

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: March 9, 2010

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **TEA 17 Fiscal Year 2010/2011 California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle) Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program**

Recommendation(s):

- A. Authorize the City Manager to execute a standard agreement, any amendments, and/or related documents to receive such funds and to take other actions necessary to facilitate the proposed California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("Cal Recycle") for Waste Tire Enforcement Program ("WASTE TIRE") in its entirety.
- B. Adopt **Resolution No. 10-13**, regarding its intention to implement the WASTE TIRE Program within the City of Lancaster, in conjunction with Cal Recycle, which is intended to decrease blight, illegal dumping and health and safety hazards within the community, relating to active and non active waste tire businesses.

Financial Impact:

None.

Background:

On March 4, 2010, City staff submitted an application to Cal Recycle to receive grant funds in the amount of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Six dollars (\$145,526.00), for the Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program ("WASTE TIRE") authorized by the California Tire Recycling Management Fund to administer the various grant programs to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste (Public Resources Code Sections 40000 et. seq) and related legislation. As a requirement of the TEA 17 Cal Recycle Grant Program an approved resolution is required to adopt the program and its implementation. If efforts are successful in acquiring the award of WASTE TIRE funds, the City will use the funds to address complaints and conduct inspections on established businesses that have a Tire Program Identification Number (TPID). The City will also conduct inspections on non-active or illegal waste tire businesses and participate in clean-up activities throughout the City of Lancaster.

The primary objective of the WASTE TIRE Program is to encourage activities that promote reducing the number of waste tires going to landfills for disposal and eliminating the stockpiling of waste tires. Activities include tire pile cleanup and enforcement, market development, and

demonstration projects. Additionally, the WASTE TIRE program allows Code Enforcement Officers to investigate illegal tire disposal activities and perform waste tire inspections to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. This effort will contribute to recycling and waste reduction efforts throughout the City of Lancaster.

Some significant components of the WASTE TIRE Program are inspections of active waste tire generators, illegal dumping, community awareness and waste tire clean-ups. Currently, the City has 78 State recognized waste tire businesses with a current TPID number. Supplementary observations have revealed 45 additional illegal and/or non-active waste tire businesses. Furthermore, the City of Lancaster's Code Enforcement Officers will be active in observing, inspecting and participating in the clean up of waste tires that have been illegally dumped or discarded on public or private property. Additionally, community events will focus on educating the public on illegal dumping, recycling and other waste tire related activities as well as providing information to businesses on the laws and regulations surrounding waste tire activity.

Currently, Los Angeles County administers the WASTE TIRE Program within the City of Lancaster as part of a regional program. As part of this application process Cal Recycle has notified the County of Los Angeles of the City of Lancaster's intent to apply separately for the WASTE TIRE Program. The intent of the WASTE TIRE Program is to directly increase services to our citizens and the community as a whole, and enhance efforts to remove waste tires that are a health and safety hazard and a source of blight within the City. Additionally, the WASTE TIRE program conforms to the City of Lancaster's going green philosophy and works in harmony with the goals and directives of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 10-13