

Agenda Report

May 18, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15061 (b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Adopt a resolution approving submittal of an application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery allowing the City to continue to receive payments for expenses related to the operation of a used oil collection program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents in connection with this program.

BACKGROUND:

The California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act of 1991 mandates that the State of California provide funding to local governments for establishing used oil collection programs that encourage recycling or appropriate disposal of used oil. The Used Oil Payment Program funding is based on population data collected from the California State Department of Finance.

The City of Pasadena has operated its curbside used oil and filter recycling program for over 20 years. These activities were funded substantially through the Used Oil Block Grant Program annually authorized by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). On January 1, 2010, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) replaced the CIWMB as the funding agency for

the block grants. Since July 1, 2010, the City has received funds through the Used Oil Payment Program (OPP), awarded by CalRecycle.

Currently, the City's refuse customers are entitled to free curbside collection of used motor oil and filters on their normal refuse collection day. Residents must call in advance and request the collection. The City also operates a used oil collection and filter crushing program at the Public Works yards for the oil collected from the curbside program and also from City vehicles and operations. A contracted oil recycling company picks up and recycles the recovered oil on a quarterly basis. The City also hosts used oil filter exchange events at local auto parts stores where residents can receive a free oil filter in exchange for recycling their used filters. Public Works promotes the motor oil and filter recycling programs through print ads in local publications, flyers and signage displayed on the solid waste collection vehicles. At all public events, oil change kits are made available to residents who change their own motor oil.

CalRecycle requires a new resolution authorizing the City to apply for grant funds under the OPP. The existing resolution expires on July 12, 2015. The resolution will ensure that the City will be able to continue applying for and receiving grant funds under the program for a term of five years. The grant application form will be completed electronically and staff will apply for the grant annually while the resolution is in effect. The City will continue its used oil and filter recycling program as well as outreach activities for storm water pollution prevention which are eligible for partial or full reimbursement.

In Fiscal Year 2015, the City received \$39,063 for the Oil Payment Program. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$40,000 each year from CalRecycle. The amount is based on population and available funding from the State.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The adoption of this resolution is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) 3. Since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If this resolution is approved, the City may receive approximately \$40,000 per year for the promotion and collection of used motor oil and filters. These funds will be deposited in the Refuse Fund (6461-406-764140-93000). Funding is contingent upon State budget approval.

Respectfully Submitted,



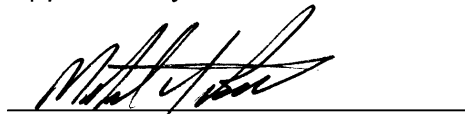
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