REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Cara Morgan
Branch Chief

From: Mitch Delmage
Recycling Market Development Zone Resignation Coordinator

Request Date: May 5, 2014

Decision Subject: Consideration of the Applications to Renew the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Designation for the Following: Greater South San Joaquin Valley RMDZ, San Jose RMDZ, Kern County/Lancaster RMDZ, Chino Valley RMDZ, and Oakland/Berkeley RMDZ

Action By: June 17, 2014

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). Five RMDZs have submitted applications to renew their designations for another 10-year term. In order for these Zones and their businesses to continue to receive RMDZ services, including low interest loans, CalRecycle is being requested to consider and approve these redesignation applications.

These Zones encompass numerous cities and counties and represent jurisdictions in northern, central, and southern California. The Greater South San Joaquin Valley RMDZ is located within Kings and Tulare counties, and encompasses unincorporated areas as well as the incorporated cities of Corcoran, Dinuba, Hanford, Lemoore, Porterville, Tulare, Lindsay, Farmersville, Exeter, Woodlake, and Visalia. The San Jose RMDZ consists of the entire City of San Jose. The Kern County/Lancaster RMDZ includes all the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Kern County and the neighboring City of Lancaster in Los Angeles County. The incorporated cities of Kern County are Arvin, Bakersfield, California City, Delano, Maricopa, McFarland, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Taft, Tehachapi and Wasco. Chino Valley RMDZ includes the industrial-zoned areas of the cities of Chino and Chino Hills. Finally, the Oakland/Berkeley RMDZ encompasses West Berkeley between Interstate 80, San Pablo Avenue, the Oakland-Emeryville border, and the Albany border.

Recommendation
Staff recommends that the five Recycling Market Development Zones 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. The approval for each Zone

would be conditioned upon the receipt of all of the required resolutions within 60-90 Days.

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the Redesignation of the five above mentioned Recycling Market Development Zones.

Dated: 6/17/15

Mitch Delmage for
Cara Morgan, Branch Manager
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.

These Zones have addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

Greater South San Joaquin Valley 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		

San Jose 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

Kern County/Lancaster 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		

Chino Valley 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*		

* The approval for the Zone would be conditioned upon the receipt of all of the required resolutions within 60-90 days.

Oakland/Berkeley 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), CalRecycle is a Responsible Agency with respect to redesignation of RMDZs (the Project). In each case, these Zone applicants selected a member to serve as Lead Agency and each prepared a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Environmental Documents) in connection with its approval of the each Project:

1. Greater South San Joaquin Valley RMDZ prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.
2. San Jose RMDZ used a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.
3. Kern County/Lancaster RMDZ prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.
4. Chino Valley RMDZ prepared a Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.
5. Oakland/Berkeley RMDZ prepared a Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project

The Department has examined and determined that each of the Environmental Documents were adequate for our purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the individual Projects as described in the Environmental Documents prepared by the each Lead Agency. Staff recommends that the Department find that these Projects 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 Environmental Documents 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 or a Notice of Determination, whichever is appropriate, with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.