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Plans for a solid waste management program to serve most of Alameda County beyond the year 2000 were announced today by Joe Biasotti, president of Oakland Scavenger Company. More than \$9 million will be spent within the next three years in the construction of two transfer stations, acquisition of a suitable sanitary landfill site and necessary trucks, and development of salvage and recycling facilities.

Biasotti pointed out that Oakland Scavenger Company now provides the garbage and rubbish collection service for about one million residents of Alameda County. It has contracts with twelve cities and special districts, and handles garbage and rubbish for many federal, state and local agencies. The only communities which it does not serve are the cities of Berkeley and Alameda, part of San Leandro, and Pleasanton. The Company owns three sanitary landfill sites which are used for deposit of garbage and rubbish collected by the Company, and for receipt of rubbish brought in by the public. One site is located at the foot of Davis Street in San Leandro, one is at West Winton Avenue in Hayward, and one on Durham Road in Fremont. A fourth site is made available to the Company by the City of Livermore.

According to Biasotti the long range plan is necessary at this time because of the fact that the Davis Street and Hayward sites combined have less than three years of use remaining. Filling of the Fremont location is restricted by use permit to garbage and rubbish produced within the cities of Fremont, Newark, and Union City. In order to meet its contractual commitments to the cities and districts of Alameda County the Company must be able to guarantee adequate dis-

posal facilities for at least the next 25 years, and the plan will make this possible. In addition, it can serve as the major part of the County's solid waste management plan which, by State law, must be completed before January 1, 1976.

The principal features of the plan are:

FIRST, the construction of transfer stations at Davis Street and West Winton Avenue from which garbage and rubbish will be trucked to the final disposal site.

SECOND, construction of the most modern salvage and recycling facilities at the transfer stations, to ensure maximum recovery and utilization of valuable resources.

THIRD, acquisition of a suitable sanitary landfill site to serve the long term needs of the County, to be located away from the densely populated Bay flat land areas.

FOURTH, purchase of special trucks designed to haul the residue of solid waste from the transfer stations to the disposal site.

out "Oakland Scavenger Company recognizes that a scientific breakthrough in the handling of solid wastes and resource recovery may be near," Biasotti pointed out. For this reason the plan is developed with maximum flexibility to meet changing conditions. For example, if the pilot program about to get under way for the use of composting in the reclamation of Delta Islands should prove that such a procedure would be more feasible than the sanitary landfill, the material could be diverted from the transfer stations to a composting station. Or, if new resource recovery techniques are developed there will be space at the transfer stations for their installation.

The Company has been a pioneer in resource recovery. Thirty years ago it participated in a million dollar operation to explore the possibilities of an economical method of composting. It salvages about 40,000 tons of paper and _____ tons of cans each year. It has entered into a feasibility study with Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the East Bay Municipal Utility District to formulate a plan to process and recycle waste and sewage sludge into oil, gas, or electrical energy.

A new landfill site is being purchased to guarantee disposal facilities in 1977 if no other economical alternatives are available. If, by that time, the necessary permits are obtained by Kaiser Sand and Gravel Co. for its proposed Radium quarry location and its use would be more economical, it could be substituted for the landfill location now being purchased by the Company. The site would be available to handle solid waste from Berkeley, Alameda, San Leandro and Pleasanton, if desired. At current cost levels the plan would require capital outlays in excess of \$9 million dollars. Of this amount, the two transfer stations will cost \$4.5 million. A third station may be needed in the late 1970's. Equipment to operate two stations will add about \$1 million more. Twenty truck and trailer units will run about \$60,000 each, or \$1.2 million, and resource recovery facilities will need another \$3 million.

The plan is the result of engineering and feasibility studies which the Company has been conducting for almost a year.