

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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Division Chief

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Request Date: July 14, 2010

Decision Subject: Five-Year Review Report For The Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan For The County Of Los Angeles

Action By: August 14, 2010

Summary of Request:

Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 41770 and 41822 require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to review and approve or disapprove each Countywide or Regional Agency Integrated Waste Management Plan Five-Year Review Report. The County of Los Angeles has submitted a Five-Year Review Report of its Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP) that concludes the County of Los Angeles will need to revise its Countywide Sitting Element, and the Report includes the required timelines for revising this document. This memo requests approval of the County's Five-Year CIWMP Review Report findings that a revision is necessary.

Recommendation:

Based on staff review of the County's Five-Year CIWMP Review Report, staff found that the requirements have been satisfied and agrees with the findings that a revision is necessary. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the County's Five-Year CIWMP Review Report.

Division Chief Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the background information and findings set out herein, I hereby approve the County's Five-Year CIWMP Review Report.

Dated: 7/27/10

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Summary of Report Findings

Type of Report: CIWMP RAIWMP

Was revision to any SRRE, HHWE, NDFE, or the CSE or SP necessary at time of review? Yes No

If yes, list necessary revisions: The Countywide Siting Element (CSE) will be revised to remove two previously identified potential landfill sites, Blind Canyon and Elsmere Canyon, from the Siting Element.

In the County's previous Five-Year Review in June 2004, the County indicated that a revision to the Summary Plan would be necessary. As part of the 2009 Five-Year Review, the County provided the following explanation for not revising the Summary Plan:

Response from County: At the time the previous Five-Year Review Report was submitted, nearly half of jurisdictions in Los Angeles County had yet to meet the 50 percent waste diversion mandate. It was envisioned at the time that jurisdictions would need additional help to achieve the mandate. However, based on the Annual Reports submitted by jurisdictions, the County currently finds that the vast majority of them have the diversion mandate or are otherwise in compliance with AB939; and that the SRREs, HHWEs, and NDFEs, as updated through the associated Annual Reports, continue to fulfill the goals of AB 939. Following the 2005/06 Biennial Review, 86 out of 89 jurisdictions in the County of Los Angeles, representing 98 percent of the countywide waste stream, were found in compliance with the requirements of AB 939. Furthermore, as regional solid waste management, demographics, and public awareness of environmental stewardship have changed and evolved, the County and cities had also continually adjusted, enhanced, and expanded their waste reduction efforts in response to these changing conditions. Evidently that these efforts, together with county-wide and regional programs implemented by the County and the cities, have achieved significant and measurable results as mentioned above.

Also, as you might be aware, the County of Los Angeles has been in the process of planning and/or developing revisions to the Countywide Siting Element and/or Summary Plan. The process for revision of the Siting Element continues. However, in light of the significant improvements being made by cities in achieving the 50 percent diversion mandate, and subject to CalRecycle's approval of the current Five-Year Review Report, a revision of the Summary Plan is no longer contemplated.

Was implementation schedule(s) provided?

Yes No N/A

The proposed revision schedule for the Siting Element is as follows:

- Prepare Draft Revised Siting Element and CEQA Document: 12/31/2011
- Public/Stakeholder Review and Comment: 9/30/2012
- Prepare Final Revised Siting Element and CEQA Document: 3/31/2013
- Local Adoption of Final CSE and CEQA Document: 9/30/2013
- Submittal of Final CSE and CEQA Document to CalRecycle for Approval: 10/31/2013

