REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To:	Cara Morgan Branch Chief, Local Assistance and Market Development
From:	Julie Trueblood Recycling Market Development Zone Redesignation Coordinator
Request Date:	July 17, 2013
Decision Subject:	Application to Renew the Recycling Market Development Zone Designation for the Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone
Action By:	August 20, 2013

Summary of Request: As outlined in Public Resources Code section 42011, Recycling Market Development Zones (RMDZs) are approved for a term of 10 years. At the end of this term, the Zone Administrator (ZA) or other delegated persons may reapply to CalRecycle for another 10-year designation term (California Code of Regulations section 17914). The Contra Costa RMDZ has submitted an application to renew the designation of the RMDZ for another 10-year term. The Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone consists of the following jurisdictions: Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, El Cerrito, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, Richmond, and San Pablo. In order for the Zone and its businesses to continue to receive RMDZ services, including low-interest loans, CalRecycle is being requested to consider and approve this redesignation request.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Recycling Market Development Zone identified above be found to have submitted a complete Renewal Application for Redesignation and met all statutory and regulatory requirements to be redesignated as a fully functional RMDZ, and recommends that the Department find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Branch Chief Action: On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department, and I hereby approve the redesignation of the Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone.

Dated: 8/26/13

Cara Morgan, Branch Chief
Local Assistance and Market Development

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The Recycling Market Development Zone program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. The program provides attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing through RecycleStore to businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products and that are located in a CalRecycle-designated Recycling Market Development Zone. Business assistance is provided through a partnership between local Zone Administrators and CalRecycle. Local government incentives may include special variances in building codes and zoning laws, streamlined local permit processes, reduced taxes and licensing, and consistent secondary material feedstock supply.

The Zone has adequately addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

Contra Costa RMDZ Redesignation	**YES**	**NO**	**N/A**
Renewal Application	X		
CEQA documentation or Notice of Exemption provided	X		
Resolution from Lead Agency	X		
Resolutions from Participating Agencies, if applicable	X		

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CalRecycle is a Responsible Agency with respect to redesignation of RMDZs (the Project). The Contra Costa RMDZ served as Lead Agency and prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.

The Department has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for its purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Document prepared by the Lead Agency. Staff recommends that the Department find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The administrative record for CalRecycle's decision to accept the local NOEs includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all of the components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Documents adopted by the Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision to approve the proposed Projects. The custodian of the Department's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025. The Department will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.