



Agenda Report

TO: CCCSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: PAUL MORSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE: JUNE 17, 2010

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR ANNUAL WASTE DIVERSION REPORT TO CAL RECYCLE FOR REPORTING YEAR 2009

SUMMARY

While the complete annual report required by CalRecycle regarding the CCCSWA's Diversion efforts will be reported at the September Board Meeting, the statistical portion has been completed and preliminary figures can be reported to the Board. Staff is proud to report that we have met and exceeded the diversion target required by AB 939 and SB 1016.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. No specific action is recommended; this item is only for information and possible discussion.

DISCUSSION

CalRecycle (formerly known as the California Integrated Waste Management Board-CIWMB) requires Cities, Counties and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authorities to annually report on their diversion statistics and programs. A change in reporting required three years ago by passage of SB 1016, requires jurisdictions to report amounts of diverted waste on a "per capita" basis rather than the earlier requirement of total percentage of waste diverted. The current report covering the 2009 calendar year, due to CalRecycle on August 2, 2010, is the responsibility of Senior Program Manager, Bart Carr. Due to a long scheduled vacation, he has completed the report earlier than usual so preliminary statistical numbers are now available.

Cal Recycle's "target" goal for waste diversion, considering all sectors within the CCCSWA service area (residential, commercial, and industrial), is to have no more than 4.7 pounds of refuse generated per person per day. This target equals the prior mandate of diverting at least 50 per cent of a community's refuse tonnage from the landfill.

Our 2009 report as a regional agency, just submitted, indicates that garbage generation within the five CCCSWA cities/towns is 3.7 pounds per capita; a full pound better than the target goal. This equates to about a 58 percent diversion rate. At the Authority's September Board Meeting the full report will be presented.

The entire Staff is delighted with this good news. It is a result of concentrating our current and new programs and activities on diversion improvements, taking a closer look at and refining statistical input and the ability to report as a “regional agency.” Three years ago we were struggling to meet the 50 per cent goal. With the Board’s support and our many efforts, we have turned the corner on our diversion of wastes and look forward to implementing programs and improvements that we hope continuously raise our diversion numbers in future reporting years.