

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Cara Morgan
Branch Chief, Local Assistance and Market Development

From: Mitch Delmage
Recycling Market Development Zone Redesignation Coordinator

Request Date: June 10, 2015

Decision Subject: Applications to Renew the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Designation for the Following: Chico/Northern Butte RMDZ; Fresno County RMDZ; High Desert RMDZ; and Madera County RMDZ

Action By: July 21, 2015

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). Four 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 each of these redesignation applications ("The Project").

The Project consists of the redesignation of the following Zones which encompass numerous cities and counties and represent jurisdictions in northern, central, and southern California. The Chico/Northern Butte RMDZ includes the City of Chico and adjacent industrial property and additional unincorporated county areas west and south of the sphere. The Fresno County RMDZ includes all of the unincorporated areas of the county and the incorporated cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fresno, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma. The High Desert RMDZ includes the five municipalities of Apple Valley, Barstow, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Yucca Valley. The Madera County RMDZ includes all of the unincorporated areas and the incorporated cities of Madera and Chowchilla.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the four 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 the Fresno County and High Desert RMDZs are conditioned upon the receipt of all of all resolutions within 60-90 days.

Branch Chief Action:

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 four above mentioned Recycling Market Development Zones.

Dated: July 21, 2015

Cara Morgan
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.

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

Chico/Northern Butte 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		

Fresno County 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*		

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

High Desert 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*		

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

Madera County 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 the Responsible Agency with respect to redesignation of the RMDZs comprising the Project.

1. The Chico/Northern Butte RMDZ prepared Notice of Exception (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of its redesignation application.
2. The Fresno County RMDZ prepared Notice of Exception (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of its redesignation application.
3. The High Desert RMDZ prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of its redesignation application.
4. The Madera County RMDZ prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of its redesignation application.

In each case, these Zone applicants selected a member to serve as Lead Agency and each prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum or Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Environmental Documents) in connection with its approval of its redesignation application.

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 redesignation applications as described in the Environmental Documents prepared by each Lead Agency. Staff recommends that the Department find that these redesignation applications comprising 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 Environmental Documents includes the administrative record before each Lead Agency for each Zone including the redesignation application together with all of the components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Documents adopted by each Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision to approve the Project. 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 Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.

