



DATE: August 10, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on process for revisions to the solid waste ordinance

BACKGROUND

City Council considered a draft solid waste ordinance at its March 25, 2014 meeting. Council members provided individual feedback on the revisions and the draft ordinance and directed the Environmental Commission to review the revised ordinance before it is reported back to Council.

Former Public Works Director Jim Gustafson attended the Environmental Commission meeting on April 14, 2014. In his presentation, Mr. Gustafson provided an overview of the draft ordinance, led discussion, responded to questions and assisted the Environmental Commission in its review of the draft ordinance. The Commission took action to appoint a subcommittee composed of Chair Hedden, Vice Chair Keller, and Commissioner Yuan. Staff or Mr. Gustafson and, on occasion, solid waste consultant, Richard Tagore-Erwin, continued to provide reports to the Commission on April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11 and concluded review with a final report on Sept. 8, 2014. Action taken by the Commission at the September meeting was as follows:

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Eyre, the Commission unanimously supported staff report recommendations and recommended support to Council to: 1. Separate Solid Waste Ordinance from new C&D (construction and demolition) requirements; 2. Incorporate Commercial and Multi-family recycling; 3. Incorporate Special Event Recycling; 4. C&D actions to be integrated into the Green Building Code

DISCUSSION

Public Works Engineering Services Manager, Chris Lamm will provide the Commission with an updated report and plan of action for the final report to Council on the solid waste ordinance revisions. The Council report is tentatively scheduled in October 2015. The plan includes the following steps:

1. **Solid Waste Municipal Code:** Revise the draft municipal code to streamline requirements and increase efficiency for City's administration and customer compliance; In addition to items previously discussed the revisions to the ordinance, current revisions will add in new

requirements for compliance with AB 1826 (Mandatory commercial organics recycling) and AB 1594 (removal of Alternative Daily Cover ADC from diversion reporting). Staff will remove the Construction and Demolition (C&D) requirements, which will be introduced as a separate ordinance.

2. **C&D Ordinance and Work Plan:** Develop a C&D ordinance and work plan to implement and monitor the new changes to the Solid Waste section of the Municipal Code and C&D Ordinance and consider activities to foster recycling and utilization of organics.
3. **Environmental Commission Involvement:** Present a summary of the proposed C&D ordinance and work plan at a future Environmental Commission Meeting.
4. **City Council Meetings:** Present the proposed solid waste municipal code changes to City Council during a Council meeting or study session in October 2015 and introduce the C&D ordinance and work plan to Council upon review and recommendation from the Environmental Commission.