



CITY OF MARTINEZ

CITY COUNCIL
February 6, 2013

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Chandler, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the Renewal of the Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone

DATE: January 30, 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution supporting the renewal of the Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone (CCRMDZ).

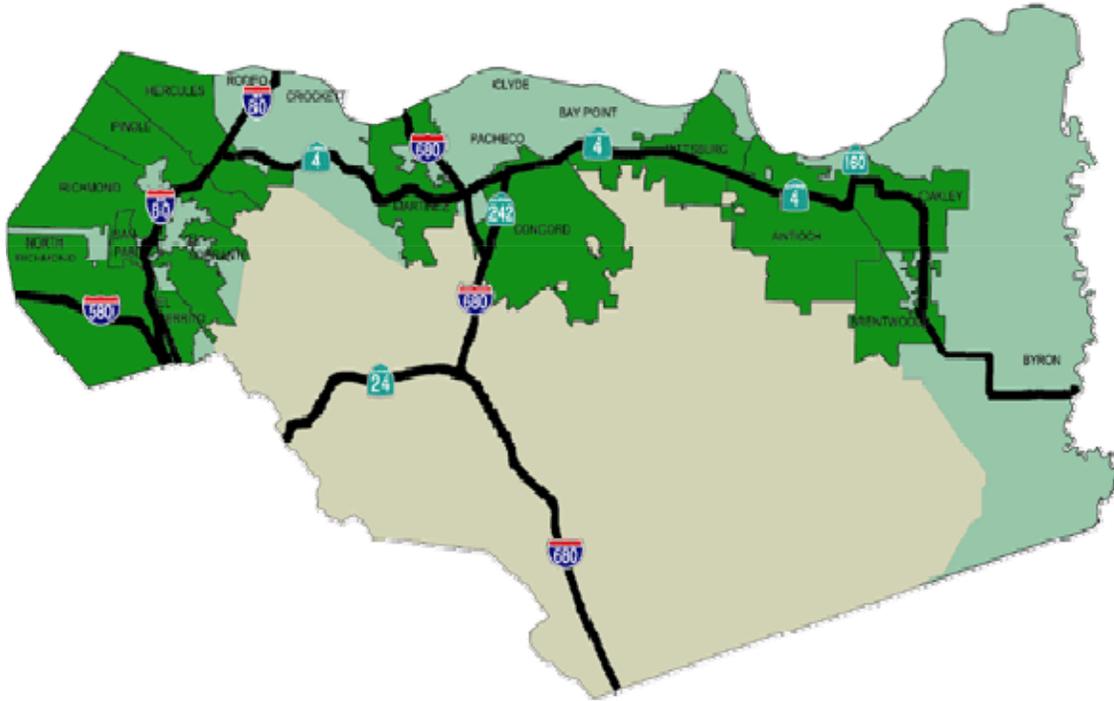
BACKGROUND

The California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program throughout the State to provide incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials markets for recyclables. The RMDZ program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, and create jobs. Recycling-based manufacturers located in RMDZs are eligible to apply for low-interest loans and other assistance provided by local zone administrators and by the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (“CalRecycle”) Materials Management and Local Assistance Division.

The RMDZ Loan Program offers financing for recycling manufacturers at the current rate of 4.0%. Loans are for up to \$2 Million per project, with up to 75% of a project financed. Loans can be for new or existing companies. CalRecycle also offers financial assistance, product marketing (for example, through the Recycle Store), and permitting assistance. There are currently 35 RMDZs, creating a regional representation of the state.

In March 1993, the CCRMDZ was designated by CalRecycle. RMDZ’s must be renewed every 10 years and the CCRMDZ was renewed in 2003. The CCRMDZ is administered by the Contra Costa County Community Development Department. The Contra Costa County Recycling Market Development Zone follows the Industrial Shoreline of the county, as illustrated in Figure 1 on the following page. Starting in the City of El Cerrito, the zone heads north, following the shorelines of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bay, through the cities of Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, and Hercules. At the Carquinez Straits, the zone heads East through Martinez, Concord, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood going up into the Sacramento Delta waterways. All unincorporated areas and communities in between these cities such as El Sobrante, Rodeo, Port Costa, Pacheco, Bay Point and Byron are also part of the Contra Costa RMDZ.

Map of Contra Costa RMDZ:



Currently, three businesses in Martinez participate in the RMDZ. They include Carlos' Shoe Repair; County Quarry Products; and Diablo Valley Rock. Other companies in the CCRMDZ and in other zones across the State are likely buying recycled materials from Martinez' curbside and other recycling programs and manufacturing them into products that return to the marketplace, thus helping Martinez close the loop and meet AB939 requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the City's budget. As the program is not administered by City staff, there is also no impact on staff resources.

ACTION:

Motion to adopt a resolution supporting the renewal of the Contra Costa Recycling Market Development Zone (CCRMDZ).

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED BY:


City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. -13

SUPPORTING RENEWAL OF THE
CONTRA COSTA RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, the California Public Resources Code Section 42010 provides for the establishment of the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program throughout the State to provide incentives to stimulate development of post-consumer and secondary materials for recyclables; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa RMDZ includes the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, El Cerrito, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, Richmond, and San Pablo, and the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County surrounding these cities; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties must meet and maintain a 50 percent reduction in landfill waste disposal as mandated in the California Integrated Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa RMDZ is dedicated to establishing, sustaining and expanding recycling-based manufacturing businesses, which is essential for market development and in assisting local jurisdictions to meet the established landfill reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa RMDZ designation will expire on March 31, 2013, unless re-designated by CalRecycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinez still desires for existing and new recycling-based manufacturing businesses locating within the region to be eligible for the technical and financial incentives associated with the RMDZ program; and

WHEREAS, the renewal of the Contra Costa RMDZ is still necessary to facilitate local and regional planning, coordination, and support of existing recycling-based manufacturing businesses, as well as attract private sector recycling business investments to the region; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of local markets for recycled materials would reduce the need to transport them out of the region in the future; and

WHEREAS, the current and proposed waste management practices and conditions are favorable to the development of post-consumer and secondary waste materials markets; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has defined environmental justice as "the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies" [Government Code Section 65040.12(e)], and has directed the California Environmental Protection Agency to conduct its programs, policies, and activities that substantially affect human health or the environment in a manner that ensures the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income levels, including minority populations and low-income populations of the State [Public Resources Code Section 71110(a)]; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, El Cerrito, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, Richmond, and San Pablo, along with Contra Costa County, have agreed to submit an application to CalRecycle requesting renewal as an RMDZ; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has agreed to act as Lead Agency for the proposed renewal of the RMDZ; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Contra Costa County has determined that this redesignation is exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinez finds there are no grounds for the City of Martinez to assume the Lead Agency role or to prepare an environmental document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Martinez approves the submittal of a Recycling Market Development Zone renewal application to include the City of Martinez.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Contra Costa County agrees to administer the RMDZ program in a manner that seeks to ensure the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and incomes, including but not limited to soliciting public participation in all communities within the RMDZ.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the 6th day of February, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
CITY OF MARTINEZ