

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 24, 1998  
FROM: CITY MANAGER  
SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
ELEMENT FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA**

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE), attached, and authorize the City Manager to implement the program;
2. Adopt the determination of Environmental Exemption (Categorical Exemption, Class 8) from CEQA for the HHWE, as detailed in the attached documents.

## **SUMMARY:**

In order to be compliant with State Law, it is recommended that the described Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) be approved and implemented. The program will be implemented and managed by the Fire Department using existing staff and resources.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The described HHWE will create a partnership with the citizens, the City and State, to promote a safer environment. This will be accomplished by diverting household hazardous waste from the solid waste stream. AB 939 (1989) requires all cities and counties to develop planning documents and strategies for dealing with the municipal refuse waste stream. AB 2707 (1990), companion legislation to AB 939, requires, in part, the development of alternatives to the disposal of residential hazardous materials through the municipal refuse stream. The proposed HHWE will direct household hazardous waste and establish a program that is compliant with AB 2707.

The Element is a planning document that specifies, "the means by which each jurisdiction...shall safely collect, recycle, treat, and dispose of household hazardous wastes." The Element is required to contain the following:

- ◆ Short- and Medium-term Goals and Objectives;
- ◆ Description of Existing Conditions;
- ◆ Evaluation of Programmatic Alternatives;
- ◆ Selection of a Program;
- ◆ An Implementation Schedule for the Program;
- ◆ A Monitoring and Evaluation Program;
- ◆ An Education and Public Information Program; and,
- ◆ A Funding and Resources Evaluation.

These requirements are identical to the program requirements for the Source Reduction and Recycling Element previously approved by the City Council, and currently administered by the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works and Transportation Department.

#### *The Selected Program*

After evaluating numerous alternatives, the selected alternative is to continue to rely on Los Angeles County and the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles (hereafter, the Districts). The Districts have announced implementing a tipping fee at District-run landfills to fund a collection program. The County and Districts sponsor numerous collection events throughout the County. All events, regardless of location, are open to all County residents. The County and the Districts attempt to place collection events within a 10-mile radius of most County residents.

In order to provide an effective program for Pasadena residents, it would be necessary for the City to lobby the Districts and the County to site one or two collection events per year at the Rose Bowl, or other suitable location, within Pasadena.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

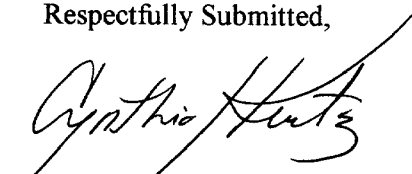
The HHWE considered numerous alternatives to the recommended program. All other alternatives were deemed either more expensive or less effective, or both, than the recommended program.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for implementing the HHWE in the Fire Department. The program will be managed with existing staff and resources.

Respectfully Submitted,



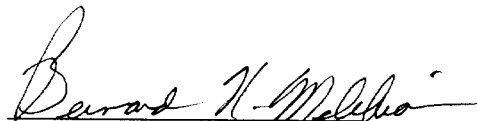
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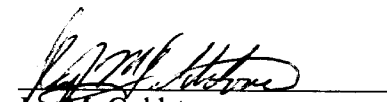


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Attachments