

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 11, 2002

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT #13725 WITH COMMUNITY RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000 TO RECYCLE STREET SWEEPINGS, BULKY ITEMS, AND COMMERCIAL WASTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW IT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003, PENDING APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council:

1. Authorize a \$170,000 increase to the Contract with Community Recycling and Resources Recovery to continue recycling street sweepings, bulky items, and commercial waste. With this increase, the not to exceed amount of the Contract will be changed from \$180,000 to \$350,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2002.
2. Grant this contract a partial exemption (vendor outreach only) from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to P.M.C. 4.09.060(C) contracts for which the City's best interests are served. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other government entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies, or services.

BACKGROUND:

This program is one component of the overall waste reduction program's Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) adopted in 1992 and demonstrates the City's effort to divert as much trash as possible from landfill disposal to comply with the mandates of AB 939 (the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989).

On January 8, 2001, City Council approved the use of the Community Recycling and Resource Recovery facility in Sun Valley for street sweeping and bulky item disposal.

To date, this location has been able to recycle an average of 39% of the street sweepings, bulky items, and commercial waste material it has received from the City of Pasadena.

Over the last 10 months, staff has transported 4,960 tons in street sweepings, bulky items, and commercial waste to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery. As a result of this program, the amount of material recycled through this process to date is 1,954 tons. This material was previously taken to Scholl Canyon Landfill in Glendale and disposed as trash.

On November 19, 2001, City Council approved additional street sweeping and bulky/abandoned item collection efforts. Additional citywide clean-up efforts, and a comprehensive and carefully targeted communications plan have resulted in a significant increase in recycled materials. The efforts have included a special issue of *In Focus*, outreach through Neighborhood Connections, a special recycling information direct mailing, and City web site enhancements.

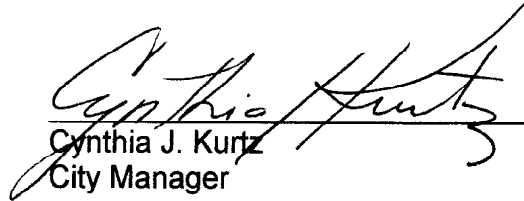
Community Recycling has committed to recycle 97% of street sweepings, 80% of bulky items, and 9% of commercial waste at a fee of \$26.78/ton for street sweepings, \$28.84 for bulky items, and \$28.84 for commercial waste respectively. Scholl Canyon disposal fees range from \$29.49 per ton for street sweepings and commercial waste to \$36.36 per ton for bulky items. Pasadena currently disposes approximately 4,600 tons of street sweepings and 3,000 tons of bulky items annually.

The City will incur additional transportation costs of \$41,558 per year, for increased mileage to take the street sweepings, bulky items and commercial waste to Sun Valley, since it is a 28-mile round trip compared to a 10-mile round trip to Scholl Canyon. However, estimated annual savings in tipping fees will be approximately \$24,544 as a result of the lower disposal/recycling fees at Community Disposal. Staff estimates that the diversion of street sweepings and bulky items from the waste stream at Scholl Canyon landfill to the recycling source at Community Recycling could result in an additional two percent increase in Pasadena's citywide diversion rate. No labor overtime is expected as a result of this change in disposal location.

FISCAL IMPACT

Continuing to divert potentially recyclable materials from Scholl Canyon Landfill to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery will increase transportation costs annually by \$41,558. However, those expenses will be offset by a savings of \$24,544 annually in tipping fees at Community Recycling. Most importantly, diverting these materials to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery will result in an increase in the City's diversion credit. There is \$151,300 available in Refuse Fund Account 8114-406-764120 to cover the processing costs of the bulky/abandoned material and \$18,700 available in the Street Maintenance Street Cleaning Account 8114-101-764340 to pay for processing the street sweeping materials.


Respectfully submitted,


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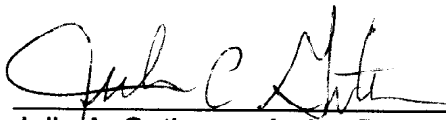
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