



## Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an update on Proposed Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project, First, Second and Third Districts, as follows: (EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

- a) Receive and file an update on the proposed Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project;
- b) Determine that the proposed action to receive an update is an administrative activity of the County, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a “project” as defined for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5);
- c) Direct staff to:
  - i) Evaluate alternative means of project financing including:
    - 1) A hybrid approach using private financing for the Anaerobic Digester (AD) and public financing for the Material Recovery Facility (MRF); and
    - 2) A publicly financed model supplemented with private equity investments;
  - ii) Present the findings of the financial evaluations to the County’s Debt Advisory Committee for their consideration; and
  - iii) Return to the Board in Fall 2015 with results of the review;
- d) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department to apply for a CalRecycle Cap and Trade Grant to offset some of the cost to construct the Anaerobic Digester component of the proposed Resource Recovery Project. The proposed Project is eligible for this grant because if approved and constructed, the project will result in a significant reduction in the production of greenhouse gasses associated with the region’s waste; and
- e) Determine that the submission of the grant application and resolution is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, Notice of Exemption.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE