



COUNCIL AGENDA: 3/11/08
ITEM: 2.9

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Joseph Horwedel

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT WASTE
TIRE CLEANUP AND
AMNESTY EVENT GRANT

DATE: February 19, 2008

Approved

Date

2/21/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute, upon receipt, a grant agreement with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for a waste tire amnesty event program, in the amount of up to \$30,000 for FY 2007-2008 and authorizing the City Manager to apply for, and execute upon receipt, a grant agreement with the CIWMB for the subsequent four fiscal years, FY 2008-2009 through FY 2011-2012.

OUTCOME

If the City receives funding from the CIWMB to establish a waste tire amnesty event program, the City would establish a program to (1) collect tires from residents throughout the City and (2) augment the use of General Fund and Solid Waste Enforcement Fee's (SWEF) for the collection of waste tires from residents by prioritizing waste tire collection at neighborhood cleanup events using grant funds.

BACKGROUND

California is faced with the challenge of diverting or safely managing more than 40 million reusable and waste tires generated in the state each year. California has millions of waste tires stockpiled or illegally dumped. The stockpiles pose potential threats to the environment and public health and safety, particularly when they are improperly maintained or catch fire. Tire fires result in negative environmental effects, including toxic smoke and residues, and contaminated air, water, and soil. Additionally, tire piles, due to the presence of standing water, have been known to be the source of mosquito-borne diseases such as the West Nile Virus.

From 1998 through 2003, the state experienced devastating waste tire fires costing approximately thirty million dollars in environmental clean up. In order to mitigate against future disasters, the CIWMB administers waste tire programs, adopts technical standards to protect public health and safety, permits waste tire facilities, and adopts technical standards for solid waste facilities, which handle tires for storage and disposal.

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The CIWMB has allocated two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for the Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2007/2008 (the State awards the funds in FY 2007/08 for use in FY 2008/2009). The program is funded through a fee on new tires sold in California.

During the most recent grant application cycle, which ended on February 15, 2008, the Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement applied for funds to establish a waste tire amnesty event program to augment the City's Neighborhood Cleanup Program. The City applied for the maximum amount of \$30,000. The funding would pay for personnel and disposal costs for the collection, transportation and disposal of waste tires from residences citywide. The CIWMB has accepted San Jose's grant application, and as a part of the grant application, CIWMB requires a resolution from the City by close of business on March 14, 2008. The grant agreements are tentatively scheduled to be executed during May/June 2007. The grant term ends on June 30, 2009. Although the grant is ongoing, an application is required annually.

ANALYSIS

While the City of San Jose currently has a program to collect waste tires from residences during neighborhood cleanup events, funding is currently provided through the City's General Fund and from Solid Waste Enforcement Fees (SWEF). In accepting this grant, the City will obtain funding to provide collection, transportation and disposal of waste tires from residents and therefore reduce the reliance on the General Fund or SWEF. This program will provide greater opportunities for residents to dispose of waste tires and should also reduce the incidents of waste tires being illegally dumped. Special consideration for grant awards are given to existing waste tire enforcement grantees, such as the City of San Jose, who is currently receiving grant funds from CIWMB for the Waste Tire Enforcement Program.

If the City were to execute this grant agreement with CIWMB, the City (1) would be reimbursed, up to \$30,000 for collecting waste tires from residences during Waste Tire Amnesty Events (to be held in conjunction with the City's neighborhood cleanup events), (2) may accept and provide amnesty for up to 20 waste tires at amnesty events from individuals (advertising must clearly state that the amnesty provided is limited to 20 tires), and (3) provide annual report of the program to CIWMB.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

As a reimbursement grant, the City of San Jose is required to provide an annual report and accounting of qualifying activities and expenses to the CIWMB in June 2009 for reimbursement to the grant maximum of \$30,000. When completed, staff will provide a copy of the report to the Council attached to an Information Memorandum.

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Alternative: Do not seek grant funding from State.

Pros: City controls smaller waste tire collection events without state oversight.

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Cons: This alternative does not provide alternate funding opportunities for the collection of waste tires from residents, nor does it maximize the collection of waste tires from residents.

Reasons for not recommending alternative: The alternative does not: (1) capture an outside funding opportunity; (2) minimize the potential for illegal dumping of waste tires by providing a convenient disposal alternative; and (3) provide funding for public outreach specific to waste tires.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.
- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City.
- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach.

This report does not meet any of the above Public Outreach Criteria.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Department of Environmental Services, the City Attorney's Office and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

The Waste Tire Amnesty Event Grant will cover the cost of the waste tire collection throughout the City. The Waste Tire Amnesty Event Program is anticipated to be 100% cost recoverable with no General Fund impact.

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Exempt.


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