



Public Works Department
Solid Waste Management Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Solid Waste Management Commission

Subject: FY 2004 Solid Waste Management Commission Annual Work Program

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the Commissioner's Manual procedures on developing a work program, the Solid Waste Management Commission (SWMC) took action to adopt its FY 2004 Annual Work Program. The Work Program is consistent with the SWMC functions described in BMC 3.40.060, and emphasizes an update of the City's Solid Waste Management Plan to achieve the waste stream diversion rate of 75%, as mandated by the Alameda County voter approval of Measure D in 1990.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley reported a solid waste diversion rate in 2001 of 52 percent to the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and has fully implemented all waste diversion programs approved by Council. The City is now required to reach 75 percent waste diversion by 2010, but has not developed a plan to reach that goal.

BACKGROUND

In 1976, the City of Berkeley City Council approved a Solid Waste Management Plan that included a diversion goal of 50 percent. In 1989, The State of California passed AB939 mandating 50 percent waste diversion by 2000 for all cities and counties statewide, and requiring the development of Source Reduction and Recycling Elements (SRRE) that described each jurisdiction's plan to achieve the diversion goal. The City of Berkeley City Council approved its SRRE in 1992. In 1990, Alameda County voters passed Measure D, mandating a 75 percent waste stream diversion for Alameda County. In 2002, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, which oversees Measure D, adopted a target date of 2010 for of the 75 percent diversion goal.

The SWMC believes that it is the number one priority to update the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The SWMC-adopted FY 2004 Annual Work Program is the following:

- I. Update the City of Berkeley Solid Waste Management Plan to include achieving the 75% waste stream diversion goal by 2010. This will include the consideration of the following:
 - a. Analyze waste generation by single-family, multi-family, commercial, and self-haul sectors, and hold public hearings to receive public inputs on the Plan update
 - b. Study and apply, as appropriate, best waste management practices and programs in other communities
 - c. Refine and improve existing recycling programs

- d. Target multi-family dwelling waste stream collection programs
- e. Review, refine and improve waste stream collection for City of Berkeley facilities, nursing homes and schools
- f. Review, refine and improve the process for tracking information about waste materials entering and leaving the Transfer Station.
- g. Plan and implement residential food waste program
- h. Improve cooperation and collaboration with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to coordinate with joint regional waste management programs as appropriate
- i. Review Berkeley Municipal Codes, and state and regional regulations related to solid waste planning and management
- j. Develop a draft update of the Solid Waste Management Plan, conduct public reviews and forward the Plan to the City Council for adoption.

II. Review existing solid waste management programs of the City and its contractors

- a. Review and suggest improvements to the City’s Solid Waste Management Division personnel allocation and organization
- b. Establish and review quarterly reports on service quality and customer satisfaction
- c. Review and suggest more effective and efficient Annual Clean Up program

III. Provide proactive budget development and review process

- a. *Establish a quarterly budget implementation review process, focusing on the transfer station operations*
- b. Develop a capital improvement plan
- c. Develop a maintenance plan to eliminate deferred maintenance issues

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

SWMC may return to Council with recommendations on solid waste and recycling programs.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Recommendations arising from the SWMC Work Plan may have fiscal implications.

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