

March 9, 2005

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
March 22, 2005

**RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE – LOCAL ASSISTANCE PLAN –
PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Recommendation:

That the City Council receive and file this status report on the recycling program and the implementation of the Local Assistance Plan with the State Integrated Waste Management Board.

Background:

In accordance with City Council direction, staff has been working with the State Integrated Waste Management Board to implement a series of programs to increase our solid waste diversion rate to the state mandated 50%. Our most recent diversion rate is 37%. This represents a 32% change from the prior year. In addition, Consolidated Disposal Service has been involved in all of the discussions and development of the Local Assistance Plan. A copy of the plan is attached for your review.

The plan is to achieve the 50% diversion rate has several components which together should bring the City into compliance.

1. Commercial Sector Diversion Improvements
 - A. Implement Commercial Source Separation and Transformation Programs
 - B. Conduct Waste Assessments of Commercial Businesses and Provide Business Diversion Assistance
2. Implement Construction and Demolition (C&D) Ordinance/Policy
3. Expand Public Education of Local Diversion Programs and Efforts
4. Report Quarterly and Annually

There are several attachments that represent work done to date and the information that is being provided to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager