# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

June 13, 2023

### **FROM**

**BRENDON BIGGS**, Director, Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Management

### **SUBJECT**

California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery for Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program Funding

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

Accept California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program funding (County Contract No. 23-529), in the amount of \$75,160, for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities for the 2022-23 Funding Request Cycle.

(Presenter: Brendon Biggs, Director, 387-7906)

## **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision.** 

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). If approved, the item will authorize the Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Management (SWMD) to accept \$75,160 from the 2022-23 California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle) Funding Request Cycle. SWMD is not required to provide any matching funds in order to accept these program funds. Payment from CalRecycle was received on April 18, 2023, with official notification of application approval on March 27, 2023. This revenue may be used for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities. Any funds not spent by March 1, 2025, must be returned to CalRecycle. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the SWMD 2022-23 Operation Budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

CalRecycle's Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (Program) offers annual funding from California Redemption Value (CRV) container deposits to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. This funding is used by SWMD for purchase and placement of recycling containers and supplies, and litter abatement. Locations for these recycling containers are not pre-determined. SWMD works with various entities including unincorporated area parks, schools, large venues, and campgrounds to assist with the CRV beverage container recycling program to determine the type and quantity of recycling containers needed. SWMD solicits quotes from various vendors, and once a vendor

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is selected, SWMD uses these program funds to purchase containers, which are then delivered by the vendor.

The funding from CalRecycle will allow SWMD to maintain and expand beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities in the County to help meet statewide recycling requirements. Such compliance furthers the countywide vision and allows SWMD to operate in a fiscally-responsible and business-like manner. This funding provides an opportunity for businesses, non-profit groups, and community organizations in the county to have access to a program that will help sustain existing and future recycling efforts. Funds are used to provide supplemental resources needed to help establish, maintain and expand locally based CRV recycling programs.

SWMD has applied for and secured Program funding through CalRecycle since 2002 to assist with providing CRV recycling containers and supplies, and litter abatement. Over the past 21 years, SWMD has received \$1,780,599 from CalRecycle which has allowed SWMD to successfully establish and maintain over 33 programs throughout San Bernardino County.

On January 25, 2022 (Item No. 60), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and authorized the submission of applications to CalRecycle for various grant and payment programs as administered by CalRecycle for the next five program years, and adopted Resolution No. 2022-09 authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Assistant Director to sign and submit grant and payment program applications for a period of five years or until rescinded by the Board, whichever comes first.

On November 18, 2022, CalRecycle sent out its request for applications for the next Program funding cycle for 2022-23. SWMD submitted the annual funding request to CalRecycle on January 5, 2023, which was approved on March 3, 2023. CalRecycle has allotted \$75,160 to San Bernardino County to continue promoting beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. This funding will be used to purchase new recycling containers and/or to enhance existing recycling containers, conduct advertising, develop recycling educational materials, and promote public education. This item is being presented at this time as this is the first available date following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews.

#### **PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 18, 2023; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on May 24, 2023; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 26, 2023.

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## APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: June 13, 2023



cc: PW/SWMD - Meeka w/agree

Contactor - c/o PW/SWMD w/agree

File - w/agree

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