

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, x 3605  
Alan Nakashima, Program Specialist, x 3616

**SUBJECT:** To Become an Approved Collector under Senate Bill 20 (the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to authorize the submittal of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to become an approved collector of electronic waste under Senate Bill 20 (the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003).

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

*The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: Ensure Public Health and Safety and provide Essential Infrastructure.*

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On September 24, 2003, former Governor Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 20 (SB 20), also known as the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003. Key provisions of SB 20 include the following:

- A requirement for retailers who sell covered electronic devices in the state to collect a fee at the point of purchase; covered electronic devices include televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers, and other video display devices designated by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control;
- A requirement for manufacturers to report annually to the CIWMB on the reduction in the use of hazardous materials in covered electronic devices produced in California from the previous year; and
- A requirement for manufacturers to report annually to the CIWMB on the increase in the use of recycled materials in covered electronic devices sold by the manufacturer from the previous year.

The fees collected by the retailers will be deposited into the Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account, established in the Integrated Waste Management Fund. These fees will be used by the CIWMB to provide payments to entities that have become an “approved collector” and/or an “approved recycler” under SB 20.

On April 13, 2004, the CIWMB adopted emergency regulations to implement SB 20. Under these regulations, entities that collect and/or recycle covered electronic devices and that wish to receive payments under SB 20 must apply to the CIWMB to become an approved collector or an approved recycler. As an approved collector, the County Public Works Department would be entitled to receive payments from an approved recycler to cover its net costs for collecting covered electronic devices. Currently, the CIWMB and the Board of Equalization are developing procedures for the collection of the fees from the retailers and the disbursement of payments to approved recyclers and approved collectors.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

By continuing to collect a variety of electronic waste, including covered electronic devices under SB 20, at special collection events and at its facilities throughout the year, the County is furthering its efforts to comply with the 50 percent diversion requirement set forth in the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7).

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of the attached resolution will enable the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department to submit an application to the CIWMB to become an approved collector under SB 20.

Annually, for the past three years, the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department has held Electronics Collection and Recycling Days, one for the South Coast and one for the Santa Ynez Valley. Historically, we have charged a fee for accepting electronics during these one-day events. For the one-day events that we held in fiscal years 2002-03 (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003) and 2003-04 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004), we charged \$10.00 for each computer monitor or television dropped off but accepted all other electronics and small appliances for free. As our costs to have this electronic waste collected for recycling or reuse increased, during fiscal year 2003-04 (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004), we began charging fees (\$16.00 per computer monitor or television and \$16.00 up to 400 pounds for all other electronics and small appliances) at our facilities for accepting this material.

The table below summarizes the costs that we have incurred and the revenues that we have received from fees collected during the two previous fiscal years:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Collection Costs at County Facilities</b>	<b>Collection Costs at One-Day Events</b>	<b>Total Collection Costs</b>	<b>Revenue from County Facilities</b>	<b>Revenue from One-Day Events</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>Net Costs (D – G)</b>
2002-03	\$43,822.43	\$60,616.24	\$104,438.67	Not applicable	\$8,214.70	\$8,214.70	\$96,223.97
2003-04	\$48,922.59	\$57,044.36	\$105,966.95	\$3,308.55	\$14,232.00	\$17,540.55	\$88,426.40

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the signed Resolution to Alan Nakashima and Georgia Navarro in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel.

Attachment