



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing the application for the Seventeenth Cycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant and implementation. (Citywide)

According to State law, there are several types of waste that cannot be disposed of with regular refuse. This includes electronic waste (computers, printers, cell phones), universal waste (fluorescent light bulbs, household batteries, mercury thermostats) and household chemicals (liquid bleach, paint, nail polish, motor oil, turpentine). Effective September 1, 2008, the state will ban sharps (needles) from regular refuse disposal.

Currently, The Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) picks up e-waste and tires as part of the special collection program. ESB held an electronic waste (e-waste) and tire round up on June 28, 2008. The event was successful and drew a large number of residents. However, residents must dispose of universal waste and household chemicals at special drop-off centers. As a result, the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County co-sponsor one annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) round up at Veteran's Stadium to give Long Beach residents a convenient opportunity to dispose of these materials. The closest permanent facility is the Gaffey Street Center in San Pedro. According to ESB's last annual customer service survey, one of the most common requests was for the City to make the disposal of universal and household hazardous waste more convenient.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) provides grants to local jurisdictions to establish or expand HHW facilities or innovative materials collection programs. To address the need for this type of facility, ESB is seeking \$400,000 in grant funds to design and permit an Environmental Depot (Depot). The targeted location for the proposed facility is 1601 San Francisco Avenue in the Public Service Yard. The Depot is intended to provide a HHW collection and transfer site for residents and businesses in Long Beach. The CIWMB requires a resolution of the City Council authorizing the grant application. The resolution also authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to carry out the purposes of the grant received.

The City of Long Beach is working in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to design and operate this Depot. Typically, the County operates these types of facilities two to four days per week for six hours per day. For example, it might be open to the public and operate Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The design will incorporate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEE D) guidelines.

The attached resolution was prepared by Principal Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin who reviewed this letter on July 31, 2008 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 31, 2008.

SUSTAINABILITY

The City of Long Beach currently hosts one e-waste and tire round-up, and co-sponsors one annual HHW round-up event each year. Some of these products, such as e-waste, can be recycled. The proposed HHW facility would allow residents and businesses to properly dispose of hazardous materials and keep them out of the regular waste stream.

It will also provide the opportunity to recycle targeted materials and help maintain or increase the City of Long Beach's overall waste diversion rate of 69%, which is currently awaiting certification from the CIWMB.

City Council action on this matter is requested on August 19, 2008, in order to submit the resolution to CIWMB before the September 8, 2008 deadline.

The City of Long Beach is requesting \$400,000 from the CIWMB to fund the design and permitting of an Environmental Depot to handle Household Hazardous Waste. If and when the funds are awarded, a budget adjustment will be submitted to the City Council to authorize the additional expenditures and capture the new revenue. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Approve recommendation.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING
2008/2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT APPLICATION
AND IMPLEMENTATION**

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