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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

35 July 9, 2024

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORE SERVICES AREA
INCREASE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS
AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION CENTER
AT EDCO RECYCLING AND TRANSFER
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to increase annual funding for continued operations at the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility in the City of Signal Hill.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility project that impacts analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report previously certified by the Board acting as a responsible agency.
2. Approve an increase to the annual funding for the continued operation of the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility from \$1,200,000 per year with 20 percent contingency to a maximum total of \$1,600,000 per year with 20 percent contingency for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the agreement commencing Fiscal Year 2023-24.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to increase the annual funding for the continued operation of the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility in the City of Signal Hill.

Additional funding is needed due to increased costs associated with operating the facility. The projected annual cost will exceed \$1,200,000 with a 20 percent contingency in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and subsequent years.

The proposed funding increase is necessary to maintain the current level of service without a reduction of operating hours to meet the demand of the center and provide Los Angeles County residents with a convenient method to properly dispose of household hazardous and electronic waste (HHW/E-Waste).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by providing a safe and convenient way for County residents to dispose of HHW/E-Waste, and prevent illegal dumping.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The recommended actions will increase the annual funding for the continued operation of the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility to \$1,600,000 with 20 percent contingency. Funding for the County's obligation is included in the Solid Waste Management Fund (GD1, Services and Supplies) FY 2023-24 Budget. Funds to finance the services for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program was established in 1988 and is administered by Public Works. The purpose of the program is to prevent the illegal dumping and improper disposal of residential HHW/E-Waste at municipal solid waste landfills. The program conducts weekly collection events throughout the County of Los Angeles to provide a free and convenient way for County residents to dispose of their HHW/E-Waste. Hazardous waste that is improperly managed poses a serious threat to human health and the environment.

On February 19, 2013, the County entered into an agreement with the City of Long Beach; EDCO Transfer Services, LLC; and County Sanitation District No. 2 for the operation of the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility in the City of Signal Hill on a permanent basis.

Beginning in FY 2023-24, the projected annual cost to operate the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility will exceed the current funding limit of \$1,200,000 with 20 percent contingency. Additional funding is needed due to increased costs associated with operating the facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On February 19, 2013, the Board, acting as a responsible agency, considered the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility Project prepared and certified by the City of Signal Hill as lead agency for the project and certified that the Board had independently

reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the County's approvals related to the project as shown in the EIR; adopted the mitigation monitoring program as applicable, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and determined that the significant adverse effects of the project have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by the specific considerations of the project, as outlined in the Environmental Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, which findings and statement are adopted and incorporated herein by reference as applicable.

The recommended action is within the scope of the project in the previously certified EIR. The requested budget increase to continue operating the environmental collection center at the EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility does not change any operations that would result in any impact(s) to the environment.

There are no changes to the project or the circumstances under, which the project is undertaken that require further review under CEQA.

Upon the Board's approval of the project, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

The previously certified EIR is available and can be viewed at 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA, 91803 as well as online at EDCO Recycling and Transfer Facility Environmental Impact Report. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board decision is based in this matter is in the City of Signal Hill, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 92395. The custodian of such documents and materials is Mr. Gary Jones, City of Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact to current County services or projects through the continued operation of the center. The approval of the funding increase will allow service at the center to continue without interruption and prevent HHW/E-Waste from being disposed of in landfills or illegally dumped.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

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