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DATE: June 1, 2015

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Land Preservation and Acquisition Committee

S. Michael Rummel, Chair
Finance and Administrative Committee

FROM: Alex Ty Kovach
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Policy Direction regarding the landfill located at Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve and to authorize due diligence and further discussions with Riverwoods Land Ventures, LLC and potential agreement with Riverwoods Land Ventures to allow capping of the landfill at Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve.

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding the landfill at Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve and to consider an agreement with Riverwoods Land Ventures, LLC.

BACKGROUND: Staff is seeking authorization to do further due diligence and negotiate with Riverwoods Land Ventures, LLC for the potential capping of the landfill located at Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve.

The District has been approached by Riverwoods Land Ventures, LLC to see if the District would be interested in participating in the capping of the Riverwoods Engineering Landfill. The landfill is approximately 40 acres in size with approximately 8 acres on the Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve. Riverwoods Land Ventures, LLC will be placing approximately 5 feet of clean fill over the landfill on their property as per an IEPA requirement. They have offered to place clean fill over the Cahokia Flatwoods Forest Preserve portion of the landfill at no cost as part of the project.

Staff does see potential benefits to the offer and would like to conduct further due diligence and negotiate with Riverwoods Land Ventures for general improvements to the site.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Policy Direction is required in accordance with District policy.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Director of Operations and Infrastructure, Executive Director and Legal Counsel.

FINANCIAL DATA: At this time there is no financial impact.

PRESENTER: Ty Kovach