

2. Combination of Manual and Automated Refuse Collection

Rationale—This method proposed by CR&R would give residents the greatest flexibility.

Constraints—same as option No.1, above with regard to manual collection. It would also require two trucks per route instead of one.

3. Assumption of Latent Powers by RCSD

Rationale—Would enable the District to have local control and negotiate its own franchise agreement.

Constraints—This option would require LAFCO approval which is not a certainty and with a timetable too close to the expiration of the current franchise. Supervisor Moorlach (a member of the LAFCO Board) does not support this option.

4. Non-Segregated Automated Refuse Collection

Rationale—appears to be a decision already made at the County Board of Supervisors level. Provides the best option to negotiate consent from CR&R for specific practices in the best interest of the community. Also is a lower cost option, freezes that rate for two years and limits CPI increases to no more than 3% per year. It also proposes provisions for senior and low income discounts and for continuation of valet service for those who need it. It also only requires one truck per route.

Constraints—It will most likely be initially resisted by the community. It will also present weight, capacity and dimension of container issues for some members of the community.

5. Segregated Automated Refuse Collection

Rationale—is environmentally friendly and at a lesser rate.

Constraints—would require three truck routes instead of one and has been taken off of the table by O.C. Waste.

Based on all of the above, it is the general consensus of the Committee that a decision has already been made by the Orange County Waste Department that refuse collection will be automated through out the County. Given that, it is deemed prudent to do the following:

1. Abandon the notion of assumption of latent powers for refuse collection since this would be an investment of time and money without a positive outcome.
2. Continue to press the County and CR&R for the option of a combination of manual and automated collection.
3. Maintain a dialogue with CR&R, requesting them to make every attempt to make the transition to automation as smoothly and effortlessly as possible for the community. Such efforts should include:
 - a. Continue to pursue the manual/automated option with the County.
 - b. Conduct a survey of Rossmoor residents to determine their individual preferences for the desired size of the containers prior to being delivered.
 - c. Guarantee the inclusion of a senior and low income rates and valet service for elderly or disabled residents in the agreement.
 - d. Guarantee the inclusion of two free large item pickups per household and an annual clean sweep pickup.
 - e. Continue to provide bin service to the monthly paper drive.
 - f. Initiate a monthly bin service (like the paper drive) for disposal of larger amounts of green waste.
 - g. Require parkway pickup of refuse in order to facilitate street sweeping.
 - h. Allow each household to have a choice of sizes of containers up to a total of 3 unless resident requests additional containers at an additional fee.

It is also the general consensus of the Committee that the role of the RCSD Board in this instance, is to provide facts and information to the community and to provide advocacy within the limits of its authority. The timetable for the decision by the Board of Supervisors is November 17th. The RCSD will only receive this report on November 10th. Since this is a countywide approval for all unincorporated areas, the ability of the District to influence the outcome is highly unlikely. It is therefore considered more prudent to make the best of a decision, not of the District's making, and to concentrate on those matters where the District can exercise some influence.