DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Solid Waste

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Resolution authorizing Public Works (Solid Waste Division) to apply for a Beverage Container Recycling Grant in the amount of $38,000.00.

This grant would provide mainstream recycling containers for schools in Mariposa County for more convenient collection of beverage containers discarded by students, staff and guests, including people attending sports events. Each school will be responsible for collection and redemption of the recyclables. Proceeds would benefit school programs.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS
Mariposa County has been operating the County Landfill/Compost Facility/Recycling Center and four transfer stations in outlying areas since 2005. These facilities offer residents and visitors the opportunity to recycle a wide range of materials including paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, metal, aluminum, e-waste, U-waste, tires, clothing and appliances.

Several programs have been implemented to make it more convenient for residents and visitors to recycle beverage containers. Special event bins are available for use at no cost to local organizations and residents. The County has also placed bins at a variety of locations within the County that are serviced by non-profit organizations who redeem the contents and keep the proceeds. This partnership, known as Bin Buddies, benefits the community, the participating groups and the County, as well as thousands of tourists who visit this historic gateway community to Yosemite every year.

To further enhance its recycling program, the Solid Waste and Recycling Division is in the process of implementing a pilot program that will place beverage container recycling bins in hotel and motel rooms in Mariposa County. The Recycling Coordinator has worked with the schools to provide educational programs such as tours of the Compost Facility and interactive presentations about the 3R’s of waste management. In addition, the schools have contributed “recycled” art to the annual Earth Day event held at the Facility since 2008.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve. The County will not receive funds necessary to implement the recycling program to provide containers for disposal of beverage containers.

Financial Impact? [x] Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $ 
Budgeted In Current FY? [x] Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source: 
Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5's vote 
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote 
Contingency 4/5’s vote 
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: Ord. No. 
Vote – Ayes: Noes: 
Absent: Abstained: 
Approved 
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: 
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
/\ Requested Action Recommended
\ No Opinion

Comments:

CAO:
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 11-486

RESOLUTION FOR
BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California in 1986 enacted the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act that established minimum refund values on beverage containers and required a convenient system for consumers to redeem their containers; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Act is to achieve and maintain high recycling rates for each beverage container type included in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation established four types of certified recycling operations to provide convenient recycling opportunities to consumers: drop-off and collection programs, community service programs, and recycling centers and processing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a certified Drop-off and Collection Program at the Department of Public Works Landfill, Compost Facility and Recycling Center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Department of Public Works Director or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of Mariposa County all documents necessary to provide mainstream recycling containers for schools in Mariposa County for more convenient collection of beverage containers discarded by students, staff and guests, including people attending sports events.

Adopted October 4, 2011
AYES: STETSON, BIBBY, CANN, ALLEN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: TURPIN
ABSTAINED: NONE

Jim Allen, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel