

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: March 25, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Agreement for a California Architectural Paint Recovery Program Collection Facility and Waste Paint Management Services**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 14-12**, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an Agreement with PaintCare Inc. (PaintCare) for a California Architectural Paint Recovery Program Collection Facility and Waste Paint Management Services Agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

Estimated \$10,000.00 annual savings.

Background:

Used or unwanted paint, stains, varnishes, sealers, etc. (paint products) are considered a hazardous waste in California and require special disposal. Properly disposing of paint products has become a costly activity for citizens and municipalities. The State of California recognizes this burden and has adopted the California Architectural Paint Recovery Program (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 48700 *et seq.*) to help alleviate the costs of disposal. The Paint Stewardship Program was established to ensure that leftover paint products are properly managed in a manner that is sustainably funded.

Volunteer municipalities and paint retailers will accept paint products from commercial and homeowner sources. PaintCare will loan paint collection equipment to the collection centers. PaintCare's contractors will pick up the paint products from the collection centers and deliver them to recyclers. This service will be free of charge for the collection center. Reusable paint products are made available for the public to take and use. The City may be able to use leftover paint products on some of its paint projects. PaintCare will pay the City twenty-five cents (\$.25) for every container of paint products that is distributed for reuse.

Currently, the only facility that accepts all paint products for proper disposal in the north county is the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center which is located at the Waste Management Facility in Palmdale. This Agreement, in conjunction with the recent award of a CalRecycle grant to construct and operate a household hazardous waste collection facility at the City's 24-Hour Recycling Center will allow our citizens to properly dispose of paint products locally.

Although the City of Lancaster does not currently offer paint collection services, citizens often drop off paint products at our 24-Hour Recycling Center. City crews often recover containers left in alleys or in the desert that are filled with paint products. This Agreement will save the City collection and disposal costs and save the citizens travel expenses.

Some paint type products like aerosol cans, paint thinners and cleaners will not be picked up by PaintCare. It is likely that the public will continue to deposit the unacceptable items. The unacceptable items received at the City's facility will incur an additional expense. The City anticipates that the additional expense will be offset by the reuse compensation and disposal savings.

Over the last several months, City staff and PaintCare have negotiated the terms and requirements of an Agreement. Staff believes this program will be a large benefit to the public and recommends its approval.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 14-12
Agreement (Exhibit "A")