



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** January 20, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** July 07, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Heather Forshey, Director, Environmental Health

**Subject:** Application and Acceptance of grant funding from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for Waste Tire Enforcement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Health System on behalf of San Mateo County to apply for and accept all available Waste Tire Recycling, Cleanup, and Enforcement funds from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for which San Mateo County is eligible for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County of San Mateo serves as the lead agency for all incorporated cities in the County for the Local Solid Waste Enforcement grant from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Environmental Health (EH) manages this grant on the County's behalf to ensure that used and waste tires do not pose a threat to public health and the environment. Since 2003, your Board has adopted Resolutions enabling Environmental Health to administer this CalRecycle grant and authorizing the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute all documents related to this grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

For the past ten years, EH has received CalRecycle grant funding annually for its Waste Tire Enforcement activities. EH already inspects the majority of facilities that manage waste and used tires in the County because such facilities generate hazardous waste. Grant funds are utilized to reimburse the County for the additional inspector time necessary to ensure facilities are complying with used and waste tire regulations by reviewing disposal receipts and tire storage procedures while on-site. In addition, inspectors are required to check the State database for each facility to ensure correct

information is being submitted by the used tire haulers. These inspection activities are documented on inspection reports which are submitted to CalRecycle monthly. The grant also covers the cost of time spent attending training classes, completing progress reports, and conducting outreach to businesses regarding proper disposal options and the dangers of illegally accumulating and transporting waste and used tires.

The grant is a reimbursement grant; a signed payment request is submitted to CalRecycle certifying that the money has been spent in accordance with the agreement. The funds are used to incorporate waste tire inspections into EH's current regulatory program.

Grantees are generally allowed a three-week turnaround to execute a grant agreement. Authorization is therefore being requested to allow the Chief of the Health System on behalf of the County of San Mateo to execute all necessary applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and all documents necessary to secure funds to implement the approved projects and carry out the purposes specified in the applications for which San Mateo County is eligible.

The Resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

This contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by ensuring that waste and used tires are properly stored, handled, and disposed to protect the public's health. It is anticipated that EH will complete 100% of all CalRecycle assigned inspections annually.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Percent of CalRecycle assigned inspections completed*	100% 270 inspections	100% 250 inspections

\*A routine inspection is required once every three years.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The resolution will authorize the Health System - on behalf of San Mateo County - to apply for and accept all available Waste Tire Recycling, Cleanup, and Enforcement funds from CalRecycle during the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020. There is no Net County Cost associated with this program.