



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: May 18, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Scott D. McGolpin, PE., Director, (805) 568-3010
Director:
Contact Info: Leslie Wells, Deputy Director, (805) 882-3605
SUBJECT: Resolution for CalRecycle HD37 Hazardous Waste Program Grant Application;
All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution to authorize the submittal of an application for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's Thirty-Seventh Cycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program (Fiscal Year 2021/2022) in the estimated amount of \$50,000; and
- b) Find that the proposed resolution does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (administrative activity of government) and 14 CCR 15378(b)(4) (government fiscal activity).

Summary Text:

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department proposes to submit an application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Thirty-Seventh Cycle (HD37) Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program in the estimated amount of \$50,000. If awarded, the grant will fund a household battery recycling education and awareness campaign.

Background:

CalRecycle offers grants to provide opportunities for local California governments to implement safe Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) programs for collection, public education, source reduction, reuse, and/or recycling of HHW. The currently available grant, the HD37 Household Hazardous Waste Grant, specifically covers small projects.

Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) staff proposes to use grant funds to support battery recycling education and awareness efforts. Communication methods will consist of local advertisements and both online and physical outreach materials. These efforts will provide the following education to the public:

- How to recycle batteries, including both rechargeable and single-use, in both residential and commercial settings.
- Locations throughout Santa Barbara County that accept batteries for recycling.
- The risks associated with incorrect disposal of rechargeable and single-use batteries, such as fire, health, and safety risks.

When improperly discarded, batteries pose serious safety hazards. These risks are heightened for rechargeable batteries, including automotive batteries and the batteries that are found in cell phones, laptop computers, solar panels, and other devices. When rechargeable batteries are damaged, overheated, or otherwise disturbed, their internal electric current can react and cause the cell inside to heat up and cause a fire. Batteries that are mixed in municipal solid waste can be easily damaged, causing the risk of battery-related fires to increase. These fires typically happen while surrounded by other extremely flammable materials, including disposed paper products and plastic. This can cause severe damage to expensive equipment used to transport and manage solid waste, such as the County's newly constructed ReSource Center. These fires also endanger staff and contribute to harmful air pollution.

The County of Santa Barbara and partnering agencies offer several opportunities to recycle batteries that are free to residents. The goal of our anticipated campaign is to raise awareness of the safety hazards associated with improperly disposed batteries and to educate community members about the recycling options available to them.

Performance Measure:

Battery recycling education will be tracked by outreach interactions, number of inquiries regarding battery recycling, and quantities of batteries collected through local programs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: This grant, if approved, will provide funding for household battery recycling education and awareness throughout Santa Barbara County. The funds will be spent during Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and will be allocated to the following account:

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Fund Number: 1930
Department Number: 054
Program Number: 1950
Account Number: 7530

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

This resolution will not result in any new staffing impacts.

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the signed Resolution to Kaitlyn Haberlin in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Santa Barbara County Resolution for CalRecycle HD37 Grant

Authored by:

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