



CALRECYCLE ORGANICS GRANT PROGRAM

Public Works Department

City Council
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

1. September 2016 – Governor Brown signed SB 1383 into law, establishing methane emissions reduction targets to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants;
2. SB 1383 established targets to reduce 2014 organic waste disposal levels by:
 - a) 50% by 2020; and
 - b) 75% by 2025
3. CalRecycle has regulatory authority to achieve organic waste disposal reduction targets.



DISCUSSION

1. The Public Works Department, Wastewater Division operates the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) and manages the Sewer Enterprise Fund;
2. RWQCP is pursuing grant opportunities to support projects for receiving and processing at least 100 tons of City food waste per day;
3. The CalRecycle grant application requests \$3,000,000 to use digester gas from food waste to produce renewable energy, such as electricity and renewable natural gas; and
4. The project will support the City's Solid Waste Division compliance with CalRecycle food waste diversion regulations.



RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery for the Organics Grant Program, Greenhouse Grant Reduction Program;
2. Upon grant award, authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of \$3,000,000 to the Public Works Department Revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Public Works Department Organics Grant Program Expenditure account; and



RECOMMENDATION (CONT.)

3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to applications, payment requests, agreements and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

