REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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

From: Mitch Delmage
Recycling Market Development Zone Redesignation Coordinator

Request Date: April 21, 2016

Decision Subject: Approve the Renewal Applications for the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Redesignation of North Coast RMDZ

Action By: May 17, 2016

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). One RMDZ has submitted an application to renew their designation for another 10-year term. In order for this Zone and its businesses to continue to receive RMDZ services, including low interest loans, CalRecycle is being requested to consider and approve this redesignation application.

North Coast includes the counties of Humboldt and Del Norte, and the incorporated cities of Trinidad, Blue Lake, Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Ferndale, Rio Dell, and Crescent City.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the North Coast RMDZ be found to have submitted a complete Renewal Application and have met all statutory and regulatory requirements to be redesignated as a fully functional RMDZ, and recommends that CalRecycle find that its Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department. The approval would be conditioned upon the receipt of all of the resolutions and/or other documentation within 120 days, if necessary.

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 North Coast RMDZ conditioned upon receipt of all of the resolutions.

Dated: 5/16/16

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.

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

North Coast RMDZ	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 and other documents within 120 days.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CalRecycle is a Responsible Agency with respect to redesignation of RMDZs (the Project). In this case, the Zone applicant selected a member to serve as Lead Agency and prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Environmental Documents) 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 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 Environmental Document 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 Project. The custodian of the Department's administrative record is Custodian of Records 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.