

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Cara Morgan
Branch Chief, Local Assistance and Market Development

From: Mitch Delmage
Recycling Market Development Zone Redesignation Coordinator

Request Date: November 14, 2014

Decision Subject: Applications to Renew the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Designation for the Following: North San Diego County RMDZ; Sonoma/Mendocino/Lake Counties RMDZ; and Stanislaus County RMDZ

Action By: December 16, 2014

Summary of Request:

As outlined in Public Resources Code section 42011, Recycling Market Development Zones (RMDZs) are approved for a term of 10 years. At the end of this term, the Zone Administrator (ZA) or other delegated persons may reapply to CalRecycle for another 10-year designation term (California Code of Regulations section 17914). Three RMDZs have submitted applications to renew their designations for another 10-year term. In order for these Zones and their businesses to continue to receive RMDZ services, including low interest loans, CalRecycle is being requested to consider and approve these redesignation applications.

These Zones encompass numerous cities and counties and represent jurisdictions in northern, central, and southern California. The North San Diego County RMDZ is located within San Diego County, and requested an expansion to include two more incorporated cities (Encinitas and Santee) as well as the northern and eastern portions of San Diego and will now encompass all unincorporated areas in addition to the incorporated cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Escondido, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Solana Beach, and Vista. The Sonoma/Mendocino/Lake RMDZ covers three counties and includes unincorporated areas of Sonoma/Mendocino/Lake counties, and the incorporated cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor, Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, Willits, Clearlake, and Lakeport. The Stanislaus County RMDZ serves the unincorporated portions of the County and the nine incorporated cities, which include: Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock, and Waterford.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the three Recycling Market Development Zones identified above be found to have submitted a complete Renewal Application for Redesignation and met all statutory and regulatory requirements to be redesignated as a fully functional RMDZ, and recommends that the Department find that the Project will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The approval for each Zone would be conditioned upon the receipt of all of the resolutions within 60-90 days.

Branch Chief Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the Redesignation of the four above mentioned Recycling Market Development Zones.

Dated: _____

 Cara Morgan, Branch Chief
 Local Assistance and Market Development

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

The Recycling Market Development Zone program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. The program provides attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing through RecycleStore to businesses that use materials from the waste stream to manufacture their products and that are located in a CalRecycle-designated Recycling Market Development Zone. Business assistance is provided through a partnership between local Zone Administrators and CalRecycle. Local government incentives may include special variances in building codes and zoning laws, streamlined local permit processes, reduced taxes and licensing, and consistent secondary material feedstock supply.

These Zones have adequately addressed all requirements by submitting the information noted below:

North San Diego County RMDZ Redesignation	YES	NO	N/A
Renewal Application	X		
CEQA Documentation or Notice of Exemption Provided	X		
Resolution from Lead Agency	X		
Resolutions from Participating Agencies, if applicable	X*		

*Approval for this Zone would be conditioned upon the receipt of all of the required resolutions within 60-90 days.

Sonoma/Mendocino/Lake RMDZ Redesignation	YES	NO	N/A
Renewal Application	X		
CEQA Documentation or Notice of Exemption Provided	X		
Resolution from Lead Agency	X		
Resolutions from Participating Agencies, if applicable	X		

Stanislaus County RMDZ Redesignation	YES	NO	N/A
Renewal Application	X		
CEQA Documentation or Notice of Exemption Provided	X		
Resolution from Lead Agency	X		
Resolutions from Participating Agencies, if applicable	X		

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CalRecycle is a Responsible Agency with respect to redesignation of RMDZs (the Project).

1. The North Dan Diego County RMDZ prepared an Addendum to the Previous Adopted Negative Declaration (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the project.
2. Sonoma/Mendocino/Lake RMDZ prepared Notice of Exception (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the project.
3. Stanislaus County RMDZ prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (the Environmental Document) in connection with its approval of the Project.

In each case, these Zone applicants selected a member to serve as Lead Agency and each prepared a Negative Declaration Addendum or Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Environmental Documents) in connection with its approval of the each Project.

The Department has examined and determined that each of the Environmental Documents were adequate for our purposes and has considered the potential environmental effects of the individual Projects as described in the Environmental Documents prepared by the each Lead Agency. Staff recommends that the Department find that these Projects will not have any adverse environmental effects that are subject to mitigation or avoidance under the jurisdiction of the Department.

The administrative record for CalRecycle's decision to accept the local Environmental Documents includes the administrative record before the Lead Agency, the proposed Project together with all of the components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Environmental Documents adopted by the Lead Agency, and all other documents and materials utilized by the Department in reaching its decision to approve the proposed Projects. The custodian of the Department's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025. The Department will file a Notice of Exemption or Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse following Department approval of the Project.