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Memo

To: Tony Gomillion, County Administrator

From: Ronald Hixson, Environmental Manager

Thru: Roger Blaylock, P.E., County Engineer

Date: **January 27, 2016**

Re: **DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES FROM THE BLACKWATER FOREST WMA GAME CLEANING STATION**

Discussion:

Landfill Disposal Fee Waiver for Blackwater Forest WMA Game Cleaning Station Waste

Finding:

The Santa Rosa County Environmental Department has been contacted by the Florida Forestry Service (FFS), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the Santa Rosa County Southeastern Dog Hunters Association (SRC SEDHA) regarding the game cleaning station located within the Blackwater Forest Wildlife Management Area. The purpose of this station is to keep game carcasses from being dumped illegally in streams, woods, and off of the sides of roadways, but due to past budgetary constraints the game cleaning station has been closed indefinately. The SRC SEDHA is planning to reopen the facility with the help of the FFS and the FWS. The groups came to the SRC Environmental Department to ask if the county would be willing to waive the disposal fees at the Central Landfill for the disposal of the game carcasses during the months of October-February (Deer Hunting Season). They are estimating that use of the station would yield approximately 20-30 tons of waste annually, which would equate to approximately $720.00- $1080.00 in lost revenue annually. See the attached presentation for additional information.

Actions to be Considered:

That the Board of County Commissioners allow the SRC Environmental Department to waive the landfill disposal fees for waste that comes from the Blackwater WMA Game Cleaning Station from October-February.

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GAME CLEANING STATION

Located In Blackwater Forest WMA ,FFS Munson Florida.

FFS,FWC, Santa Rosa County, Southeastern Dog Hunters Association & Other Outdoor Associations Inside Santa Rosa County FL & Abroad.

GAME CLEANING STATION

PUBLIC USE

- Estimated 600+ deer are harvested on Blackwater WMA each year.
- A growing % of Santa Rosa County hunters & Counties adjacent to are living in urban areas. (Subdivisions etc.)
- There are no public land cleaning options available at this time.
- There are no public land game cleaning station disposal options at this time.
- Unfortunately Game Carcasses Are Wrongly Disposed Of.
- Unfortunately public hunters with game must process in areas not suitable for cleaning conditions.

OBJECTIVE

- FFS and FWC are working on a budget to re-open the very popular game cleaning station in the Blackwater WMA.
- Santa Rosa County Locals & Tourist visiting our county will be very pleased to have an area to process their game.
- We ask if Santa Rosa County would waive the landfill disposal fee's for game carcasses during the dates below?
- This waiver will consist of the months Oct – Feb during hunting season's only
- Estimated 20 to 30 thousand pounds of waste

PROCESS FOR DISPOSAL

- Break down the carcass into sections
- The carcass must go into the appropriate garbage bags after cleaning the game
- Garbage bags will be provided by the FFS at the game cleaning station
- Insert the carcass loaded bag into the dump trailer provided by the FFS.
- The FFS will deliver and dump the game carcass loaded bags into the appropriate area of the landfill.
- Expected deliveries per week 1 to 3