REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To:	Howard Levenson Deputy Director, Materials Management and Local Assistance
From:	Cara Morgan Branch Chief, Local Assistance and Market Development
Request Date:	July 22, 2013
Decision Subject:	Application To Expand The Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone
Action By:	August 20, 2013

Summary of Request: This item requests approval of an application submitted by the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone to expand its current designated boundaries by including 18 additional jurisdiction(s). The Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone is currently comprised of the cities of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Hemet, Indio, Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto and parts of unincorporated Riverside County. The Administrator for the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone submitted an application in July, 2013 requesting that the boundaries of the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone be expanded to include the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula, Wildomar and all of unincorporated Riverside County. The expansion is sought to increase the diversion of materials from area and regional landfills and to provide technical and financial support to additional businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products.

Recommendation: Staff finds that all of the requirements have been met 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, and that the Department approve the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Recycling Market Development Zone's application to expand the existing Zone to include the proposed incorporated cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula, Wildomar and all of unincorporated Riverside County. The approval is conditioned upon the receipt of all of the required resolutions within 60 to 90 days.

Division Chief Action:
On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out above, I hereby find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department and I approve the application to expand the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Recycling Market

Development Zone to include the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula, Wildomar and all of unincorporated Riverside County. The approval is conditioned upon the receipt of all of the required resolutions within 60 to 90 days.

Dated: 8/27/13

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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.

Regulations describing the procedures necessary to expand the boundaries of an existing Recycling Market Development Zone are described in the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Division 7, Article 1, Section 17914. The Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone is currently comprised of the cities of Cathedral City, Coachella, Hemet, Indio, Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto and parts of unincorporated Riverside County. The Administrator for the Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone submitted an application in July, 2013 requesting that the boundaries of the Zone be expanded to include the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula, Wildomar and all of unincorporated Riverside County.

The Riverside County Recycling Market Development Zone has adequately addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

Riverside County RMDZ Expansion	**YES**	**NO**	**N/A**
Updated Market Development Plan for the new jurisdictions joining the	X		

Zone, if applicable			
CEQA documentation provided	X		
A map indicating the new Zone boundaries	X		
Letters of commitment and support, if applicable			X
Resolutions showing local adoption by county and/or cities	X*		

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Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Department (i.e., CalRecycle) is a Responsible Agency with respect to the expansion of the Zone (the Project). The Riverside County Recycling Market Development served as Lead Agency and prepared and adopted a Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) on July 13, 2013 in connection with its approval of the Project. The Department has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for its purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the Environmental Document prepared by the Lead Agency. Staff has determined the Environmental Document is adequate for the Department's purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the 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 the staff's recommendation to approve the Project includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Document 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 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 Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.