-Stream Recycling at Republic Services was finalized at a (Negative) $82.03/ton, representing a $ 0.27/ton increase in value from the July rate.

In August and early September, Northeast US recycling markets showed a clear divide: fiber and metals stayed resilient, while plastics faced major price and infrastructure challenges.

The plastics market is under downward pressure due to bearish trends, supply surpluses, and declining virgin resin prices from oversupply of cheap imports. PET bale prices are low, and infrastructure issues are worsened by domestic mill closures and high transport costs, continuing to drop as of today.

Today, I attended our County Recycling Coordinator Meeting, where we discussed lowering recycled resin rates and NJDEP looking into easing recycled-content percentage requirements under the NJ recycled content law. This consideration was prompted by manufacturers' concerns over difficulties sourcing quality materials in the required quantities. Consequently, ANJR and the CRCs will hold a meeting to address these issues.

On fiber, prices continue to rise for both OCC and paper, driven by domestic demand and seasonal factors like back-to-school and holiday inventories.

Scrap metals like steel and aluminum remain steady, supported by high demand and limited export options.

The 2026 Northeast recycling outlook shows varied recovery but is expected to continue the same pace.

Shared Service Agreement Updates:

Drafts of shared service agreements for The T*own of Boonton - Curbside and Depot Collection SSA Renewal, along with the Township of Washington's First Amendment to Depot Collection, are with those towns for their consideration.*

Highlights for August are as Follows:

Regarding Our Food Waste Recovery, Redirection, and Recycling Efforts and Education:

As you know, well before the County Food Waste Planning Law was signed in January, we have been working hard to reduce food waste sent into the waste stream from our generators.

- In August, we published our *Morris County Food Rescue Solutions Report.*

- The report summarizes research and interviews by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority from December 2024 to April 2026, involving stakeholders in Morris County's food donation sector. It provides an overview of the current food rescue situation from insights of food assistance organizations, grocery stores, farms, food producers, and other relevant parties.
- Copies of an informational flyer, which will lead you to the report, as well as several other of our educational efforts, are on the table.
- We have also been updating our food waste landing page on our website with additional educational information, and the first flyer in the packet will lead you there.
- Regarding education, I have been collaborating with the NJDEP and NJDA to develop multiple guidance documents and compliance advisories. These focus on composting farms, feeding excess food to animals, establishing drop-off programs for food waste recycling at municipal depots, and organizing food waste pickups with micro haulers. Additionally, I have conducted educational sessions on these topics.

Regarding our Fall Meetings:

The Planning Division has been working on preparing for its fall slate of meetings.

- Our Annual Clean Communities Coordinator Meeting is tomorrow at Kean Skylands.
- The meeting brings together coordinators from Morris County and area stakeholders, and will focus on our Morris County Program, updates, resources, and feature speakers presenting on litter prevention, illegal dumping, and enforcement, along with education on water pollution prevention, as well as the new skip the stuff law.
- We have also created new educational resources for coordinators for the upcoming grant cycle, which we will share at the meeting.
- The meeting is currently capped at 50 seats and has a waitlist.

Fourth MRC Meeting:

On September 23, the MCMUA hosts its fourth MRC meeting, involving five counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic at the NJSEA in Lyndhurst.

- Speakers include the NJDEP, which will discuss updates on the new County Food Waste Planning Law/Tiered Composting, the Scrap Tire Recycling Law, E-Waste Reporting Forms, and the 'Skip the Stuff' (Cut the Cutlery) Campaign.

- There will also be updates on recycling markets and legislation, ANJR updates, a presentation from the Flooring Foundation about its new recycling facility in Somerset County, information on food waste recycling programs from Montclair and Leonia Townships, and a report from the Meadowlands Environmental Commission on school field trips and programs, followed by a tour of the Environmental Center grounds led by their onsite teaching staff.

Fifth MRC Meeting:

On October 21, the MCMUA will host its fifth MRC meeting, which will include tours of the MCMUA's Mount Olive Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Recycling Facility.

2026 MCMUA Recycling Enhancement Mini-Grant Program

- We have been in touch with all five of last month's grant recipients, and they are all hard at work on their projects. We have also been in touch with several other towns who reached out to us after learning about the awards, as well as reaching out to others to gauge participation in a new round of grants.
- So far, Andrea is working with two other towns who are writing up letters of interest now
    - Rockaway Borough (interested in a Styrofoam recycling depot with Long Hill)
    - Chatham Township (interested in a food waste drop-off program at its DPW yard).
- As well as two others who are going to meet to come up with a project: Kinnelon and Chatham Borough.

MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations:

- Tomorrow I will be presenting at the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials quarterly meeting.
- The forum will bring County and City Officials across the state together and allow this group to learn about legislation that will directly affect their operations.
- I will speak on the new County Food Waste Planning Law, its requirements, and how these groups can support their municipal counterparts in achieving state goals, as food donation will play a crucial role in the state's broader objectives.

NJDEP 2023 Recycling Grant Awards & Rates, Morris County Update

- Following last month's report on our letters to Morris County municipalities about recycling rates, awards, and efforts with the Municipal Tonnage Grant Program, we've received positive feedback from coordinators and towns.
- Some of our coordinators were recognized at their council meetings; others were featured in the town's newsletter, received recognition from their governing body, and one was awarded a plaque and proclamation recognizing their efforts.

Lastly, I have included our Fall 2026 Newsletter, which focuses on Morris Plains this quarter. If you would like that in print format.

RECYCLING REPORT:

Executive Summary

In August 2026, the finalized single-stream recycling tip fee at Republic Services was negative $82.03 per ton, $0.27 more favorable than July's finalized rate of negative $82.30. Fiber and metals remained firm while plastics stayed weak. Shared-service drafts for Boonton (curbside/depot renewal) and Washington Township (scrap-metal container amendment) are with those municipalities for review. The 2024 Recycling Enhancement Act grant was formally closed

on September 1, and the 2025 REA agreement was signed and returned to NJDEP. Staff convened a September 2 NJDEP/NJDA/MCDPH forum on food-waste recycling compliance, with a follow-up set for September 29. Five Environmental Commission mini-grant projects are underway, and additional municipalities have requested support. Upcoming coordinator events include the Clean Communities meeting on September 16 and the five-county MRC meeting on September 23.

Recycling Market and Operations Report Update

In August, the finalized single-stream recycling rate with Republic Services was negative $82.03 per ton, a $0.27 increase from the previous month's finalized rate of negative $82.30 per ton.

In August and early September, recycling markets in the Northeast US saw a clear split across commodity types in our sector. Fiber and metals remain resilient domestic assets, while plastics face severe pricing and infrastructure headwinds.

The post-consumer plastics market is facing significant downward pressure due to bearish trends and supply surpluses. This is mainly caused by decreasing virgin resin prices and structural bottlenecks. Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) bale prices have remained around 2-3 cents per pound, below summer peaks and inconsistent with seasonal beverage sales increases. Infrastructure problems worsened the drop through a domino effect after domestic PET mill closures created localized oversupply. Combined with high regional diesel and freight costs, many brokers struggle to economically transport heavy, low-value plastic bales from the Northeast to distant converters. Tariffs between the U.S. and Canada, along with retaliatory actions, are expected to influence recycled plastics markets and resin demand, especially if production costs increase. Ongoing trade uncertainties and regulatory changes can disrupt supply chains, even with exemptions for raw recycled plastics. Elevated tariffs on finished products and molds could raise operating costs, encourage local sourcing, limit export opportunities for recycled resins, and diminish their market value.

On paper and fiber pricing, the upward trend in fiber grades continues to stabilize our single-stream rate this month, consistent with previous months. The average price for Old Corrugated Containers (OCC) increased by $5 per ton this month and again in September, marking a pattern that started in January. This rise has been driven by steady domestic mill demand as manufacturing shifts toward higher incorporation of recycled fibers. Sorted Residential Papers also experienced similar increases, beginning in June. The main factors behind August's stable fiber prices include seasonal influences like back-to-school production, along with containerboard mills increasing inventory ahead of fall and holiday shipping.

Scrap metals like steel and aluminum remain steady, supporting a resilient, balanced market. These commodities have maintained a quiet yet notably strong position, shielding operators from the declines seen in plastics. Used beverage containers have been priced high, around 100 cents per pound since May, supported by the high seasonal demand for canned drinks through late summer. Steel cans also stayed strong, averaging $207.50 per ton during this period. In terms of trade dynamics, August scrap transactions were mostly balanced. Limited export

opportunities and summer mill maintenance restricted large volume increases, but low domestic mill inventories helped sustain firm prices for scrap steel and aluminum.

The 2026 outlook for Northeast recycling shows a varied recovery. Seasonal manufacturing, ESG targets, and economic stabilization will drive mixed material performance. Plastics may bottom out and stay flat through Q4. Regional projects like Republic Services' Pennsylvania Polymer Center, expected to be operational by early 2027, could support baseline throughput and stabilize prices, helping meet corporate PCR goals and support pricing. Fiber remains strong, with OCC likely to rise again in late 2026, aided by clearer trade tariffs and stable logistics. Domestic paper mills seek clean fiber, and Q4 holiday e-commerce boosts demand for residential paper, maintaining regional prices. Metals may slow after Labor Day as beverage container supply drops, but high domestic mill inventories keep prices stable, offsetting declining plastic margins.



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

Ongoing Shared Service Agreements and Contract Activities

In August, Marrone and Chavanne continued follow-up conversations and completed edits to existing drafts of shared service agreements for the following towns and their respective contracts, which now rest with those municipalities for their consideration:

- *Town of Boonton - Curbside and Depot Collection SSA Renewal.*
- *Township of Washington First Amendment to Depot Collection SSA – Scrap Metal Container Addition.*

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

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

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

- MCMUA 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 Sponsored Internship with Morris County's Higher Learning Institutions

- MCMUA Attends the Rockaway Borough Night Out Event
- MCMUA Attends the Tri-Town Night Out Event
- MCMUA Attends the NJDEP Sustainability Speaker Series (S3) on Restaurant Sustainability
- MCMUA Assists with Education and Compliance for Curbside Recycling in Hanover Township
- MCMUA Hosts In-Person MRC Recycling Facility Tours for its Coordinators and Partners
- MCMUA & MCDPH Recycling Education and Inspections
- Solid Waste Planning Division Assignment Update
- MCMUA Attends NJ Food Waste Reduction & Composting Webinar
- MCMUA Recycling Public Outreach Educational Materials and Efforts
- MCMUA Attends the Rutgers Certified Recycling Professionals Course
- MCMUA Updates its Online Public Decal Order Form

Solid Waste Planning Activities and Special Projects

MCMUA, NJDEP, and NJDA Work to Create Food Waste Recycling Regulatory Education:

After the new County Food Waste Planning Law was signed in January, Marrone began researching existing and upcoming food waste recycling and composting regulations. He communicated with fellow County Coordinators and State Agencies to develop a guidance document that clarifies the current regulatory framework and fosters better collaboration across statewide partners. The launch of our mini-grant program for municipal environmental commissions further raised additional questions about compliance, expanding drop-off sites, managing micro haulers servicing these sites and residential pickups, and appropriate locations for disposal of collected materials. As these questions arose, along with our on-the-ground observations and in the absence of clear state guidance, Marrone engaged with officials from the NJDEP's Division of Sustainable Waste Permitting Bureau, Bureau of Recycling, Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing, and the Bureau of Solid Waste and Compliance & Enforcement to understand relevant regulations and permitting requirements. Additionally, he consulted the NJ Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources and Division of Animal Health to discuss current rules under the "Right-to-Farm Act," NJ Farmland Preservation Program, and regulations concerning food waste on farms and feeding food scraps to animals. Marrone also coordinated with colleagues in Middlesex County, Rutgers, and the NJ Composting Council to include findings in the County Food Waste Planning Guidance Document being developed for NJDEP. These discussions revealed that the state has limited awareness of the extent of on-the-ground food waste activities, especially municipal food waste drop-off programs and their growing popularity, which is problematic as these sites are expanding beyond municipal depots into town-owned and private business locations. Town administrators have requested clearer guidance on these matters from the MCMUA, which Marrone has communicated to these state agencies. Additionally, the growth of food waste recycling revealed that a micro hauler in our area was collecting material and delivering it to an unpermitted farm for onsite composting, where excess food scraps were fed to animals without proper permits. This situation creates

regulatory and animal health-related issues for the NJDA, as clear, up-to-date guidance for operating in this space is lacking.

Based on these findings and after multiple discussions with each group, it became clear that both Departments need to collaborate, meet, and unify their efforts to thoroughly understand the current food waste recycling operations in the field. This involves creating clear educational materials on how to operate in this space and amending New Jersey's regulatory framework to support or bar certain efforts if the Counties are to work toward adhering to their state-mandated food waste recycling goals. Consequently, on September 2, Marrone organized a large forum with representatives from both Departments, along with our Morris County Division of Public Health and MCMUA. Marrone opened the meeting by thanking everyone for participating in the collaboration and focusing on clear, concise education for our municipal and county partners. He also addressed current issues and needed clarifications regarding food waste recycling, sharing observations from MCMUA and MCDPH over recent years. Each department contributed its expertise, leading to a discussion on how to improve each program. At the end of the meeting, it was communicated that the NJDEP and NJDA will establish a working group and communicate throughout the month to develop a compliance advisory for release in October. A second large forum meeting is scheduled for September 29 to review the state's progress and realign efforts. Additionally, the Director and Assistant Director of the Division of Sustainable Waste Management will present at the September 15 County Recycling Coordinator Meeting to update the group on our initiatives.

Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) Tax Grant Submission Updates:

In August, Marrone and Chavanne finalized last year’s REA Grant (2024) by submitting the final deliverables and financial documents to NJDEP. Although MCMUA completed our grant before the 2025 deadline, the process follows the State's slower pace, with sections opening for submission, review, and closeout, making it lengthy. As a result, the MCMUA’s REA Grant was officially closed and filed on September 1, 2026, and we received an official letter for our records. Still, MCMUA’s consistent pace and prompt reporting keep us ahead of many counties, which are still several years behind in their reporting.

Regarding the 2025 REA Grant application, we submitted it before the June 17 deadline. After review, we received the grant agreement back for signature and signed it on August 5. It is now with NJDEP for their signature to finalize the agreement before their finance office can process a payment to us. Once completed, MCMUA will begin submitting our first 6-month grant status and financial reports. Although the NJDEP review process has improved, the initial application release for the grant period was significantly delayed. NJDEP hopes to send checks to counties next month, an improvement over last year. A detailed update will be provided at the September 15 County Recycling Coordinator Meeting.

MCMUA MRC and CCC Future Meeting Planning:

In August, the MCMUA Solid Waste Planning Team worked to finalize the details of their upcoming coordinator meetings as follows:

MCMUA Plans for its Fourth MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year:

In August, Marrone continued planning for the upcoming fourth MRC meeting, involving five counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, and Passaic. The regional recycling coordinator meeting is scheduled to take place again at the NJSEA, located at 1 DeKorte Park Plaza in Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, in the auditorium of the former environmental center. This year's event is set for Wednesday, September 23, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. During that time, Marrone held several follow-up discussions with the other county coordinators to confirm speakers and finalize the agenda. The MCMUA also handles all paperwork, state-mandated summaries, and cataloging for the event, as well as applying for credits for its participation in this meeting. Confirmed speakers include the NJDEP, which will discuss updates on the new County Food Waste Planning Law/Tiered Composting, the Scrap Tire Recycling Law, E-Waste Reporting Forms, and the 'Skip the Stuff' (Cut the Cutlery) Campaign. There will also be updates on recycling markets and legislation, ANJR updates, a presentation from the Flooring Foundation about its new recycling facility in Somerset County, information on food waste recycling programs from Montclair and Leonia Townships, and a report from the Meadowlands Environmental Commission on school field trips and programs, followed by a tour of the Environmental Center grounds led by their onsite teaching staff. With the recycling coordinators from two other counties leaving their positions in late August and early September, Bergen's coordinator retired, and Hudson's coordinator moved to a different role, Morris will be taking point in leading the event activities and ensuring a successful event. A last-minute preparation meeting is scheduled for September 14 to ensure all speakers are prepared and that PowerPoints and educational materials are provided before the event for use at the meeting.

MCMUA Plans for its Annual Clean Communities Coordinator Meeting:

In August, Chavanne focused on finalizing educational materials, meeting details, and specifications for the upcoming Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator meeting. Set for Wednesday, September 16, at Kean Skylands Campus in Oak Ridge, NJ, the event will include an overview of the Morris County Program, updates, related resources, a review of the revised website, a campus tour, and discussions on its history and educational programs. Several speakers will present, such as Q-Star Technologies on anti-littering and illegal dumping prevention, GOATOTE on their reusable bag initiative, the New Jersey School of Conservation on water pollution prevention, and the Kean University Students Sustainability Squad on their outreach and sustainability projects. Additionally, Chavanne created new educational resources for our coordinators for the upcoming grant cycle, which she will share at the meeting. In addition to opening the meeting to our Morris County coordinators, we also opened it to fellow county coordinators across the state to increase education within our group. As a result, the meeting now has a waitlist, as the venue can hold only 50 people.

MCMUA Plans for its Fifth MRC Meeting of the 2026 Calendar Year:

In August, Marrone began planning the final MRC meeting of the year, scheduled to include tours of the MCMUA's Mount Olive Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and Mount Olive Vegetative Waste Recycling Facility. These visits aim to give MRCs and municipal partners a clearer understanding of MCMUA operations and how each site handles waste and recycling. The meeting will also include training to ensure participants are well informed

about operations, enabling them to help residents with questions about these programs after seeing them in action.



2026 MCMUA Recycling Enhancement Mini-Grant Programs for Environmental Commissions:

After last month's Recycling Enhancement Mini-Grant Program for Environmental Commissions announcement for five of our Morris County towns, the grant awardees have been hard at work on their waste diversion goals. Many have already begun efforts, while others have completed planning and moved into implementation. As a reminder, the 2026 Waste Reduction and Recycling Mini-Grant recipients are:

- **Mendham Borough** – Residential Food Waste Collection Program
- **Mendham Township** – Plastic Film Recycling Pilot Program & Backyard Composting Training and Starter Kit Program
- **Morris Township** – Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot
- **Morristown** – Residential Food Waste Collection and Drop-off Pilot
- **Rockaway Township** – CCTV Cameras for its Curbside Recycling Trucks to monitor for recycling contamination and provide proper recycling education practices to residents.

Throughout August, Marrone consistently checked in with recipients to provide guidance and support. Dolan also worked with the Morristown and Morris Township Environmental Commissions during this time to answer questions and provide regulatory insights to support further program growth. Several municipalities, upon learning about these grants last month, contacted the MCMUA to ask about additional grant options. In response, Marrone and Dolan worked together to contact other county municipalities about mini-grant opportunities, focusing efforts and funding on four additional grants for applicants with innovative project ideas. These towns include Denville, Rockaway Borough, Kinnelon, Chatham Borough, and Chatham Township. Rockaway Borough is most enthusiastic, planning a Styrofoam recycling pilot with Long Hill, and Chatham Township aims to start a food waste drop-off program at its DPW yard. Dolan remains engaged with other Environmental Commissions and Green Teams across the County to explore potential partnerships and set shared goals.

Solid Waste Planning and Curbside Operations Work on Recycling Collection Dates & Calendars:

In August, the Solid Waste Planning and Operations Team started updating its annual collection calendar for contract partners. They first review major holidays, compare them with affected collection days, and collaborate with Operations to identify suitable make-up days within the current schedule. They also assign union blackout days when Operations cannot schedule time off, especially during busy periods affected by holiday make-up days on previously lighter workdays. These dates, approved by the MCMUA, are pending confirmation of the County of Morris work calendar for 2027, which is expected at the end of September or early October before finalizing and publishing. Meanwhile, the Planning Division has begun updating municipal and

partner collection calendars for distribution to them and other media outlets, such as the Town Planner. Although many requestors use our calendar, as noted to the right, others incorporate our dates into their own calendars, often requesting these dates as early as October.

Municipalities outside our collection service area, such as Montville and Mountain Lakes, have asked the MCMUA to help develop their own collection calendars for residents. The MCMUA provided these towns with a draft version of its calendar via CANVA and collaborated directly with their MRC within the document to make revisions, enhance visibility, and support

educational efforts. This partnership aims to make the recycling process more engaging for residents outside our service contract and increase overall curbside recycling rates.

Solid Waste Planning Division Develops its End-of-Year and 2027 Calendar Year Plan:

In August and September, the Division completed its 2026 end-of-year budget and outlined its 2027 calendar, covering special projects, grant commitments, regulatory outlooks, and shared service obligations. This includes plans to close the 2025 REA grant and the Division's environmental development operating line, along with the remaining 2026 Clean Communities Grant, active until June 2027. For special projects, the MCMUA intends to distribute mini-grants for municipal recycling improvements and school food waste reduction and offers educational courses such as “Teach-the-Teacher' on food waste prevention and composting, Recycling Ambassador courses, and trainings for recycling and clean communities coordinators. Additionally, the Division developed 2027 projections, revenue estimates, and billing forecasts, factoring in equipment costs for both anticipated and unforeseen shared service requests, as well as potential revenue from collection agreements and billing rates for the Finance Division.

MCMUA and MCDPH Collaborations:

In August, MCMUA developed a food waste presentation and educational materials for the 2026 NJACCHO webinar, which will be held on September 17. The forum will bring County and City Officials across the state together and allow this group to learn about legislation that will directly affect their operations. As a result, the MCMUA and MCDPH worked together to tailor this event, emphasizing the new County Food Waste Planning Law, its requirements, and how these groups can support their municipal counterparts in achieving state goals, as food donation will play a crucial role in the state's broader objectives. In our segment, Marrone will highlight Morris County's food waste initiatives and upcoming projects. We will also provide a voluntary food waste survey and educational materials to local businesses during their annual license renewal, including information on legislation, the benefits of donation, waste-reduction tips, and a section for recycling/donation details. The aim is to integrate the survey and educational materials into the retail food license renewal process, with completed surveys submitted back alongside the renewal application. This data will then be shared with the Municipal Recycling Coordinator to report on food waste recycling, boost recycling rates, and support grant opportunities. Even if businesses don't return the survey, they will receive information on the benefits of donation and relevant educational resources. In addition to MCMUA's presentation, we invited the food rescue organization “Share My Meals,” which connects donors of excess food with recipients in need, so it doesn't go to waste. This group will present on their work with the

Meal Recovery Coalition, a statewide coalition of organizations that bring together cross-sector leaders with a shared goal: making meal recovery the norm in New Jersey. They will discuss their recently created New Jersey Food Donation Guidance Document for use with this group as it relates to their efforts.

Morris County Clean Communities Program

New Jersey Clean Communities Council Best Practices Committee:

In August, Chavanne, a member of the NJCCC Best Practices Committee, met with other committee members several times to review and update the Council's website. Over the next few months, the NJCCC is planning a sitewide revamp of the NJClean.org website, with a mid-October deadline to coincide with the graduation of the new Clean Communities Coordinator certification cohort. Chavanne is tasked with creating a generalized version of the MCMUA CCC Handbook for the NJCCC to share statewide to help municipalities with their programs. The MCMUA Clean Communities Budget Template Excel file will also be added to the NJ Clean website for coordinators statewide to use. Chavanne is also helping update the cleanup section of the website to ensure all information is up to date and all links work.

Morris County Clean Communities Mini-Grants, Update:

In August, Chavanne updated our Clean Communities mini-grant guidelines and application process for school cleanups, educational, and non-profit mini-grants. Because the overall program received less grant funding in 2026 from the State, non-profits will likely see funding reduced by up to $500, depending on the number of applications received. To make applying easier, we created interactive PDFs that can be filled out virtually. These are linked on the MCMUA Clean Communities webpage: Clean Communities Public Grants – MCMUA News. With the opening of the new grant period, we have already received several applications for our educational mini-grants in advance of the 2027 calendar year.

Morris County Clean Communities Sponsored County Roadway Cleanup(s):

In August, the Morris County Clean Communities Litter Abatement Program continued its efforts to remove litter from county roads, working with the contractor Adopt-A-Highway. Throughout the month, Division Team Members conducted on-road searches in several areas listed in past cleanups as having increased litter. Several stretches of road in Parsippany, Morristown, Mount Olive, and Mine Hill were identified for future potential cleanups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Szwak looked into there being no Open Space Applications. The County had an orientation and they really tried to reach out to municipalities. A lot of people came in but the towns just didn't get their act together. She mentioned that they did a lot of outreach and they did reach out to the non-profits.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Nusbaum complimented James Deacon and his Staff at the HHW Facility. He took a tour when he visited to drop off a television. James gave him a review of the unit and it is run efficiently and is customer friendly. He thinks the Board and the County could be very proud of that unit. He was extremely impressed with the inside of the trailer with the OSHA, the safety, the medical protocol, the AED unit and the respective manuals that James has set up. The trailer is very much in compliance with State and Federal guidelines. From its inception in 1996, the HHW program has far exceeded our original protocols to remove HHW items out of the landfill and the waste stream.

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 8:39 p.m. for pending litigation, Morris County M.U.A. vs. AJACO Towing.

MOTION: Mr. Ragonese made a Motion for the meeting to go into closed session at 8:39 p.m. for pending litigation, Morris County M.U.A. vs. AJACO Towing, and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENSIONS: NONE

Chairman Dour asked the Board for a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:49 p.m..

MOTION: Mr. Smith made a Motion for the meeting to go into open session at 8:49 p.m. and Ms. Farris seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 8 NAYES: NONE ABSTENSIONS: NONE

There being no further business, Chairman Dour asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Druetzler made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Ms. Farris seconded the Motion and it was carried unanimously.

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Marilyn Regner
Secretary

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