

Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

July 20, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *OK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Subject: Public Workshops for Solid Waste Management Plan

INTRODUCTION

On February 13, 2004, as authorized by Council, the City Manager approved a contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the development of a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The contract includes facilitation of four public workshops in order to elicit community input in development of the SWMP.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City's contract with ESA requires that ESA facilitate four public workshops on focused topics related to the project, to be hosted by the Solid Waste Management Commission. Development of the SWMP will take several months, and Council will have the opportunity to comment on a draft-SWMP in a Public Hearing before approving the final document. However, the Public Workshops will allow all community members and stakeholders to provide input on solid waste and recycling programs in the early stages of SWMP development.

BACKGROUND

Through discussion with ESA and the Solid Waste Management Commission, staff established four workshop topics, dates, and locations as shown in the following table.

Date	Location	Topic
Monday, August 16, 2004	Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda	Commercial Services – Recycling, Source Reduction, and Franchised Services
Tuesday, September 14, 2004	North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst Street	Organic Materials – Residential and Commercial Services
Wednesday, September 29, 2004	SWMD – Assembly Room 1201 Second Street	Site Master Plan – 2 nd and Gilman Transfer Station Self-Haul and Debris Boxes
Wednesday October 6, 2004	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street	Services to Multi-Family Building Residents and Student Population

These workshops are aimed at developing strategies for improving program performance, increasing and maintaining participation, and maximizing City resources. The workshops will be “organized to elicit the free flow of ideas, and also to move toward consensus on directions for program, policy, and facility development.” ESA/ACC will produce a “key outcomes” report for the City at the end of each workshop.

Staff will promote the workshops through a variety of means including, direct mail, public service announcements, press releases, and City website postings.

Since the workshops will be on focus topics, staff will take non-topic comments in writing, and request that the public make non-topic oral comments at the regular monthly meetings of the Solid Waste Management Commission.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Council approval of the final plan is required.

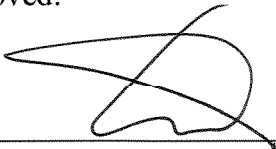
FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

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