



**CASTLE PINES NORTH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-002

Vigorously opposing the Sedalia Land Company's "Sustainability Center"
(dump/landfill) Planned Development (PD) Application #ZR09-007.

- WHEREAS,** Waste Connections, Inc., is a Folsom, California-based company, whose local subsidiary, the Sedalia Land Company, submitted an incomplete PD Application #ZR09-007 to Douglas County seeking approval for a 358-acre, 1,200-ton per day dump/landfill to be located on U.S. 285 approximately one-half mile north of Sedalia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sedalia Land Company seeks to rezone 358 acres, including its existing 124 acre construction material-only Sedalia Landfill, to a PD, and thereby transition its existing limited-use facility to a full blown municipal solid waste dump/landfill nearly three-times its existing size; and
- WHEREAS,** the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors possesses legal and fiduciary responsibilities to the people, families, neighborhoods, schools and businesses in the Castle Pines community to provide clean, safe, reliable drinking water at the lowest possible cost; and
- WHEREAS,** the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors directed staff to assemble and review PD Application #ZR09-007 and the related responses which various local interests filed with Douglas County's Department of Community Planning & Sustainable Development; and
- WHEREAS,** the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors is concerned that contaminants from the proposed Sedalia dump/landfill may leach into the Arapahoe Aquifer, upon which many people in the Castle Pines community rely, and/or leach into the Denver Basin Aquifer System, upon which many water consumers throughout Douglas County and the Denver metropolitan region rely; and

- WHEREAS,** the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors is concerned that contaminants from the proposed Sedalia dump/landfill may negatively impact Plum Creek; and
- WHEREAS,** Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors contends that the proximity of the community's drinking water supplies to the proposed dump/landfill, combined with the potential for excessive rainfall, flooding, accidental rail or Highway 285 spills or other unforeseen circumstances, suggest that, regardless of the applicant's intent, reliance on state-of-the-art technology and/or adherence to best practices, the applicant is unable to sufficiently guarantee it can and will prevent dump/landfill contamination of our community's drinking water; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed dump/landfill appears incompatible with adjacent land uses and the Douglas County Comprehensive Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the Castle Pines North Metropolitan District Board of Directors is aware of no Douglas County comprehensive solid waste management plan or public process suggesting that the applicant's proposed site is preferred among the many possible alternatives; and
- WHEREAS,** the applicant appears unwilling or unable to demonstrate the reason(s) existing landfill facilities elsewhere in the region are insufficient to meet existing and projected demand; and
- WHEREAS,** at least four full-service dumps/landfills and ten transfer stations exist within 45 miles of the Sedalia Land Company's proposed dump/landfill PD; and
- WHEREAS,** at existing waste volumes, the full-service Denver Arapahoe dump/landfill possesses over 100 years of remaining capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** at today's waste volumes, the full-service Tower Road dump/landfill possesses approximately 35 years of remaining capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** at current volumes, the Foothills dump/landfill possesses approximately 27 years of remaining capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** at historical volumes, the full-service Front Range dump/landfill (which Waste Connections anticipates opening this Fall) will possess approximately 30 years of capacity; and
- WHEREAS,** people in the Castle Pines community and throughout Douglas County may impact the County's decision to approve or deny the Sedalia Land Company's dump/landfill PD Application #ZR09-007 by participating in each phase of Douglas County's application review process; and
- WHEREAS,** Douglas County's application review process dictates that upon thorough PD application review, Douglas County planning staff will offer its recommendation(s) to the nine-member appointed Douglas County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission will, in turn, review the PD application, consider staff's recommendation(s), hold a public hearing, and separately offer its own recommendation(s) to the three-member elected Douglas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners will, in turn, review the PD application, consider both staff and Planning Commission recommendations and hold a public hearing before finally voting to approve or deny the PD application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CASTLE PINES NORTH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- I. Respectfully urges the Douglas County Department of Community Planning & Sustainable Development staff, the Douglas County Planning Commission, and the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners to unanimously reject the Sedalia Land Company's dump/landfill PD Application #ZR09-007; and
- II. Respectfully urges the people of Castle Pines, and those throughout Douglas County, to communicate their individual and collective opposition to the proposed Sedalia Landfill Company's PD Application #ZR09-007 with the following:

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B. Appointed Douglas County Planning Commissioners:

- Planning Commissioner Scott Kirkwood, Chair
- Planning Commissioner Ed Brewer, Vice-Chair
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- Planning Commissioner Gary Dani
- Planning Commissioner Jan Dixon
- Planning Commissioner Jim Dullea
- Planning Commissioner Marvin Taxar

- Planning Commissioner Bill Vincent
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III. That this Resolution shall take effect upon CPNMD Board approval on April 8, 2011.



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