

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Roger E. Heroux, MPA
Director, Public Health Department

STAFF CONTACT: David Brummond, Environmental Health Services
346-7348

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Enforcement Assistance Grant Application Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 43230

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of the Environmental Health Services Division of the Public Health Department, to apply for two Enforcement Assistance Grants in the amount of approximately \$21,500 each for FY 2002/2003 from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: a safe and health community in which to live and visit. This recommendation is additionally aligned with Goal No. 5: a high quality of life for all residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Environmental Health Services is the designated Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for solid waste issues in Santa Barbara County. Since 1991, Environmental Health Services has been receiving an annual grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to carry out enforcement duties of the LEA program. The Grant Application packages are now available and the deadline for submitting applications is April 26, 2002. Your Board has approved previous resolutions authorizing Environmental Health Services to apply for this supplemental funding.

The CIWMB is offering two grants, rather than the usual single grant, to reconcile the LEA Grant timelines with the State of California fiscal year budgetary timelines. The Grants for FY 2002/2003 will be approximately \$21,500 each. These additional funds will be used to purchase and maintain computers and

field equipment such as landfill gas monitors, to provide ongoing training required by State law for LEA staff, to partially offset staff salaries and for professional contract services for special projects.

There is a projected increase in overall program design and effectiveness by acceptance of these funds. Equipment purchases will be used to ensure that permitted facilities comply with State minimum standards. If determined to be necessary, a consultant may be hired to assist with short term projects such as permit application review or annual updating of the State required Enforcement Program Plan.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Section 43209 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) outlines the duties of the Local Enforcement Agency. Section 43209 (e) specifies that the LEA must establish and maintain an enforcement program that is consistent with the regulations contained in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations beginning with section 17200, as well as those found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with section 20005.

The Enforcement Assistance Grant Program was established under the statutory authority of section 43230 of the Public Resources Code. The money dispersed by this program is intended to help the LEA carry out the solid waste facilities permit and inspection programs.

There is no change in service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Enforcement Assistance Grant may be used to supplement, not supplant the Local Enforcement Agency's solid waste program budget. Because of this, the Grant funds direct costs only. The Environmental Health Services Division of the Public Health Department is primarily funded by fees. Indirect and County A87 Plan costs are calculated into Solid Waste Program fees and therefore are not included in this Grant application. The on-going Grant is included in the FY 2002/2003 recommended budget under Fund 0042, Department 041, and Program 4444. The one-time, additional grant is not included in the FY 2002/2003 recommended budget.

Approval of this request will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a copy of the signed Resolution and a certified minute order to Peggy Langle, Director, Environmental Health Services, 225 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara, 93110.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel