TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Committee

reports as follows:

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the need for an ordinance revision for implementation of a Citywide Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling program.

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present a final ordinance revision for a Citywide C&D Debris Recycling program that will require all mixed C&D materials generated within City of Los Angeles limits to be taken to City certified mixed construction and demolition debris processing facilities.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to implement the ordinance requirements for C&D recycling, including, but not limited to, changes to existing related programs, phase out of the existing Assembly Bill 939 compliance fee rebate for mixed C&D, preparation and execution of all internal procedures and policies, development of enforcement procedures including the assessment of non-compliance administrative penalties; conduct appropriate education and outreach to the private hauler community; and instruct the BOS to report back on any such changes requiring further Mayor or Council approval.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Building and Safety to modify its building permit system, building code and/or any departmental policies necessary to facilitate the implementation of the ordinance, and to bill the BOS for pertinent implementation costs from the Citywide Recycling Trust Fund; and instruct the Department to report back on any such changes requiring further Mayor or Council approval.
- 4. INSTRUCT the BOS to provide a status on implementation and progress of the C&D program within six months following the effective date of the ordinance, including any recommendations on refining citywide C&D recycling requirements.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The City Administrative Officer reports that there is no General Fund impact. Approval of an ordinance revision to implement a citywide C&D Debris Recycling program enhances recycling and reuse efforts to protect the environment and help meet City and State minimum landfill diversion requirements. The recommendations comply with City Financial Policies in that the full cost of C&D program implementation is funded through the Citywide Recycling Trust Fund, a fee supported special fund.

Community Impact Statement: None Submitted

Summary:

At its February 16, 2010 meeting, your Committee considered CAO and BOS reports relative to the need for an ordinance revision for implementation of a Citywide C&D Debris Recycling program. The November 17, 2009 and September 9, 2009 reports, attached to the Council file, provide background information and additional details on this issue. During the discussion of this item, the CAO and BOS representatives provided an overview of their respective reports and responded to related questions posed by the Committee members.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the CAO recommendations as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
PERRY YES
CÁRDENAS YES
ALARCÓN YES
KORETZ YES
KREKORIAN YES

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