



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 3, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, ext 3010
Director(s)
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Public Works Deputy Director, ext 3603

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending County Code Chapter 17 and Resolution Amending Rules & Regulations to Implement a Countywide Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Program; All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- A. Set a public hearing on the departmental agenda for June 24, 2008 to consider the introduction (first reading) of an ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the County Code (Solid Waste Services) as outlined in Exhibit A (attached);
- B. Set the second hearing on the departmental agenda for July 1, 2008 to consider the adoption (second reading) of the ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the County Code (Solid Waste Services);
- C. Approve the attached resolution modifying specific provisions of the County's Rules and Regulations for unscheduled solid waste handling services in the unincorporated areas of the County contained in Exhibit B (attached).
- D. Accept the Notice of Exemption pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (Exhibit C attached);

Summary Text:

On November 6, 2007, your Board directed staff to revise Chapter 17 of the County Code to require that construction and demolition waste generated in the unincorporated area of the County be recycled at a minimum of 50%. In addition, staff was directed to revise the Rules and Regulations of Chapter 17 to require permittees providing unscheduled solid waste handling services to recycle a minimum of 50% of waste collected on an annual basis. The attached proposed revisions to Chapter 17 and the Rules and

Regulations implement these directed changes. A third direction was for staff to update the Thresholds & Guidelines Manual and the Standard Conditions used by the Planning Department when evaluating proposed projects to incorporate impacts of waste generated during construction and those updates will be addressed in a separate Board Letter.

As described in November, County staff reviewed C&D recycling programs implemented in several other jurisdictions in the state and developed a plan that minimized the burden on Public Works staff and the permitted unscheduled solid waste handlers while still achieving the ultimate program goals. In addition, the proposed changes have been shared with local contractor associations and all currently permitted unscheduled solid waste service providers. Based on feedback from the service providers, modifications have been made to the proposed revisions while ensuring the implementation of a comprehensive recycling program.

Background:

The generation of construction and demolition related waste (C&D) is an increasing concern across the state of California and currently accounts for approximately one-third of all waste generated by the communities in the unincorporated regions of the County of Santa Barbara. A large amount of C&D material generated in the area is currently being recycled but it is imperative that the County integrate the requirement to recycle C&D material into County policies. On November 6, 2007, your Board directed staff to complete the following:

1. Umbrella C&D Diversion Requirement

Even though C&D accounts for 31% of our total waste generated, there are no requirements for the recycling of this waste. Staff was directed to modify Chapter 17 of the County Code to identify C&D as a specific waste source that must be diverted from the landfill at a rate of at least 50%. The proposed ordinance amendment attached as Exhibit A addresses this issue.

2. Recycling C&D Waste for Small Projects through Unscheduled Solid Waste Service Providers

The largest source of C&D waste is not from new development, but from the demolition and remodeling of existing buildings. The most common method of collecting waste from these types of projects is by roll-off containers, which are regulated through the County's Unscheduled Solid Waste Service Provider Permit. Currently there is no requirement for unscheduled haulers to recycle. Staff was directed to revise the Rules & Regulations of Chapter 17 to require Permitted Unscheduled Service Providers to recycle 50% of all of the waste they collect on an annual basis. Most unscheduled service providers already recycle above the 50% threshold and this policy would guarantee that all haulers would be maintaining best waste management practices. The proposed resolution and amendments to the Rules and Regulations contained in Exhibit B address this issue.

A third component of the recycling program that requires the updating of the County's Thresholds & Guidelines Manual and the Standard Conditions used by the Planning Department will be addressed in a separate Board Letter.

The proposed Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA applies to these proposed changes because they protect the environment by increasing recycling requirements and do not regulate construction activities.

Performance Measure:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There is no fiscal impact incurred as a result of approving these proposed revisions to Chapter 17 of the County Code and the associated Rules and Regulations.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please direct the Clerk of the Board to ensure the legal noticing of the proposed modifications to the County Code. Please direct the Clerk of the Board to forward a certified minute order and executed copy of the ordinance and resolution to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division: attn. Leslie Wells. Please direct the Clerk of the Board to post the Notice of Exemption at the Clerk's office following Board approval.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County Code

Exhibit B: Resolution to Revise County Rules and Regulations for unscheduled solid waste service providers

Exhibit C: Notice of Exemption

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