



Subject: Amendment To 2010-2011 Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Participation Agreement

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Item: 2.10

City Council Action Request

Department: Environmental Services	CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP10-066e	Coordination: City Attorney's Office, Budget Office	CMO Approval: 
			Dept. Approval: John Stufflebean /s/

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
 Execute an amendment to the Agency Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for 2010-2011 for additional appointments for San Jose residential property owners at a cost of \$200,000.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

To comply with state law and local needs, the County of Santa Clara and fourteen cities cooperated in the creation of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program. Since 1992, all cities except for the City of Palo Alto have contracted with the County to provide HHW services through an Agency Agreement for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. The HHW Program provides the only legal means for residents to dispose of most of these types of wastes. The County administers all operational aspects of the HHW Program and is responsible for recycling and waste disposal. Council approved the current 2010-2011 Agreement with the County to provide these services in May 2010.

As part of the 2010-2011 Adopted Operating Budget, Council approved additional funding in the Sewer Service and Use Charge Fund (\$100,000) and the Storm Sewer Operating Fund (\$100,000) for San Jose property owners to drop off household hazardous waste materials, such as paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and pharmaceuticals through the County of Santa Clara's Household Hazardous Waste Program. The current level of City funding can accommodate approximately 12,500 appointments for San Jose property owners, which is equivalent to 4% of San Jose households. The additional funding provides approximately 3,000 additional appointments for San Jose property owners, and decreases the estimated average wait time for an appointment from six to four weeks. This service provides rate payers more opportunity to use the only legal way to dispose of HHW which then avoids illegal dumping into storm and sanitary sewer systems.

The recommended amendment is necessary to implement this budget proposal.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

The total cost for additional appointments is \$200,000 and will be funded \$100,000 from Fund 541 - Sewer Service and Use Charge Fund and \$100,000 from Fund 446 - Storm Sewer Operating Fund in Environmental Services Non-Personal/Equipment appropriations. Funds were proposed and adopted for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Fiscal Impact: Existing funds are available. No additional appropriation action is required. No impact to the General Fund will result from recommended action.

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