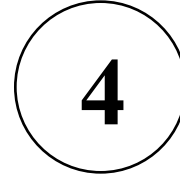




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**SUBJECT: GREENCYCLE PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

**BACKGROUND**

The goal of the Sacramento GreenCycle project is to develop a local facility that recycles about 100,000 tons per year of residential garden refuse – approximately half the residential garden refuse collected by the SWA member agencies annually. At the June 9, 2005 meeting, the Board directed staff to begin the environmental review process and the procurement process for a short list of four project siting alternatives.

**DISCUSSION**

The following is a discussion of the current activities for each of the three tracks for this project -- outreach, planning and procurement.

**Outreach Track** Activities within this track center on increasing awareness about the project to stakeholders, responsible agencies, interested parties, and neighboring property owners around the four siting alternatives. These activities will enhance the traditional public participation component of the environmental review process. Staff briefed Community Planning Advisory Councils (CPAC) and the Sacramento Environmental Commission on the siting shortlist during the spring of 2005, and returned to update the Delta, Cosumnes, and Vineyard CPACs and the Environmental Commission in September through November. These recent presentations to the CPACs were publicized through the first project newsletter (attached). This kick-off newsletter provides a general overview about the Sacramento GreenCycle project. The

newsletter was sent to a large database of interested parties and will continue to be distributed during community events and through other appropriate methods. It is anticipated that future newsletters will be produced and distributed around the time the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports are available.

Our outreach consultant is also producing a short informational video that will explain “Greencycling” and its benefits, and discuss the Sacramento GreenCycle project. This video should be complete this fall and be available to show at community meetings, on MetroCable, on the project website, and any other appropriate venues.

In addition to the activities listed above, staff will continue to facilitate public and one-on-one meetings to supplement the public participation process established for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Planning Track** The current focus for planning track activities is to produce technical documents to support the project through the CEQA process led by the County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment (DERA).

**Procurement Track** County Real Estate is leading the effort to secure property options for the three privately owned siting alternatives. During the later stages of the CEQA process, procurement efforts will begin to secure a private-sector partner to develop and operate the facility on behalf of the SWA.

## CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Board receive and file this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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