

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 2001

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000 TO RECYCLE STREET SWEEPINGS AND BULKY ITEMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW IT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order not to exceed the amount of \$180,000 to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery to recycle street sweepings and bulky items for a period of one year with an option to renew it for an additional year provided that prices, terms and conditions remain the same.
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 governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies, or services.

## BACKGROUND

The Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department currently disposes all street sweepings and bulky items at the Scholl Canyon Landfill in Glendale. These materials are discarded as trash with tipping fees at the landfill that range from \$27.15 per ton for street and \$33.45 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 of Glendale recently awarded a purchase order to Community Recycling and Resource Recovery in Sun Valley to compost Glendale's street sweepings and to recover recyclable wood and metal from bulky items. Staff believes a similar program would be of value for Pasadena. City Charter Section 1002(H) allows the City to dispense with the bid process in cases where the City will achieve value by contracting with the contractor of another government agency. This is such a case. In order to take


advantage of this opportunity, an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance is required. Community Recycling has agreed to recycle at least 90 percent of street sweepings, and 50 to 80 percent of bulky items at a price of \$26.78/ton for street sweepings and \$28.94 for bulky items respectively. The City will incur additional transportation costs as a result of this new program. The primary cost will be increased mileage to take the street sweepings, bulky items, and commercial waste to Sun Valley. It is a 28-mile round trip drive compared to a 10-mile round trip to Scholl Canyon but the extra cost will be offset by the reduced disposal/recycling fees. No labor overtime is expected as a result of this change in disposal. The overall operation will result in net savings of approximately \$15,300 annually even after considering extended mileage, staff time, disposal fees, etc.

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 will result in an additional 2 percent increase in Pasadena's citywide diversion rate. In order to avoid the potential AB939 \$10,000 per day fine, it is important for Pasadena to make every effort to divert as much trash to recycling as possible.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The new program will save the City approximately \$15,300 annually. The purchase order for Community Recycling will be \$180,000. The costs will be shared by the Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Sections. The Refuse Fund Operating Budget, Residential Account 406-8114-764120 will provide \$109,800 with the remaining \$70,200 coming from the Street Maintenance Section, Street Cleaning Account 101-8114-764340.

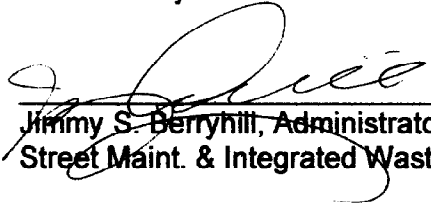
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