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REPORT NO. 02-048

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Docket of March 18, 2002

SUBJECT: CA Integrated Waste Management Board Grants

SUMMARY

Issue(s): Should the City Council authorize the City Manager to 1) Apply for and accept California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) grants available for Fiscal Year (FY) 03 through FY 05? 2) Designate the Deputy Environmental Services Director as the person authorized to sign all CIWMB grant related documents and agreements on behalf of the City? 3) Continue staffing to implement and administer CIWMB approved grant activities and agreements contingent upon Council approval of the FY 03 through FY 07 budgets.

Manager's Recommendation(s) – 1) Authorize the submittal and acceptance of CIWMB grants available for Fiscal Year (FY) 03 through FY 05. 2) Designate the Deputy Environmental Services Director as the person authorized to sign all CIWMB grant-related documents and agreements on behalf of the City. 3) Continue staffing to implement and administer CIWMB approved grant activities and agreements contingent upon Council approval of the FY 03 through FY 07 budgets.

Fiscal Impact – There is no fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. CIWMB awards grants for a one to three year period. If a CIWMB grant is awarded, the State will reimburse the City for 100% of the grant related expenditures. The City anticipates receiving \$436,000 in CIWMB grant awards for each of the next three years. The City budgets for grant eligible activities in the Environmental Services Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (41200) and Recycling Fund (41210), and any CIWMB grant funds received will reimburse these funds for the expenditures.

BACKGROUND

The CIWMB is authorized to award grants establishing local used oil and oil filter collection programs under the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act, and grants for new household hazardous waste program activities under the California Integrated Waste Management Act. One of these grants, the three-year Used Oil Recycling Block Grant, is available now to jurisdictions with funding levels allocated on a per capita basis. Other grant opportunities are

expected to be available through FY 05, with the corresponding implementation of activities through FY 07.

The City has received almost \$2,900,000 in CIWMB grants since 1994. As a result of the current block grant, in FY 01 residents recycled 128,000 gallons of used oil and 15,000 pounds of oil filters.

DISCUSSION

The City is eligible for a three-year Used Oil Recycling Block Grant beginning in FY 03 for providing San Diego residents opportunities to recycle used oil and oil filters at eight auto product recycling events, the household hazardous waste transfer facility operating 48 Saturdays annually, and at more than 90 participating private business locations. The City has also implemented the required public education component and hotline services to inform residents of locally available used oil and oil filter recycling opportunities.

This program enables the City to meet environmental goals. It reduces illegal dumping of these hazardous wastes into sewers, and storm drains thereby supporting the City's Think Blue campaign and NPDES program's efforts to keep used oil out of our beaches and waterways. By recycling the used oil and oil filters collected into new products, the City is contributing towards a sustained environment by reducing waste, energy use and reliance on new sources of oil.

City Council approval of this request will allow the City to continue these activities, and the flexibility to compete for additional funding to implement new or expanded used oil, oil filter and other household hazardous waste program activities.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize the submittal and acceptance of the Used Oil Recycling Block Grant only. This action would require separate Council authorization to apply for and accept other related grants that are expected to be available through FY 05.
2. Do not authorize the submittal of any grant applications. This action would discontinue the current program resulting in a significant loss in available used oil and oil filter recycling opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

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