

COUNCIL AGENDA: NOVEMBER 4, 2014

SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (CWMA)
MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016

SOURCE: Public Works Department – Field Services Division

COMMENT: The Consolidated Waste Management Authority (CWMA) consisting of the Cities of Visalia, Porterville, Lindsay, Dinuba, Tulare, Exeter, Farmersville and Tulare County, was created to act as a regional agency and independent public agency to comprehensively plan, develop, operate, and manage the transformation, diversion, recycling, processing and disposal of solid waste, within the members' jurisdictions, to meet the State mandated 50% diversion requirements stipulated under Assembly Bill AB 939.

On June 28, 2012, the CWMA Board approved the 2012/2013 budget with a 10% reduction in membership contributions, with the City's membership dues being reduced to \$44,835. Based on the three-year tonnage calculations, and an additional 10% reduction in membership contributions, the City's membership dues for 2013/2014 were \$40,756. With dues continuing to be based on tonnage calculations and in the final year of the additional 10% reduction, the City's membership dues for 2014/2015 were \$36,698, and at the November 5, 2013, meeting, Council approved remaining members of the CWMA for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

The estimated 2015/2016 membership dues for Porterville are currently calculated to be \$31,757. Staff recommends we remain members of the CWMA for 2015/2016.

By remaining members of the CWMA, the City saves the additional staff time required to track regulatory issues, prepare the annual State report and interact with the State regarding program implementation. Program development and implementation are important compliance components of the State's review of a jurisdiction. The CWMA administrator networks with CalRecycle, industry representatives, and other agencies to research new opportunities for recycling and reusing materials.

The CWMA oversees the countywide programs that the members participate in, such as C&D recycling, battery recycling, and waste to energy diversion. The CWMA also provides sample ordinance development, education and outreach materials, and helps subsidize the County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. If the City withdraws from the CWMA, it may be responsible for the cost of its HHW

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program and mobile collection events that are currently funded by the County and subsidized by the CWMA.

The CWMA provides additional assistance on items such as mandatory commercial recycling, sharps disposal, and addressing the implementation of new programs to meet the State's anticipated goal of 75% diversion by 2020. The CWMA administrator is also available to assist with site visits to local businesses to assess recycling needs and help them meet their diversion requirements.

Funded by the Solid Waste Operating Funds, should the City of Porterville leave the CWMA, the City will save approximately \$31,757 in membership dues and will receive an additional \$15,000 in bottle bill funds for a total of \$46,757. However, if the City leaves the CWMA, staff estimates that the total annual costs to perform all of the duties expected by the State could be as high as \$76,183. The estimated difference between staying and leaving the CWMA is \$29,426 in additional expenses (\$76,183 - \$46,757).

Staff Expense	\$33,634
County cost for 2 HHW mobile events	\$26,049
Disposal cost for City collected HHW	\$ 9,500
Promotional material for all required programs	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
	\$76,183

It is staff's recommendation that the City remain members of the CWMA for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Should Council decide to withdraw from the CWMA, notifications to the CWMA must be made by December 31, 2014, in order to meet the 180-day notification requirement of the CWMA by-laws.

Should the City remain a member in the CWMA, the funding source for the dues will be from the Solid Waste Operating Funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Remain a member of CWMA; and
2. Authorize payment to CWMA for the City's 2015/2016 membership contribution in the amount of approximately \$31,757.