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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

Dear Supervisors:

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
PAYMENT PROGRAM FUNDS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board adoption of a resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to apply for California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery payment programs, execute necessary documents, and accept awarded payments for California Environmental Quality Act-exempt environmental projects and programs. The resolution will be effective for 10 years from the date of adoption or until rescinded by the Board.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in the Board letter.
2. Adopt the resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to apply for any and all payment programs offered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and to execute all required contracts, agreements, amendments, reports, and other documents necessary to implement and secure such funding. The resolution shall be effective for 10 years from the date of adoption or until rescinded by the Board.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to accept any and all payments from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for environmental projects and

programs that are exempt from, or are not a project under, the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt the enclosed resolution to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to submit applications for State payment programs administered by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle); to execute all contracts, agreements, amendments, reports, and other documents necessary to implement and secure payment; and accept any and all payments from CalRecycle for environmental projects and programs that are either exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or do not qualify as a project under CEQA.

Participation in the State's payment programs will assist the County in its efforts to reduce waste, increase recycling, conserve natural resources, and protect the environment. Eligible activities may include curbside, commercial, and multi-family recycling; litter and illegal dumping prevention cleanup; and beverage container recycling outreach and education.

Participation in these programs will also assist the County in complying with State waste reduction and recycling mandates and advance the County's waste diversion and sustainability goals.

Public Works is requesting this delegated authority for a duration of 10 years to facilitate submittal of applications for State payment programs, which often have short application deadlines that vary per each State payment program.

Public Works will provide an annual report to notify the Board and the Chief Executive Office of any agreements under this resolution for CalRecycle.

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 and iii, Natural Resources, by advancing waste diversion and sustainability initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, and minimize landfill disposal. These efforts support climate change mitigation, strengthen community resilience, protect ecosystems and habitats, and promote responsible resource stewardship for long-term environmental sustainability and biodiversity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost for projects and programs implemented with support from State payment program funds is included in the Solid Waste Management Fund (GD1 - Revenue Source 8884 and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget. Funds for the future years will be included through the annual budget process. Payments awarded to Public Works will offset the cost of projects/programs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has reviewed the resolution as to form. Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 48000 et seq., 14581, and 42023.1(g), CalRecycle has established various payment

programs to make payments to qualifying jurisdictions for specified environmental programs and established procedures governing the administration of such payment programs. CalRecycle's procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the payment program and delegating appropriate authority for program administration. Due to CalRecycle's procedures for administering grant and payment programs, CalRecycle has required that the Board adopt a separate resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to apply for funding under the payment program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of the CEQA.

Approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project subject to the requirements of the CEQA, in that it can be seen with certainty that the action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

State payment program funds may only be accepted, and required documents executed, after the Director of Public Works or his designee determines that the proposed project is CEQA-exempt or is not a project under CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in augmenting the County's existing financial resources and will fund efforts to reduce waste, increase recycling, protect the environment, and enhance the quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter and one fully executed copy of the resolution to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/6/2026

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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" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias, Cynthia
Zapata)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF
APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT PROGRAMS AND RELATED
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR ALL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND
PAYMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 48000 et seq., 14581, and 42023.1(g), the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has established various environmental payment programs to make payments to qualifying jurisdictions for implementing environmental projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Resources Code authorizes CalRecycle to administer various payment programs; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority, CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the administration of the payment programs; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle's procedures for administering payment programs require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to adopt a resolution that provides certain authorizations related to the administration of the payment program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, that:

SECTION 1. The Los Angeles County Public Works is hereby authorized to submit an application to CalRecycle for any and all payment programs offered.

SECTION 2. The Director of Public Works, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the County of Los Angeles as Signature Authority, all documents necessary to implement and secure said payments.

SECTION 3. This authorization is effective for 10 years from the date of adoption or until rescinded by this governing body.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2026,
by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the
County of Los Angeles.

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON,
County Counsel

By 
Miguel Dager
Deputy County Counsel