



# *CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT*

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MEETING DATE: JANUARY 15, 2008

ITEM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** AB 939 RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION RESOLUTION

**DATE:** JANUARY 3, 2008

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**PRESENTATION BY:** PETER NAGHAVI – ACTING PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the proposed Resolution authorizing staff to apply for the County of Orange Integrated Waste Management Department's AB 939 Recycling Grant for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2006, the County of Orange's Board of Supervisors approved the AB 939 Self-Haul Surcharge to assist the County in regulatory compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Board's recycling mandate, and to address the negative impacts of the existing self-hauled waste stream to local agencies diversion rates.

In 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the AB 939 Recycling Grant Program to allocate a portion of the surcharge revenue to assist jurisdictions in joint efforts to comply with the State's 50 percent recycling mandate (AB 939). The objective of the Grant Program is to assist cities and solid waste hauling special districts to promote local and regional waste diversion and recycling efforts.

The AB 939 Recycling Grant funding allocations are based on cities 2006 population figures from the California State University, Fullerton's Center for Demographic Research. Cities with a population of 100,000 or greater are eligible to receive \$40,000. Since Costa Mesa's population is above 100,000 the City was originally eligible to apply for \$40,000 in grant funds. However, the County's allocation plan did not take into account the special districts within Orange County. Consequently, special districts were approved to apply for one-half of the cities eligible grant amounts. Therefore, the City of Costa Mesa is eligible to apply for \$20,000, and the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (District) is eligible to apply for \$20,000.

## **ANALYSIS:**

City staff has always partnered with District staff to provide the residents of Costa Mesa with recycling programs and opportunities and will continue to do so with this grant funding.

City staff proposes to apply for the \$20,000 AB 939 Recycling Grant allocation, and the District will also be applying for a \$20,000 grant. City staff will be working with the District to provide recycling collection opportunities funded with the \$40,000 grant funds. If the City and District are successful in receiving grant funds, we propose to utilize them to fund the following recycling programs in the single-family and multi-family residential sectors of Costa Mesa:

- Promote and educate the public on the benefits of recycling.
- Provide a door-to-door collection or drop-off program for the recycling of household batteries and fluorescent tubes and light bulbs.

Application packages are due to the County on January 31, 2008.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

The City Council could choose to not approve the proposed Resolution, in which case the City would not be eligible to apply for the grant funds.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City with the proposed Resolution.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the Resolution as to form.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed Resolution approving the submittal of an application for the County of Orange's Integrated Waste Management Department's AB 939 Recycling Grant Program.

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