



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
 September 11, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Director of Public Works

Subject: Contract No. 7260 Amendment: House-to-House Delivery of Food Scrap
 Pails

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute an amendment to Contract No. 7260 with Environmental Delivery Services, Inc., for house-to-house delivery of food scrap pails in the amount of \$9,800 for a total amount not to exceed \$50,225 for the period March 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS

Delaying action until September will delay program launch by two months. All materials have been ordered and actual work is expected to begin within the next few days. As of the date of this meeting, it is expected that all pails will have been delivered to customers and the first organic waste pickups will have already been made.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The current contract totals \$38,412 from 645-5608-432.30-38 and \$2,013 from 820-5608-432.30-38. The proposed amendment to this contract is \$9,800. The additional expenditures will be charged as follows:

- \$9,556 from 645-5608-432.30-38 07S011
- \$ 244 from 820-5608-432.30-38 07S011

Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) requested staff to place stickers on each of 24,500 food scrap pails and plant debris carts, thus creating the additional labor expense of 0.20 cents per household (approximately \$5,000 in labor), all of which will be charged entirely to the grant. Other unforeseen costs of about \$4,800 involved the delivery of free compost bags to all recipients as well as additional costs for trucks making the deliveries. Additionally, due to the increase in the Living Wage Ordinance, the contract awarded to Environmental Delivery Services, Inc., must

be increased to cover the mandatory minimum pay rate of \$13.73 per hour (total additional cost of about \$1,000).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On April 24, 2007 by Resolution No. 63,657–N.S., Council approved \$186,240 in ACWMA reimbursable grants to cover promotional activities and supplies for this program whose term is from March 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009; ACWMA to advance \$120,000 for expenses in FY 2007 and the remaining \$66,240 to be expended and reimbursed in FY 2008. Also, on May 8, 2007 Council adopted Resolution No. 63,687–N.S. approving a contract with Environmental Delivery Services, Inc., for FY 2008 in the amount of \$40,425 for house-to-house delivery of food scrap pails in support of the new residential food scrap collection program. A combination of the increase in Berkeley's Living Wage and a request by the granting agency (ACWMA) has created a need to increase the contract \$9,800. Most of this increase is being covered by the granting agency funds leaving only a very small portion for the City to pay.

BACKGROUND

The Solid Waste Management Division will begin collecting food scraps from single family to four-unit households in Berkeley beginning September 2007. In compliance with the grant agreement between the City of Berkeley and the ACWMA, staff will provide each eligible residence a pail to collect food scraps for depositing the scraps into their existing plant debris container. The delivery service will deliver the pails and other educational materials to Berkeley households to implement this new program.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the proposed amendment to maintain continuity of program implementation. Residents have already been notified they will receive pails in the month of August. A delay will cause confusion and raise concern by the citizens who are awaiting the start of the program.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Staff considered allowing residents to place the stickers on the pail and plant debris cart. Staff at ACWMA felt the stickers would either never be applied or would not be applied correctly. It is their belief based upon assisting other cities with program implementation that placing the stickers correctly is one of many key components to successful participation in the program.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT: CONTRACT NO. 7260: HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
DELIVERY OF FOOD SCRAP PAILS

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 63,687–N.S. authorizing a contract with Environmental Delivery Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$40,425 for FY 2008; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2007 by Resolution No. 63,657–N.S. Council approved \$186,240 in ACWMA reimbursable grants to cover promotional activities and supplies for this program whose term is from March 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Living Wage increased labor costs under this contract by 0.20 cents per eligible household; other unforeseen costs involved delivery of free compost and trucking issues; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority requests an additional 0.20 cents per household be spent placing stickers on pails and plant debris carts using grant funds; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this contract in the FY 2008 expenditure budget in the Alameda County Waste Management Authority budget code 645-5608-432.30-38 07S011 and in the Refuse Fund budget code 820-5608-432.30-38 07S011.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley ratifies the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute an amendment to Contract No. 7260 with Environmental Delivery Services, Inc., for house-to-house delivery of food scrap pails in the amount of \$9,800 for a total amount not to exceed \$50,225 for the period March 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

