Scoping Meeting for Environmental Impact Report

City-Wide Exclusive Franchise System for Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Handling



Purpose of Today's Briefing

- Public Scoping Meeting for Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – California Environmental Quality Act
- Overview of Proposed City-Wide Exclusive Franchise System for Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Handling
- Overview of EIR Process and Opportunities for Public Involvement in the EIR Process

Where We Are

- City has a 72 percent diversion rate
 - Nearly three million tons of waste is still disposed
 - Nearly 70 percent of all waste disposed is from multifamily or commercial
- Free market multifamily and commercial solid waste collection
 - Haulers and customers establish agreements with varied level and type of service
- As many as 750 permitted private waste haulers provide some kind of waste hauling
 - Approximately 45 are haulers serving commercial establishments
 - Top 4 haulers manage approximately 85 percent of market
 - Service provided to approximately 75,000 accounts



Why City is moving forward with an Exclusive Commercial Franchise System

- Limited City ability to impose regulatory requirements and achieve policy goals (i.e., Zero Waste, Green LA Plan, etc.)
- Limited City ability to measure recycling performance
- Unregulated system creates inefficiencies and negative environmental impacts
- Customers pay different rates for same services
- Multifamily and Commercial paper and food recycling are key opportunities
- Limited City Ability to improve local air quality and mitigate GHG emissions





Proposed Exclusive Franchise Program Goals

- Meet City Zero Waste goal of 90% Diversion by 2025
- Meet and exceed California environmental laws/regulations
- Improve health and safety for solid waste workers
- Improve efficiency by minimizing collection routes
- Improve air quality and reduce GHG by requiring low emission, late

model clean fuel vehicles

- Meet Customer needs with uniform rates and cutting edge programs City-wide
- Foster long-term competition
- Ensure stabilized service fee



Proposed Exclusive Franchise System

- Establish Franchise Collection Zones (10-20 zones)
- One Franchised Waste Hauler per Zone
- Require Clean Fuel Vehicles
- Require routing to minimize vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Implement a commercial rate structure that encourages diversion, such as free recycling services
- Require recycling at all homes and businesses in Los Angeles
- Management of green and organic materials from commercial and multifamily sectors, including food waste recycling from restaurants
- Disposal reduction targets for Franchised Haulers in their zones
- Increased outreach and education
- Increased business technical assistance, through Franchise Hauler requirements and minimum standards

Overview of Environmental Impact Analysis Process

- Proposed Project Adoption of Ordinance for City-Wide Franchise Zones for collection/handling of solid waste from: Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Large Multifamily Residential Units
- Key topics to be analyzed in EIR:
 - Air Quality including Green House Gases
 - Public Health
 - Public Services/Facilities
 - Solid Waste
 - Traffic Circulation
 - Land Use
 - Cumulative impacts
- Alternatives to be considered:
 - Non-exclusive franchise zones
 - Exclusive system with multiple haulers per wasteshed
 - City collection of all material
 - No project alternative

Opportunities for Public Involvement in EIR Process

- Public Scoping Process Tonight's Meeting
 - Provide verbal or written comments tonight
 - Provide written comments to City Bureau of Sanitation by March 27, 2013
 - City holding a total of 6 Public Scoping Meeting different locations in the City (March 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th)
- Review and comment on Draft EIR
 - 45-day public comment period
- Review of Final EIR
 - Provide comments to City Council during EIR Certification process

Submitting Public Scoping Comments

- Provide oral comments tonight
- Submit written comments tonight
- Or mail or e-mail comments by March 27, 2013 to:

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Questions, Discussion and Comments