

**Councilman Al Austin**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**March 22, 2022**  
**R-20: SERRF Study Session**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

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**1. When does the City’s operational agreement for SERRF end?**

The City currently has an operational agreement for SERRF with Covanta which will expire on June 30, 2024.

**2. Beyond waste incineration, what other functions does SERRF serve?**

SERRF serves law enforcement agencies throughout the southwest looking to destroy narcotics and drug related paraphernalia. Also, SERRF performs “front” and “back” end recycling to recover and recycle metals found within the solid waste sent to the facility.

**3. What is the solid waste diversion credit in California?**

In an effort to curb landfilling, jurisdictions throughout the State are currently required to divert at least 50% of their solid waste via source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Jurisdictions can receive a 10% credit toward their 50% goal by diverting waste to transformation operations, incentivizing the use of facilities like SERRF.

**4. If passed, how would AB 1857 (Garcia) impact SERRF?**

AB 1857 (Garcia) would eliminate the 10% credit for diverting waste to SERRF, likely decreasing the overall amount of waste diverted to the facility daily.