

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

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Date: February 25, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Renewal of Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) - Zone 26  
Re-Certification**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 14-09**, approving and authorizing the re-designation of the County of Kern/City of Lancaster Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) and approve the submittal of the renewal application to include the City of Lancaster.

**Fiscal Impact:**

By providing incentives to developers in the RMDZ, the City stands to earn licensing fees, permit fees, and increase its sales tax base resulting from new jobs created by future developers.

**Background:**

CalRecycle operates the Recycling Market Development Zone program, which provides low-interest loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing to businesses within the zone. In addition, the RMDZ program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. Local government incentives may include special variances in building codes and zoning laws; streamlined local permit processes; reduced taxes and licensing fees; and help finding a reliable secondary material feedstock supply.

On November 11, 2003, the City passed and adopted Resolution 03-435 in which the City of Lancaster was made a part of the Kern County RMDZ program boundary. Pursuant to Title 14, Section 17901(j) of the California Code of Regulations, the RMDZ program designations must be renewed every ten (10) years to be active. In 2003, the Kern County/City of Lancaster RMDZ was renewed for ten years and is set to expire this year on March 31, 2014.

As the State works towards its seventy-five (75%) percent recycling goal, it is crucial to help communities build the recycling infrastructure needed to attain this goal. By being within the RMDZ boundary, the City of Lancaster has positioned itself to help the State achieve its recycling goal.

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**Attachment:**

Resolution No. 14-09