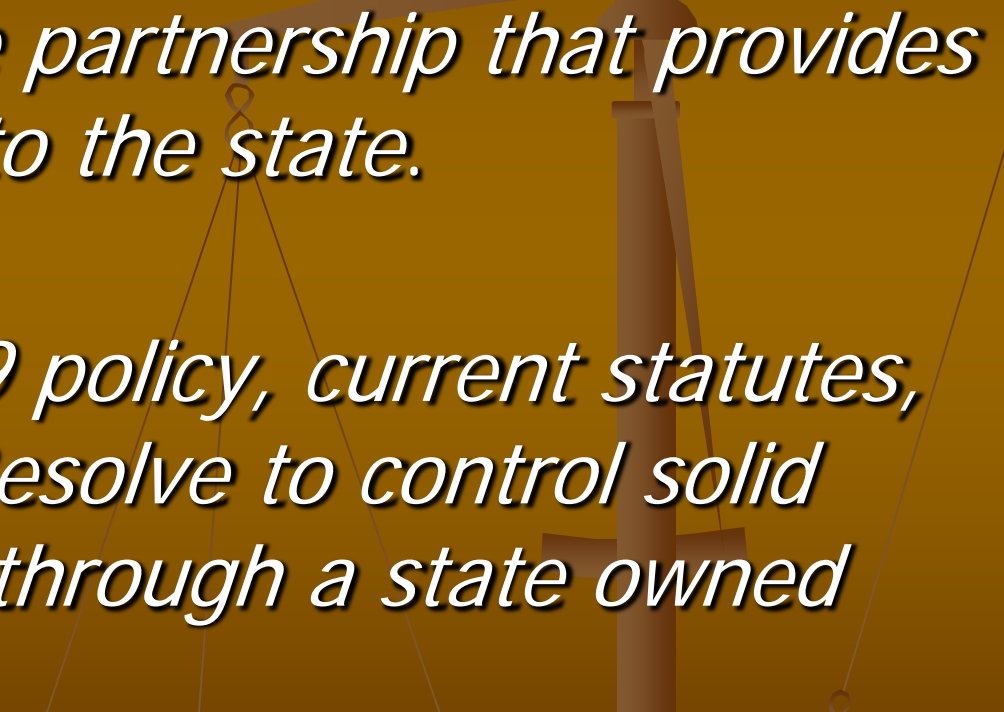


Juniper Ridge Landfill

- *A public-private partnership that provides many benefits to the state.*
 - *Fulfills the 1989 policy, current statutes, and the 2003 Resolve to control solid waste disposal through a state owned landfill.*
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History



- 1989: Legislation passed to ban commercial landfills and control out of state waste through state owned landfill (s).
- Communities responsible to provide disposal options for the solid waste generated within their borders

History

- 1994: After a lengthy search for a suitable site, Maine Waste Management Agency purchases Carpenter Ridge from Lincoln Pulp and Paper. Site has never operated.
- 2003: Georgia Pacific announces shut down of tissue facility at Old Town, 400 jobs to be eliminated.

History



- 2003: State asks GP for time to put together a response, and an agreement that includes state purchase of the landfill is proposed and accepted.
- A Legislative Resolve is passed authorizing state purchase of the West Old Town Landfill.
- SPO issues an RFP for operation of the landfill.

History

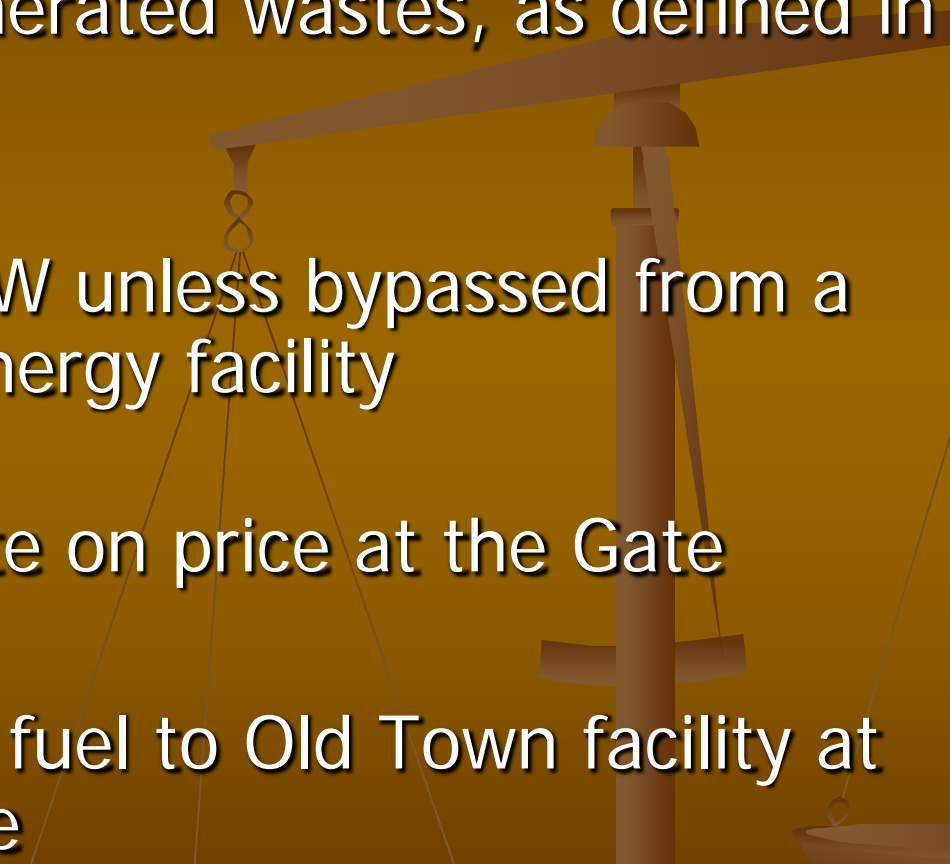
- Although three entities inquire, only Casella submits a bid. An Operating Service Agreement is negotiated and signed. Final purchase price is \$26m.
- 2004: DEP approves transfer of landfill operating license from GP/JR to SPO.

History

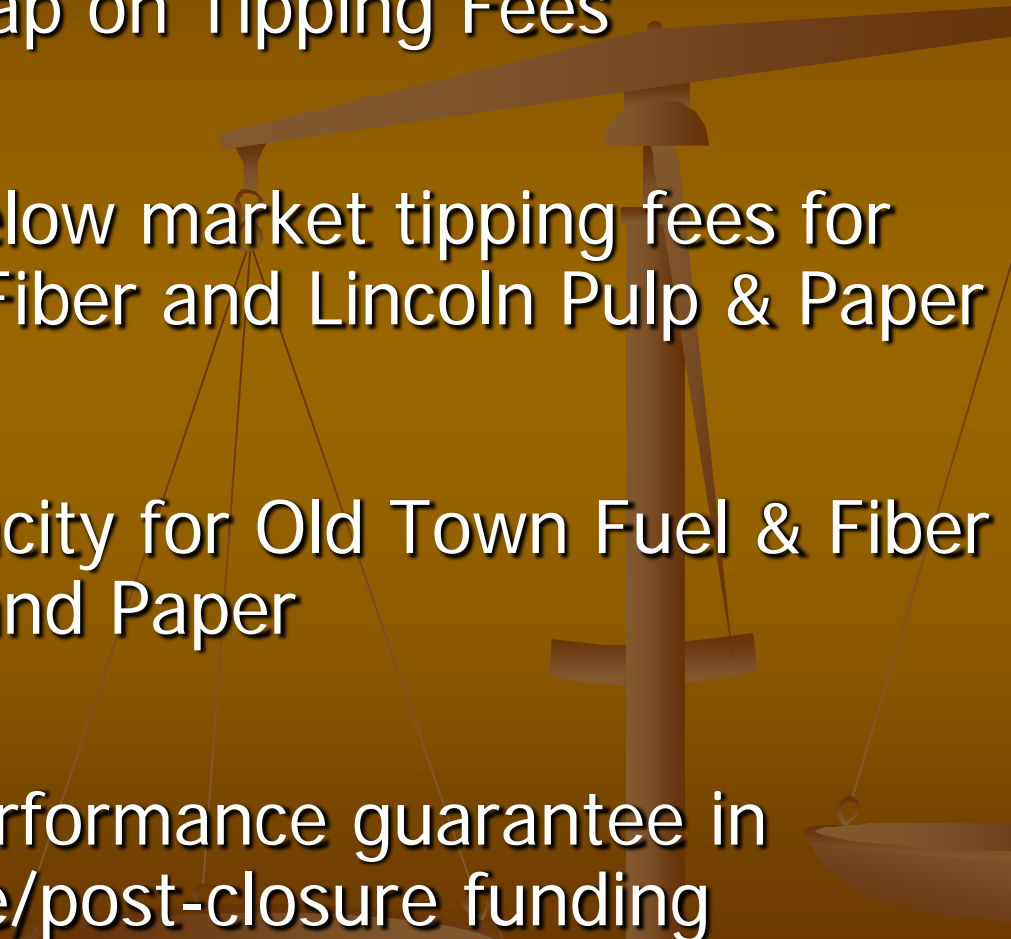


- 2009: The operator of the landfill prepares an application for expansion, as required under the OSA.
- The legislature amends the law to require public benefit determination for state-owned disposal facilities.
- SPO and Casella submit an application for public benefit determination, DEP issues a draft denial, and the application is withdrawn.
- Pinetree Landfill in Hampden is closed, waste is diverted to JRL.

Restrictions on JRL

- Accepts Maine generated wastes, as defined in statute.
 - Cannot accept MSW unless bypassed from a Maine Waste-to-Energy facility
 - Cannot discriminate on price at the Gate
 - Must provide CDD fuel to Old Town facility at below market price
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Restrictions (cont.).....

- Must abide by a cap on Tipping Fees
 - Must adhere to below market tipping fees for Old Town Fuel & Fiber and Lincoln Pulp & Paper
 - Must reserve capacity for Old Town Fuel & Fiber and Lincoln Pulp and Paper
 - Must provide a performance guarantee in addition to closure/post-closure funding
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BENEFITS



- ❑ Dedicated to Maine customers: accepts ash and CDD from municipalities, accepts "special wastes" from business and industry.
- ❑ Provides stable, predictable disposal pricing
- ❑ Provides Host Community Benefits to the City of Old Town and Town of Alton
- ❑ Avoids construction of a new landfill on a greenfield site, reduces need to expand existing landfills.

Benefits



- No cost to state budget; operator covers expenses, including landfill purchase, maintenance, improvements and future expansion.
- Operator assumes environmental liability from day 1
- Operator pays for closure costs

State Planning Office

- Monitors operation including type, volume, weight, fill rate
- Is informed of variations in the waste stream
- Makes community relations a top priority:
Participates in JRL Advisory Committee, town meetings, etc.



State Planning Office also..

- Conducts on-site inspections
- Conducts price checks
- Collects monthly data
- Provides monthly reports
- Reviews Casella's annual reports
- Responds to media, citizens, policy makers



New JRL Website

- Contains all monthly data from Aug 2009 to present
- Go to: www.maine.gov/spo

