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City Manager's Report
August 13, 2024, City Council Meeting
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Item #: 7.6

Subject: Consider approval of a budget appropriation of \$75,000 received from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Fiscal Year 2022-2023 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (OWR-4).

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: Approving a \$75,000 budget appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program funds received from CalRecycle for the implementation of SB 1383 including the City's compost procurement program.

Purpose: To authorize a budget appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program funds received from CalRecycle in the amount of \$75,000.00 for use in continued implementation of SB 1383 requirements and for the continuation of the compost procurement program.

Placerville Strategic Plan: Health & Public Safety-No. 8: Solid Waste Disposal.

Background: In September 2016, the State set targets for methane emissions reduction (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in an effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). These targets require a 50% reduction of organic waste disposal by 2020, 75 percent by 2025, and a 20 percent recovery of disposed surplus edible food by 2025.

To assist local agencies with these State targets, CalRecycle is administering the "SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program" to aid in implementation of regulation requirements under SB 1383. The grant amount estimates are based on population. The City previously received a \$21,070 grant for FY 2021-2022 (OWR-1). These funds were used to implement the City's compost procurement program which is on-going.

On November 15, 2023, staff applied for CalRecycle's FY 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program funding and were awarded \$75,000 (see Attachment B for approved budget). The City Council approved submission of the application and the proposed budget on December 12, 2023, and again on January 9, 2024.

Discussion: The grant funding will be used to address several different aspects of SB-1383 implementation, including education and outreach, procurement of compost, and further development of the compost staging site. Residential customers will benefit from education including organics and acceptable materials guides. BPI compostable bags will also be made available to residents with the expectation that it will increase organics recycling. BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) is a private testing organization that provides certification of materials and products that are fully biodegradable in specific biologically active environments. BPI also provides education and advocacy working towards diversion of organics from landfills and use of certified products. City

residents have noted that smells and pests are the biggest challenge to their SLCP reduction efforts and compostable bags have shown to increase participation in neighboring communities.

Improvements to the Community Compost Site will benefit the longevity of the site and help control erosion. A prefabricated steel canopy will be installed to cover the compost site located at 600 Truck Street, protecting any compost from rain and runoff. Covering compost in the Summer benefits the health of the compost by controlling temperature and preventing it from becoming dry and blowing away. Moisture control of the compost pile is important in reducing the risk of fire. Building the public demand for compost is required to meet the procurement goals of SB 1383. An event held in the late Spring of 2024 encouraged the use of compost in gardens and on landscaping. GEOBIN composting systems will be provided for residents to encourage backyard composting. Education will be given to community residents on topics of composting, vermicomposting, gardening, and recycling programs in general. Development of an additional Community Composting Site, open and stocked seasonally, will aid in bringing compost closer to many residents who live in other areas of the City. Hauling fees associated with procurement goals will also be utilized allowing for the City to meet its procurement targets in 2024 and 2025. Grant management will be managed by the City Staff. Development of education and events will be a shared responsibility of the City and its hauler, El Dorado Disposal. The El Dorado Disposal Sustainability team will track performance of the educational campaign by utilizing additional route reviews in the City to identify performance changes and areas that need improvement. The City's compost program has been very successful with a very strong community demand for the compost provided at no cost. In 2023, the City had a target of 151.5 tons and dispensed 180 tons. In 2024 to date, we have dispensed 287.57 tons with a calendar year target of 328.37 tons. The City's 100% target is 871 tons.

The proposed budget is broken down as follows:

▪ Administration (indirect costs):	\$7,500
▪ Education	29,120
▪ Equipment	30,880
▪ Personnel (city staff):	<u>7,500</u>
Total:	\$75,000

Equipment:

In addition to the cost of the procurement of compost, the equipment cost includes purchase of a metal shed to cover the procured compost. Quotes were received and evaluated from three metal shed vendors:

- Pacific Metal Building Inc. in the amount of \$32,421
- Union Steel Structures in the amount of \$21,867
- Choice Metal Building in the amount of \$18,947

The Choice Metal Building shed was chosen by both the City and El Dorado Disposal as meeting the specifications needed for the compost cover and clearances to allow for equipment work in and around the cover. The total price includes delivery and installation. Installation will occur under a building permit issued through the County Building Division.

Options:

1. Adopt the Resolution as presented.
2. Adopt the Resolution with revisions.
3. Direct staff to take other actions.

Environmental: The activities to be funding by the CalRecycle's SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program are exempt from environmental review pursuant Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines under the Class 8 exemption consisting of actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and Section 5304 (Minor Alterations to Land-continued operation of the compost site).

Cost: There is no cost associated with tonight's actions.

Budget: The \$75,000 in grant funding was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Operating Budget. Staff recommends that the Council approve a \$75,000 budget appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program funds.



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Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Approved (by CalRecycle) OWR-4 Budget