

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

May 21, 2024

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Management

SUBJECT

Funding from the California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery for Recycling and Litter Abatement

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Accept California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program funding (**Agreement No. 24-408**), in the amount of \$74,996, for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities for the 2023-24 Funding Request Cycle, for the period of April 9, 2024 through March 1, 2026.
(Presenter: Noel Castillo, 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 \$74,996 from the 2023-24 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. Any funds not spent by March 1, 2026, must be returned to CalRecycle. Sufficient appropriation and revenue are included in the SWMD 2023-24 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 the Regional Parks Department and 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 is selected, SWMD uses these program funds to purchase containers, which are then delivered by the vendor.

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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 22 years, SWMD has received \$1,855,200 from CalRecycle, which has allowed SWMD to successfully establish and maintain over 33 programs throughout the 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 following five 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 October 19, 2023, CalRecycle sent out its request for applications for the next Program funding cycle for 2023-24. SWMD submitted the annual funding request to CalRecycle on November 2, 2023, which was approved on April 9, 2024. Official award notification from CalRecycle was received on April 19, 2024. This revenue may be used for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities.

The funding allocation period begins April 9, 2024 (award date) and ends March 1, 2026. CalRecycle has allotted \$74,996 to the 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 programs, 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 once award notification was received from CalRecycle.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 5, 2024; Finance (Jessica Trillo, Administrative Analyst, 387-4222) on May 6, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 6, 2024.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: May 21, 2024



cc: PW - Meeka w/ agree
Contractor c/o PW w/ agree
File w/ agree
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