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TEA18-10-05

Fresno County

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grants

Background

Fresno County (county), like many counties and cities, had a problem with illegally dumped tire sites, and had the difficult job of trying to regulate and enforce proper tire laws and regulations. Based on their population and performance in previous grant cycles, the county was awarded the maximum grant award of \$300,000.



Grant Project Goals

With the monies received from grant funds, the county estimated that 600 waste tire sites would be inspected during the cycle. With the appropriate equipment, training, and patrolling, including surveillance, the county hoped that they would be able to identify illegally dumped tire sites and get them in compliance.

Outcome and Accomplishments

Inspections - The county estimated that 600 waste tire sites would be inspected during the cycle.

- Approximately 688 inspections were completed including re-inspections of sites previously issued a Notice of Violation.
- A total of 7 Notice of Violations were issued.
- A total of 2 sites were brought into compliance after Notice of Violations were issued.
- 1 site was referred to CalRecycle for enforcement action.

Surveillance & Enforcement - The county spent 702.92 hours patrolling during the grant cycle.

- 1 illegally dumped tire site, with 500 or more tires, was identified.
- 238 illegally dumped tire sites, with less than 500, tires were identified.
- A total of 6,114 illegally dumped tires were identified.

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Challenges

Challenges included going to inspect a facility without a scheduled appointment where the operator was anti-government and did not want to allow an inspection without an appointment. Through a very courteous discussion, our inspector was able to schedule an inspection for another time and then during the scheduled inspection, provided the operator with a significant amount of information that was beneficial to the operations and resulted in financial savings to the operator. Our inspector was also able to assist the operator with the paperwork for obtaining a Waste & Used Tire Hauling permit.

Another challenge was tracking manifests through the self-reporting system. Our inspectors now ask for manifests and/or receipts when inspecting tire generators. Tire haulers are usually good at billing their customers, so receipts are sometimes easier for the tire generators to locate.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Be prepared to furnish a great deal of education. When going to inspections, present it as an opportunity to assist the operator/owner in learning the regulations and reasons for the regulations. Build a working relationship with each operator with the idea that you, the inspector, are there to provide assistance with the information the operator needs to run the business. Do not expect every operator to like (or even want to see) you, the regulator. Be consistent, fair, courteous, and respectful to every operator/owner.

Snapshot

Grant Program: Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grants

Grant Program Website: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/Grants/Enforcement/>

Grant Number: TEA18-10-05

Grant Type: Tire Enforcement

Year Awarded: 2010

Funding: Awarded \$300,000, spent \$300,000

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