



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: October 6, 2020

To: The Honorable Moke Simon, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Lars Ewing, Public Services Director

Subject: A) Consideration of an Agreement between the Mattress Recycling Council and the County of Lake; and B) Consideration of acceptance of a micro-grant from the Mattress Recycling Council for \$10,000

Executive Summary:

The California Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (enacted in 2013) aims to reduce illegal dumping and increase recycling for used and soon-to-be-discarded mattresses. The legislation established an industry-run statewide program to increase the recovery and recycling of these mattresses, with the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) as the manufacturers' nonprofit organization that implements the program through oversight by CalRecycle. The MRC is funded solely through a recycling fee collected from consumers when purchasing a new mattress or box spring, which MRC uses to contract with service providers to collect and recycle mattresses. Staff recommends that the County become a service provider with the Eastlake Landfill as the collection site.

Under the program the County would be required to accept mattresses and box springs at no cost, so long as they are in good condition and are delivered in groups of 10 or less per vehicle per day. MRC will be responsible to provide a storage container which will remain at the landfill, transportation of the units to an appropriate recycling facility, and reimbursement to the County at a rate of \$2.65 per unit.

Concurrent with the coordination efforts with MRC to establish the landfill as a certified collection site, staff applied for - and the County has been offered - a \$10,000 micro-grant from MRC to purchase infrastructure and equipment that will provide weather protection for collected units and a heavy-equipment mounted grapple to assist with mattress handling and transport.

Fiscal Impact:

Participation in the program will reduce revenue received at the landfill for mattresses and box springs that conform to the program requirements, i.e. those units that are not contaminated or too damaged to recycle. Last year the landfill received about 1,800 units, which amounts to about \$26,000. Assuming half of the units brought to the landfill will conform to the MRC program

requirements, and using a \$2.65/unit reimbursement rate for those units, the annual revenue reduction is estimated to be \$10,000.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Technology Upgrades</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Revenue Generation</i> |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cost Savings</i> |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action: A) Approve the Agreement between the Mattress Recycling Council and the County of Lake, and authorize the Public Services Director to sign; and B) Approve the micro-grant from the Mattress Recycling Council for \$10,000, and authorize the Public Services Director to sign.