

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Howard Levenson
Deputy Director

From: Cara Morgan
Branch Chief

Request Date: March 11, 2011

Decision Subject: 2007/2008//2009 Jurisdiction Review Findings For The Household Hazardous Waste Element For The Following Jurisdictions: Fresno County: Firebaugh; Kern County: Ridgecrest; Lake County: Clearlake; Los Angeles County: Downey, Hawaiian Gardens; Monterey County: Greenfield; Ventura County: Santa Paula

Action By: April 12, 2011

Summary of Request:

A key component in maintaining the success of AB 939, the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, is CalRecycle's role in overseeing how well cities and counties are implementing the diversion programs that they each have selected as part of their Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) and Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE). Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 41825 requires CalRecycle to review each City, County, and Regional Agency SRRE and HHWE at least once every four years, and in some cases once every two years. The 2007/2008/2009 Jurisdiction Review is CalRecycle's independent evaluation of each jurisdiction's progress in implementing its SRRE and HHWE programs and in meeting the AB 939 diversion requirement.

Those jurisdictions listed in the subject line of this item are currently or were under a compliance order for their Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE) programs during 2007-2009. Therefore, at this time these jurisdictions are only subject to a review of their Household Hazardous Waste Element (HHWE) programs. Implementation and maintenance of the HHWE programs ensures that household hazardous waste is properly collected and handled, thereby preventing impacts to the environment from improper disposal.

Staff has completed its 2007/2008/2009 review of the HHWE programs for these jurisdictions in accordance with the Jurisdiction Review process approved in August 2001. Staff's review indicates that these jurisdictions have adequately complied with the requirements of PRC Section 41850 by successfully implementing household hazardous waste programs for the safe collection, recycling, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes generated by the households within their respective jurisdictions. This request is for approval of the two year review finding that there is adequate program implementation for the HHWEs for the jurisdictions listed above.

Recommendation:

Staff review indicates that these jurisdictions have adequately complied with the implementation requirements of PRC Section 41850 by successfully implementing their HHWE programs. Therefore, staff requests approval of the 2007/2008/2009 Jurisdiction Review findings that there is adequate HHWE program implementation for the jurisdictions listed above.

Deputy Director Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the Jurisdiction Review findings for 2007/2008/2009 for the HHWEs for the jurisdictions noted above.

Dated: 4/12/11


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