

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed contracts with Electronic Recyclers International and Sims Recycling Solutions to provide electronic waste (E-waste) disposal services for the City and its residents.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, on behalf of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to execute the contracts with Electronic Recyclers International and Sims Recycling Solutions to provide electronic waste disposal for a term of five years with two three-year renewal options for a total of 11 years for both contracts.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no General Fund impact. The approval of the two proposed contracts will generate approximately \$413,000 in annual revenue for the Household Hazardous Waste Fund to support E-waste and Residential Special Materials Collection Programs. The expenditure of these revenues is restricted to the eligible uses of these special funds. The recommendation in the February 18, 2014 CAO report, attached to the Council file, is consistent with the City's Financial Policies in that new revenues will be applied first to support existing programs prior to funding new programs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MAY 17, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 16, 2014)**

Summary:

On April 29, 2014, your Committee considered a February 18, 2014 CAO report relative to proposed contracts with Electronic Recyclers International and Sims Recycling Solutions to provide electronic waste (E-waste) disposal services for the City and its residents for a term of five years with two three-year renewal options for a total of 11 years for both contracts. According to the CAO, the collection of electronics and computer equipment started in the City in November 2000, where unwanted TVs, VCRs, computers and other electronic equipment were accepted through the City's Residential Special Materials (RSM) Program. The City's E-waste program has since expanded to offer residents several means to dispose of their electronics.

The City operates various permanent collection centers, known as SAFE Centers, where residents may drop off their E-waste two to three days per week throughout the year and several mobile household hazardous waste (HHW), E-waste and universal waste (U-waste) collection events in locations that are not in close proximity to a SAFE Center. The BOS also operates a Bulky Item Collection Program that will pick up E-waste from residences and collect them at Sanitation collection yards. In addition, the City also offers a small business program and at-the-door pickup service for elderly and disabled residents who may not be able to drop off their E-waste at either a SAFE Center or a mobile collection event. Since the inception of the RSM program, the City has collected over 28 million pounds of E-waste.

Effective July 1, 2004, the Electronics Recycling Act (Senate Bill 20) codified the collection and processing of E-waste in the Public Resources Code (PRC). Retailers collect a front-end fee from

consumers for each electronic device that contains a screen that is larger than four inches in diameter. Once these devices are discarded, they are eligible for reimbursement under Senate Bill 20 and are considered Covered Electronic Waste (CEW). Monies collected by retailers are remitted to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for disbursement to authorized recyclers and collectors at the rate of \$0.23 and \$0.16 per pound, respectively. Certified collectors may collect and prepare E-waste for disposal, while recyclers may process and dismantle the E-waste in accordance with State and Federal regulatory requirements. In 2005, CalRecycle approved the City as a certified collector of electronic waste.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the proposed contracts as contained in the February 18, 2014 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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