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Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NOS. 193-02 AND 74-2014 REGARDING THE SEDGWICK COUNTY STORM DEBRIS DISPOSAL POLICY.

Presented by: William P. Buchanan, County Manager.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take action as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

In December 2002, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 193-02 establishing the Sedgwick County Storm Debris Disposal Policy. The Board of County Commissioners subsequently amended the policy and procedure in 2014 by adopting Resolution No. 74-2014. The proposed resolution will repeal both resolutions and will repeal the Sedgwick County Storm Debris Disposal Policy.

Background: In our approved 1997 Solid Waste Plan, it was recommended that the County investigate methods to handle tree branches, especially following wind and ice storms. In 2000, Sedgwick County created a Storm Debris Committee consisting of members from KDHE, County Departments and other local governments. Input from this committee resulted in a Storm Debris Annex (addendum) to the Solid Waste Plan. This addendum recommended that the County develop policies regarding storm debris management.

In 2001, Sedgwick County held Storm Debris Workshops and 19 out of the 20 cities in Sedgwick County attended (Colwich did not attend). The workshops provided information about equipment, supplies and expertise available throughout the community that can be used to help clean up after storms.

The policy was created on December 11, 2002 (Resolution 193-02). This was developed to assist local governments with the cost of storm debris removal when the storm event did not qualify for FEMA. It also fulfilled a requirement for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KDHE requires every county to have a Solid Waste Plan that must address certain criteria. One of those criteria includes management of special wastes (everything from asbestos, dead animals, hazardous waste to storm debris).

Alternatives: N/A

Financial Considerations: The Solid Waste Fund is collected through Solid Waste Fees which are approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners. \$480,000 of this fund is set aside each year for the Storm Debris Contingency.

The City of Haysville has been the only city to qualify and receive any storm debris funds. Haysville received \$73,039 in 2013. Other cities have requested funding, but did not meet the threshold level of \$2.50 per capita to qualify.

Legal Considerations: N/A
Policy Considerations: N/A
Outside Attendees: N/A
Multimedia Presentation: N/A