



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Office of Sustainability



Date: May 26, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 28, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Eggemeyer, Director, Office of Sustainability

Subject: Authorizing the submittal of application to CalRecycle for the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of the Office of Sustainability to apply for and sign documents needed to secure payment from CalRecycle for the annual Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program.

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2000, your Board adopted Resolution No. 633662 authorizing application to the Department of Conservation Division of Recycling for funding pursuant to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.

DISCUSSION:

In 1986, the California Legislature enacted the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act in response to the need of reducing litter and to establish a beverage container recycling system in California. This Act authorized the creation of the Division of Recycling (Division) within the Department of Conservation and this Division was tasked with administering the litter reduction and recycling efforts for the State. Consumers would pay a California Redemption Value (CRV) fee when they purchased beverages from a retailer, and in return they receive a CRV refund when they redeemed the containers at a certified recycling location. Unredeemed redemption fee revenues to the State are used to provide: curbside supplemental payments, grants to local conservation corps and payments to Cities and Counties, and fund a statewide public education campaigns.

The Department of Conservation and other State Departments were consolidated to form the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). CalRecycle now administers a portion of the unredeemed CRV funds to each

City/County and the County is eligible to receive \$10,000 annually or an amount calculated by CalRecycle, on a per capita basis, whichever is greater. The annual calculation, is based upon the population as of January 1, of each year, in the unincorporated areas of the County. Counties may apply for the program funds by completing a Funding Request on the CalRecycle web-based City/County Annual Payment and Reporting System (CAPRS).

In the past, the County has received approximately \$17,000 annually from the program. In previous years a Funding Request form was submitted by the County and CalRecycle remitted the funds to the County. The State's internal auditors are now requiring the following process be followed to receive the funds each fiscal year:

- An approved resolution must be submitted to CalRecycle authorizing the County designated staff to request funding for this program and,
- Authorized signatures with submittal of each funding request and expenditure report and,
- An expenditure report with supporting documentation for program funds expended.

The goal of CalRecycle's beverage container recycling program is to reach and maintain an 80 percent recycling rate for all CRV beverage containers. The funds may be used for the following eligible activities:

- Public education and collection bins for promoting beverage container recycling,
- Litter prevention and cleanup where the waste stream includes beverage containers that will be recycled,
- Bottle and Can containers to support the AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling requirements,
- Support for new or existing beverage container recycling programs for multi-family residential dwellings,
- New or existing curbside recycling programs.

Examples of items funded in the past by funds received by the County includes:

- "Bear Saver" recycling and litter collection containers at County of San Mateo Parks,
- Outreach and containers for bottle and collection containers to the commercial/school sectors of the Unincorporated County areas,
- Interior recycling stations for County facilities,
- La Honda school public bins recycling program.

Your Board is being asked to authorize the Director of the Office of Sustainability or his/her designee to execute program fund applications which do not to exceed an aggregate of \$25,000 in connection with CalRecycle's beverage container recycling program.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

SHARED VISION 2025:

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by continuing to promote beverage container recycling in the unincorporated areas and at County facilities to meet the mandates of AB939 and AB341 in reducing waste in the unincorporated areas.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Estimated
Daily Garbage Disposal, Rate Per Person in Unincorporated San Mateo County	2.9 lbs. for Residential 6.6 lbs. for Commercial	2.9 lbs. for Residential 6.6 lbs. for Commercial

FISCAL IMPACT:

The time spent administering the program funds is an AB939 eligible expense and will be funded by AB939 fees. Appropriations for this program have been included in the FY 2015-16 Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.