

Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance Overview



What are C&D Debris?

- All the materials left over from the construction or demolition of a building
- Includes lumber, drywall, metals, masonry, carpet, plastic, pipe, rocks, dirt, paper, cardboard and green waste
- Although some C&D materials are already typically recycled or reused, most may still end up in a landfill
- Much of this material has commercial value as a resource if it is recycled or reused

What can be done?

- About 22 percent of the waste stream consists of C&D materials
- The State of California encourages cities to create C&D recycling programs
- Over 100 cities and counties in California already have C&D programs
- The proposed C&D program for the City of Long Beach is modeled after other existing programs

C&D Program Goals

- Increase the diversion of C&D waste from landfills
- Help the City maintain conformance to State-wide waste diversion goals (AB 939)
- Support the City's goal of becoming a Sustainable City
- Be a part of and help to fund the Sustainable City Program

What projects would be covered?

- Any City-sponsored construction, demolition or renovation project
- All demolition projects of any size
- All private construction or renovation projects with an estimated valuation of \$50,000 or more
 - Captures largest 12% of development activity
 - Most single-family renovation projects would not be subject to C&D program

Requirements of C&D Program

- Waste diversion rate of 60%
- Waste Management Plan
- Waste Diversion Deposit equal to 3% of project valuation (\$1,500 minimum)
- Administrative Fee equal to 1/4 % of project valuation (\$125 minimum)
- Provide list of C&D Facilities
- Deposit forfeited if diversion goal not met

Program Implementation

- Program would go into effect October 1, 2007 with an initial threshold of \$75,000 valuation for covered projects to allow for “ramp up”
- Threshold will change to \$50,000 valuation on January 1, 2008
- Administrative fee will be set by resolution as part of budget process

Program Implementation

- Admin fee would support new staff position to help administer program
- Admin fee would support education and outreach program on C&D recycling before and after October start date
- Admin fee and any forfeited performance deposits would provide funding support to the Sustainable City Commission and associated Sustainable City Program