



City of San Diego

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Diversion Ordinance and Deposit Schedule

Natural Resources and Culture Committee

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Background

- Prior to implementation 35%, or 586,000 tons of recyclable C&D debris disposed
- C&D Ordinance effective July 1, 2008
- Refundable deposit on building permits to create an economic incentive to recycle
 - Based on project type and size
 - Includes certain exemptions



5 Year Summary (FY2009-2013)

- Additional C&D recycling infrastructure in the region
 - 470,000 tons of mixed C&D recycled
- Recyclable C&D debris disposed reduced by 47% to 312,000 tons/year



5 Year Deposits Summary

- 12,400 permits / \$32M collected
- \$19M refunded
 - 69% avg. diversion rate for processed deposits
- Approximately \$3.7M forfeited
- Approximately \$9M active



Proposed Changes

- More business friendly
- Clean up
- Anticipated results:
 - 32% reduction in value of deposits collected
 - 25% reduction in number of permits subject to the ordinance
- Minimal loss of diversion



Actions Requested

- Ordinance amendment
 - Additional exemptions
 - Revision to 75% trigger language
- Revision of the Deposit schedule
 - Reducing the number of deposit types
 - Placing maximum amount on all deposit types
 - Raising the minimum sq. ft. to 1,000 sq. ft. for all projects

