

Commission request comes up empty

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In the end, each member municipality will need to find its own service provider once the Mountain View Regional

Waste Management Commission (MVRWC) outsources solid waste collection, says the commission board chair.

The commission sent out a request-for-proposal (RFP) on behalf of all six

members last month, seeking a company that could maintain service levels at a lower cost.

The RFP closed on May 20 and the commission did not get the offers it hoped for.

It received four bids, said board chair Mary Anne Overwater, adding that the companies did not come up with the desired service levels. One provider's bid only proposed to service Olds.

"We just felt it was a pretty hard RFP to do for all six communities so this morning at our board meeting in Didsbury, we stated that each community is going to have to go out for their own request for proposal and get their own provider," said Overwater.

New contractors are expected to start pickup in January next year. They will cross the scales at the Didsbury landfill at \$100 per tonne, she con-

tinued.

According to the RFP, there are eight commission employees that municipalities hoped would be retained by the new provider. The commission will also sell a number of assets including trucks, trailers and bins as a result of outsourcing.

The commission initially sent out the RFP for all members because the board believed it could get better offers.

Overwater was asked if the process was worthwhile.

"No. I don't believe it was," she replied. "We tried to do what was best for all six and we were hoping we would get these wonderful RFPs back but it just didn't fit into our program."

The MVRWC coordinates the management and disposal of solid waste for municipalities in Mountain View County.

