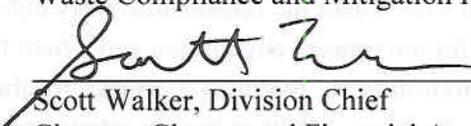


PROGRAM DIRECTOR ACTION REQUEST

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Subject: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND CODISPOSAL SITE CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAMS (SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TRUST FUND, FY 2010/11 AND FY 2011/12)**

TIME FACTOR: Approval required no later than August 10, 2010

SUMMARY: This memo requests Program Manager Approval of revised scoring criteria for the Solid Waste Disposal and Codisposal Site Cleanup Grant Programs (Program). The current criteria was approved in July 2008 and is effective until June 30, 2010. The proposed revisions to the scoring criteria are to increase the minimum score required to be considered eligible for funding from 60 points to 70 points, to award 5 points to applicants proposing to use the California Conservation Corps (CCC) or the Local Community Conservation Corps (LCCC), and to reduce the points awarded to the submittal of a work plan from 15 points to 10 points. A copy of the proposed revised scoring criteria is included as Attachment 1.

OPTIONS: The Program Assistant Director may decide to:

1. Approve the proposed scoring criteria (Attachment 1); or
2. Approve the proposed scoring criteria with specific revisions; or
3. Take no action and provide staff with direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Option 1.

DISCUSSION: Assembly Bill 2136 (Eastin, Stats. Of 1993, Ch. 655) created the Program which the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) implements to clean up solid waste disposal sites and solid waste at codisposal sites where the responsible party either cannot be identified or is unable or unwilling to pay for the timely remediation and where the cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety or the environment. Statutory authority for the Program is contained in Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 48020 et seq. In administering the Program, CalRecycle was authorized to expend funds from the Solid Waste Cleanup Trust Fund directly for cleanup, to provide loans to responsible parties who demonstrate the ability to repay, to provide matching grants to public entities for site cleanups, and to provide full grants to public entities for the abatement of illegal disposal sites.

CalRecycle has previously adopted policy regarding the prioritization of grant applications that applies to all competitive grant programs. In addition, the statutes and regulations governing the implementation of the Program contain specific requirements regarding the prioritization of sites. The proposed scoring criteria meet the statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements of CalRecycle.

Grant program outreach activities for fiscal years 2010/11 and 2011/12 tentatively include a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA), updated grant applications, and an updated web site. The application will include directions regarding the procedures for the submission of questions and answers, which will periodically be posted on the Program's web site.

A copy of the proposed revised scoring criteria is included as Attachment 1. The proposed changes to the scoring criteria are to increase the minimum score required to be considered eligible for funding from 60 points to 70 points, to award 5 points to applicants proposing to use the CCC or the LCCC, and to reduce the points awarded to the submittal of a work plan from 15 points to 10 points. The reason for the proposed increase of the minimum score is to be consistent with other grant programs and to ensure that the most complete and well-prepared grant applications are considered for funding.

ESTIMATED COST: This request does not require any CalRecycle fiscal action.

APPROVED: On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the revised scoring criteria for fiscal years 2010/11 and 2011/12.



Ted Rauh, Program Assistant Director
Waste Compliance and Mitigation Program

8/12/2010
Date