



Helendale plans central facility to reduce landfill waste

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HELENDALE • Charged with taking over its solid waste operations, Helendale intends to tackle a new goal: curtailing the mounds of trash piling into Victorville's landfill and littering the desert.

The Helendale Community Service District will soon move forward with plans to open a centralized small transfer station, which will include several drop-off bins for general refuse, recyclables, compostable materials like tree trimmings, and discarded appliances like washing machines. Depending on community needs, the station could include quarterly tire drop-offs, and processed compost that

residents could pick up to feed their gardens.

"It's what the CSD is all about: creating a solution to a problem," Helendale CSD Director Craig Schneider said. "This is a solution to how you reduce solid waste going to the landfill."

Helendale's roughly 8,000 residents get curbside pickup, but don't have curbside recycling. The hope is that by making the process more convenient, more community members will make the effort to properly dispose of waste.

The transfer station is a two-year effort that is finally moving forward, after an authoritative report last month clarified the CSD's authority over solid waste and the right to collect residents' solid waste taxes, which have been historically spent by San Bernardino County. The Local Agency Formation Commission, which reviews local governments, specified Helendale's power over solid waste within a report that also led to expanding the community's sphere by 173 square miles.

If all goes as planned, the \$200,000 in annual solid waste taxes will begin getting transferred to the CSD within the next few months. That income will fund both the curbside trash pick-up for residents by Burrtech Waste, and the opening of the new transfer station.

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