

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: December 13, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery  
Certified Used Oil Collection Center**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 11-83**, approving the application for the City of Lancaster Maintenance Facility to become a Certified Used Oil Collection Center; and if selected, approving the execution of a standard agreement and any amendments thereto; and any related documents necessary to participate in the Used Oil Collection Program within the City of Lancaster. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any documents necessary to register with CalRecycle and to take other actions as needed to facilitate the application, through CalRecycle, in its entirety.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Background:**

The City receives a Used Oil Recycling Block Grant annually that requires community outreach and City sponsored programs geared towards properly disposing used oil. In order to comply with these grant objectives and conditions, and reduce illegal oil disposal on City streets, the City will develop a Certified Used Oil Collection Center located within the City Maintenance Yard. As a condition of CalRecycle and the California State Oil Recycling Enhancement Act, an approved resolution is required to adopt the application for a Certified Used Oil Collection Center and its implementation. If efforts are successful, the City will use Used Oil Grant funds to construct a facility to alleviate illegal disposal activities, promote used oil recycling opportunities, and create a free used oil disposal location within our community.

The California State Oil Recycling Enhancement Act and Senate Bill 546 allow certified collection centers to recover up to \$0.40 a gallon for all uncontaminated oil collected at their facilities through an incentive claim program. The collection center would allow the public 24-hour free legal oil disposal and reduce City costs associated with remediation of illegal dumping activities.

The development of this collection center has already been approved by current Used Oil Recycling grant funding, and would consist of a 500-gallon double walled used oil collection tank within the interior of the maintenance yard, and a small gated enclosure on the exterior of the maintenance yard for after-hours drop off. The interior storage tank would only be available to the public during normal business hours and would require the public to contact

Public Works maintenance personnel for disposal assistance. The exterior collection area will consist of a gated enclosure that aesthetically conforms to existing design guidelines; contain adequate spill prevention measures, and allow citizens to drop off their used oil and containers after normal business hours. Public Works maintenance personnel will inspect this area daily and dispose of all containers and used oil. The CalRecycle Used Oil Grant will reimburse all administrative costs and salaries associated with these activities.

The application for, and approval of, of a Certified Used Oil Collection Center will directly support our efforts to increase services for our citizens and the community. A Certified Used Oil Collection Center will enhance methods to reduce illegal oil disposal that poses a health and safety hazard and a source of blight within the community. Additionally, this center will assist in developing and maintaining recycling programs throughout the community and coincide with the goals and directives of the Public Works Department's environmental compliance and community service goals.

**Attachment:**

Resolution No. 11-83

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