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# County Dump's Future Concerns Supervisors

There's too much local garbage and apparently no convenient place to put it in coming years, the county Board of Supervisors was told this morning.

Public works and county administrative office representatives told the board that a recent study recommends the county and city of Watsonville join to establish a major county dump that would take the amounts of refuse handled by Ben Lomond, Buena Vista and Watsonville's dump through the year 2,000.

The study further suggests that to buy the new dump site, a "fee" be put on the tax rolls.

Watsonville Supervisor Wayne Moore said he disagreed it should be called a "fee" rather than a "tax," and that he prefers having the people who use the dump pay an increased amount to buy the new dump.

Time is running out for the existing dumps, and the new dump probably should be located close to the Buena Vista site in south county.

Supervisor Gary Patton said it might be a good idea to locate the new dump somewhere in Mid-County since that was the center of population.

Aptos Supervisor Robley Levy wasn't

too eager to embrace that plan since that's her country and pointed out that such a future "corridor of urbanization" shouldn't have the amount of traffic that comes with a major dump.

San Lorenzo Valley Supervisor Joe Cucchiara said the board wasn't looking at the problem correctly in thinking of only burying the garbage.

"Garbage is gold," Cucchiara said, as he urged further studies be done on "municipal composting, recycling and turning waste to energy."

Supervisor Dan Forbus questioned whether it is fair to have every property owner pay for a dump through a fee on the tax rolls.

He said that the person getting the benefit is the person taking items to the dump.

Acting County Administrator George Newell and others said there is a community benefit in having the garbage go to the dump instead of staying in people's yards or or being dumped in the nearest ravine.

Board members said further study is needed and that the city of Watsonville should be approached so the problem can be solved cooperatively.