



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 5, 2009

SUBJECT: California Department of Conservation City/County Payment for
Grant Year 2009-10

Report in Brief

Pursuant to Section 14581(a)(5)(A) of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, the California Department of Conservation is distributing grant funds in fiscal year 2009-10 to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the submittal of the 2009-10 Funding Request Form to the Department of Conservation and authorize the Public Works Director and/or his designee to execute all necessary forms on behalf of the City and accept and execute the grant when the funds are available.

Background

The City has applied for and received grant funds from the Department of Conservation under this program for approximately ten years. The funds are used to assist the City in complying with Assembly Bill 939 (AB939) of 1989, which requires each jurisdiction to divert at least 50 percent of its solid waste stream from landfills through source reduction, recycling, and composting. Items purchased with grant funds include indoor and outdoor recycling containers for various City facilities, educational literature about recycling bottles and cans and local and regional educational outreach campaigns. Each city is eligible to receive \$5,000 or an amount calculated by the Department of Conservation based on population, whichever is greater. In recent years, Woodland's allocation has been approximately \$14,000.

To receive these non-competitive grant funds, the City will submit a Funding Request Form to the Department of Conservation by June 30, 2009. The funds will be used to support community beverage container recycling and litter abatement programs consistent with the City's Source Reduction and Recycling Element.

Discussion

The goal of California's beverage container recycling program is to reach and maintain an 80 percent recycling rate for all California Refund Value beverage containers. The recycling programs established by cities and counties assist the Department of Conservation in reaching, maintaining, and hopefully, exceeding this goal. Meeting this goal contributes toward meeting the requirement, established through AB 939, of an annual diversion of 50 percent of the state's overall solid waste stream from landfills.

Approving submittal of the application for this grant will allow the solid waste and recycling program to again receive these funds to further promote community recycling efforts. Using grant funds within the grant parameters for identified recycling education efforts helps the City maintain good relations with both the Department of Conservation and the California Integrated Waste Management Board and promotes a visible community standard for recycling. The City Council's approval of the staff recommendation will ensure participation in this grant for the 2010 fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact

Funding through the Department of Conservation 2009-10 grant funding cycle will increase the budget of the recycling program, fund 250, by approximately \$14,500.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

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