

**Staff Jurisdiction Analysis Summary**  
**City of Huron, Fresno County**  
**2012-13 CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Cycle**

Based upon review of diversion program implementation, LAMD staff recommends Huron (City) as making a good faith effort (GFE) to meet the requirements of AB 939. The City is implementing many of its SRRE and HHWE programs, including a mandatory residential curbside recycling and a combined foodwaste and green waste program, and a mandatory commercial recycling program. This includes multifamily and government recycling programs. The City has also developed its first, user friendly website. City government diversion and recycled content procurement programs have been observed to be effective as summarized below:

- **Residential:** In December 2012, the City instituted a food waste program where residents may place their food waste in the greenwaste containers. The effort to keep containers contamination-free via ordinance enforcement appears to be working. The hauler also conducts two community clean-up programs per year, tracking and monitoring of the residential program, and targeted outreach. The City and its hauler have worked together to identify problems and target outreach accordingly. All educational materials are available in Spanish and English. Additionally, the hauler has bilingual staff who communicates with Spanish speaking residents as needed. The City provides educational materials at City Hall and distributes these at community events, schools and multi-family complexes.
- **Commercial:** Recycling is available to the City's 80 businesses, 16 multi-family units, and two schools, with full participation from all of these establishments. Waste assessments are provided and hauler staff speaks directly with business owners educating them on proper recycling. Presentations are made to schools and multi-family complexes along with distribution of educational materials to all of the commercial sector. The hauler makes an effort to audit its customers to determine if recyclables are properly separated from the trash. Quarterly updates of the audit are provided to the City Manager and discussed. Tonnage reports are also provided so that they can analyze the trends of the trash and recycling stream. LAMD staff will continue to assist to help expand materials recycling in this sector.
- **MCR:** The City has implemented a Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) program. Trash collection and recycling is automatically provided to all businesses but green waste recycling is voluntary as businesses must request service. The City and hauler each year has implemented a robust education and outreach program using their websites, letters and flyers and direct contact with each business, multi-family complexes and schools. The City and the hauler continue to monitor the businesses and multifamily complexes to troubleshoot and assure programs are effective. With the implementation of MCR, the hauler has focused on making sure every business, multi-family complex and school has strong programs and has received information on the City's MCR program and the associated state law. All of the businesses and multifamily complexes are recycling. There was an increase in the recovery rate in 2013 due to the increase in diversion from multifamily complexes.

- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris:** The City passed a C&D ordinance that requires project applicants to follow Green Building Standards and achieve 50% waste diversion. There were no building projects in 2012 and only one in 2013. Builders have two choices: either self-haul to the closest facility (which is the City's franchise hauler's facility) or use the services of the hauler. The City, as a part of the application process, requires a security deposit, ensures waste tracking and distributes recycling education materials.
- **Government:** The City has diversion programs in place at City Hall, the Police Department, Parks, and Public Works. The City is implementing its procurement policy, and practices source reduction and recycling. Given the reality that the City offices are extremely small, the City orders products on an as-needed basis. For example, most of the furniture and other materials in the office are donated from the public. Greenwaste is recycled through grasscycling and collection of tree trimmings that are mulched for landscaping. With respect to source reduction, the printer/copier default is to duplex, coffee mugs are used by employees (not paper cups), memos are sent electronically, staff creates note pads using "scratch" paper and gravel and pavement is reused in the ponds at waste water treatment.