



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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May 21, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to CalRecycle for Redesignation of the Long Beach Recycling Market Development Zone. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In March of 1992, the City of Long Beach was designated as one of 35 Recycling Market Development Zones (RMDZs) in California. This designation is set to expire in June 2013.

The Department of Public Works' Environmental Services Bureau operates the City's RMDZ Program.

California's Recycling Market Development Zone Program (Program) provides low-interest loans, and technical assistance to qualified businesses that use, or plan to use, recycled materials as manufacturing feedstock. By stimulating a long-term demand for recycled materials, the Program helps extend the State's landfill capacity and reduces the depletion of natural resources. The Program also develops and fuels local markets for secondary materials generated by Long Beach businesses and residents, which, in turn, creates much-needed local manufacturing jobs.

The physical boundaries of the Long Beach RMDZ are the same as the City's Enterprise Zone. The combined benefits of the RMDZ and the Enterprise Zone Programs provide a broad range of financial incentives and services to new and existing businesses to facilitate growth and financial success. All financial agreements relating to RMDZ loans are negotiated between the State and the business itself.

To date, qualifying Long Beach businesses have received a total of \$3.9 million in low-interest loans from the State. Long Beach RMDZ businesses utilize secondary commodities (used tires, used motor oil, construction and demolition debris, and recycled plastic containers) and divert from local landfills at least 534,000 tons annually. This annual diversion and re-processing of solid waste is an important component of the City's AB 939 compliance efforts.

On November 7, 2002, the Planning Commission approved a Negative Declaration (ND-43-02) submitted in support of the renewal of the Long Beach RMDZ, pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines. As there have been no changes to the land use, zoning or general plan designation of the Long Beach RMDZ since the approval of ND-43-02, the Planning Bureau has determined that no additional Planning Commission action is required to proceed with the 2013 renewal application for the Long Beach RMDZ.

This matter was reviewed by the Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on April 23, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 29, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested by May 21, 2013 to allow the renewal application to be submitted in a timely manner.

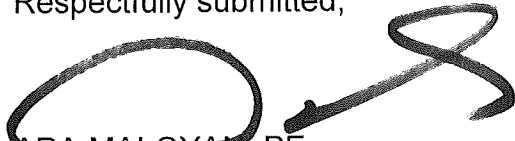
FISCAL IMPACT

The annual estimated program cost of \$15,000 is budgeted in the Refuse/Recycling Fund (EF 330) in the Department of Public Works (PW), of which CalRecycle reimburses \$5,000 annually. Approval of this recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

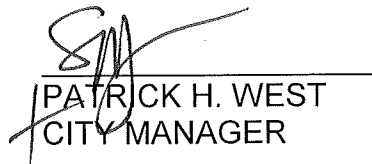
Respectfully submitted,



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ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

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1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING
5 SUBMITTAL OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO
6 CALRECYCLE OF THE LONG BEACH RECYCLING
7 MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND ADOPT NEGATIVE
8 DECLARATION ND-43-02
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10 WHEREAS, California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for
11 the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone ("RMDZ") program
12 throughout the State to provide incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer
13 and secondary materials markets for recyclables, to stimulate recycling based
14 manufacturing businesses, and create jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, the State of California's Department of Resources Recovery
16 and Recycling ("CalRecycle") succeeded the administration of the RMDZ when the
17 California Integrated Waste Management Board ("CIWMB") was eliminated in 2009, and
18 CalRecycle is soliciting applications to renew Zone designations, including from the City
19 of Long Beach; and

20 WHEREAS, CalRecycle, in its Strategic Plan, has adopted a goal to
21 continuously integrate environmental justice concerns into all of its programs and
22 activities; and

23 WHEREAS, cities and counties must meet a 50 percent (50%) reduction in
24 landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, on March 10, 1992, the City Council of the City of Long Beach
27 adopted a resolution to create a Recycling Market Development Zone; and

28 WHEREAS, on December 17, 2002, the City Council of the City of Long

1 Beach adopted a resolution to renew the RMDZ designation for another ten (10) years,
2 and the Long Beach RMDZ designation will expire in June 2013 unless re-designated by
3 CalRecycle; and

4 WHEREAS, on November 7, 2002, the Planning Commission approved a
5 Negative Declaration (ND-43-02), in support of the renewal of the Long Beach RMDZ
6 pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines, and the Department of
7 Development Services; and

8 WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed ND-43-02 and determined that
9 no new significant environmental effects would occur as a result of this re-designation
10 that were not already identified in ND-43-02, and finds that there is no substantial
11 evidence that the requested re-designation as a RMDZ will have a significant effect on
12 the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, the Long Beach RMDZ is dedicated to establishing, sustaining
14 and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market
15 development, creating jobs, and assisting the City of Long Beach in complying with the
16 State's established landfill waste disposal reduction requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, the renewal of the City of Long Beach RMDZ as a RMDZ is still
18 necessary to facilitate and support existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses,
19 as well as attract private sector recycling investments to the RMDZ; and

20 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has participated in the RMDZ program
21 as part of its waste reduction efforts since 1992; and, the Long Beach RMDZ has
22 administered almost four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in loans to recycling based
23 businesses in the City of Long Beach; and

24 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach still desires existing and new recycling-
25 based manufacturing business locating within the Zone to be eligible for the technical and
26 financial incentives associated with the RMDZ program;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
28 follows:

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Section 1. Adopts Negative Declaration ND-43-02.

Section 2. Approves the submittal of a Recycling Market Development Zone renewal application to CalRecycle and authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary related documents.

Section 3. Agrees to administer the RMDZ program in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk