

AGENDA ITEM NO.

COUNCIL MEETING

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL, AUTHORIZING COUNTY OF FRESNO'S REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM FUNDING ASSISTANCE (CYCLE 16)

KEY RESULT AREA

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of resolution submitted to Council. Resolution is required by State to submit grant application.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of California has enacted Assembly Bill 1220 (Eastin, Statutes of 1993, Chapter 656) which provides grants to local governments to establish and implement waste diversion and separation programs to prevent disposal of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste, in solid waste landfills. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has been delegated the responsibility for administering the Local Government Household Hazardous Waste Grants.

The City of Fresno has participated in a coalition of 15 Fresno County cities, with the County of Fresno as the lead agency, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) services and public education to all residents of Fresno County. This effort is fully funded through the AB939 Surcharge (65 cents per ton) at the receiving landfills.

The grant application to the CIWMB for \$300,000 is requested to fund the construct of an HHW facility within the City of Fresno, and available to residents every weekend. The Resolution presented to Council requests City's authorization of County's regional application for funding from the CIWMB and designates the County of Fresno as the lead agency to receive and manage the grant funds.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

The recommendation for approving the grant application resolution balances the three key objectives of Customer Satisfaction, Employee Satisfaction, and Financial Management. Customer Satisfaction is satisfied through the increased availability of a local HHW collection site for household hazardous waste. Employee Satisfaction is satisfied through the increased availability for hazardous material collected by city staff in the course of doing city business. Financial Management is satisfied by the full use of State grant funds for construction of an HHW collection facility, increasing efficiency and lower the costs of handling HHW.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fresno has participated in a coalition of fifteen (15) Fresno County cities, with the County of Fresno as the lead agency, through a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) services and public education to all residents of Fresno County. This effort is fully funded through the AB939 Surcharge at the receiving landfills.

Currently the County, as lead agency under the MOU, operates the HHW management program. There are two HHW Collection Events each year at which County and City residents may drop-off HHW at no charge. Each Event includes a collection site in the Fresno area, and additional site(s) in one or more of the outlying jurisdictions. The rural site locations rotate among the thirteen smaller cities. Reservations are required, with each Event limited to 1,300 participants (2,600 participants per year). This program services less than 1 percent of County households. The next HHW Event is scheduled for June 2, 2007.

Several jurisdictions, led by the City of Fresno and the City of Clovis, have voiced concerns regarding the constraints on current programming which limit collection of HHW to two Events per year. Environmental studies show that at least 10 percent of households need this service available at least once a year. In response to these concerns, the Committee recommends the construction of a regional HHW collection facility, to be located within the City of Fresno. The facility would be open to residents every weekend throughout the year.

The County is applying for a State grant to develop a regional permanent facility for the collection and management of household hazardous waste (HHW) on behalf of the cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger and Selma (Cities) and the unincorporated areas of the County. The County's grant application to the CIWMB for \$300,000 is requested to fund the construction of a HHW facility, and to make it available to residents every weekend. The CIWMB procedures require City's submission of a Resolution authorizing the County's regional application on behalf of the City and designates the County of Fresno as the lead agency to receive and manage the grant funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Fresno resulting from this grant application. The construction of the facility will be funded through the requested grant funds. It is anticipated that the operations of the facility will be supported through the continuation of the AB939 Surcharge Fee of 65 cents per ton at the receiving landfills.

Attachment:
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING COUNTY OF FRESNO'S REGIONAL
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED
WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM FUNDING
ASSISTANCE (CYCLE 16)

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted Assembly Bill 1220 (Eastin, Statutes of 1993, Chapter 656) which provides grants to local governments to establish and implement waste diversion and separation programs to prevent disposal of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste, in solid waste landfills; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has been delegated the responsibility for administering the Local Government Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program (Program) which includes procedures governing the application by and payment to eligible cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno as lead agency and applicant has advised its intention to apply to the CIWMB for regional (county-wide) Program funding assistance and Program participation thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno, variously in pursuit of the 16 jurisdiction AB939 HHW MOU entered in 2004 with the County of Fresno and other jurisdictions within the County of Fresno, desires to cooperate in and participate under the County's above referenced regional Program application, as provided hereunder; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the applicant has advised its intention to enter into a Grant Agreement with the California Integrated Waste Management Board for implementation of said regional grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City of Fresno authorizes the County of Fresno to submit to the California Integrated Waste Management Board a regional application for the Local Government Household Hazardous Waste Grant-HD16 for 2007-2009 on its behalf, consistent with all constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution.
2. The City of Fresno authorizes the County of Fresno to execute all grant documents necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant

