

**MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

MEETING: 5/25/17		AGENDA NO.:
ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMITTEE:	1.	Receive a status report on a resolution regarding recycling to mirror the State's diversion laws
	2.	Direct the Health Department- Environmental Health Bureau to go to the Board of Supervisors to vote on such a resolution.
DEPARTMENT:		Environmental Health Bureau

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Alternative Energy and Environment Committee:

- a. Receive a status report on a resolution regarding recycling to mirror the State's diversion laws; and,
- b. Direct the Health Department- Environmental Health Bureau to go to the Board of Supervisors to vote on such a resolution.

SUMMARY:

The State of California, through various laws, aims to reduce waste deposited into landfills through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities. Among the laws are AB 939 which establishes certain thresholds for solid waste landfilled, AB 341 which requires businesses generating a certain amount of waste to recycle, and AB 1826 which requires organic matter recycling for those businesses that generate a certain threshold of material.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California, through various laws, seeks to dramatically reduce waste landfilled in a tiered fashion over time. These changing requirements and frequent new additions to the waste/recycling laws make writing a policy for the County a feat that would involve multi-departmental coordination and a high level of effort. The Environmental Health Bureau seeks to capture in a standing Resolution the State's aims as the laws become subject to change. In this way, Monterey County will have a flexible County directive pointing toward the State's aims through time, thereby linking the two entity's waste reduction goals as one, even as rules and regulations change. The Resolution would serve as the key document to reference the County's commitment to resource use, re-use, and environmentally friendly and sustainable practices. As the State moves towards stricter waste reduction regulations, the County would follow with the standing Resolution as the link between County and State goals.


OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A


FINANCING:

Approval of this recommendation will not result in additional general fund impacts.

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Attachments:

- a. Draft Resolution