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Please send a copy to Robert Yalda. I do not have his email address and can't find it on the city site.
 Thank You

Item 5 – Electronic Waste Collection Events

The staff report does an excellent job describing why the vendor for the bi-monthly E-Waste Event is no longer accepting all legitimate e-waste. That has resulted in complaints, some which have been posted on social media. As a result, staff recommend discontinuing the bi-monthly events.

As a user for many years of the e-waste event, I was disappointed to see staff's recommendation to discontinue the e-waste event and to use Waste Management. For information they referred to the Waste Management Residential Flyer which was included as an attachment on the Agenda.

The flyer was no help. The only information in the flyer about e-waste are the current bi-monthly events that are proposed for discontinuance and the semi-annual bulk item collection that lists appliances that includes kitchen appliances.

What do you do with computer and other electronic e-waste? Put it in the trash container? That is not environmentally sound. It will be dumped in the Calabasas Landfill. Electronics will leach chemicals into the ground polluting ground water and possibly ending up in and polluting the Las Virgenes Creek. From there it is down to Malibu and the Ocean.

Being an environmentally friendly city, until a better answer is found this is to recommend that the bi-monthly event be temporarily continued and public notices and signs display what is and isn't collected.

Researching e-waste disposal this morning, I went to the LA County website. They collect e-waste at their permanent Hazardous Waste recycling centers and travelling events. Occasionally one of these traveling events is conducted at the Calabasas Landfill. I looked at the calendar and don't see any scheduled for Calabasas.

But I found the following:

NOTE: Any and all Electronic Waste we collect at these events is sent to a facility within the State of California that certifies that it is 100% demanufactured and recycled in a stringent and environmentally acceptable manner to the commodity level in the United States. No Electronic Waste collected at these events is sent overseas.

There is a place to permanently dispose of e*waste in an environmentally friendly way. A possible solution is setting up a cooperative with our neighboring cities to collect e-waste and make arrangements with the county to dispose of it with their e-waste.

It is environmentally the right thing to do.
I will continue to research this alternative. Any suggestions?
Thank You
John Suwara

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