

REQUEST FOR ACTION

To: Mark de Bie
Deputy Director
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division

From: Steve Santa Croce
Senior Waste Management Engineer
Engineering Support Branch

Reviewed By: Heather Hunt, Legal Office

Request Date: September 3, 2015

Decision Subject: **Approval of the Tijuana River Action Month Activities Support Project, Waste Tire Stabilization and Abatement Program (Tire Recycling Management Fund, FY 2015/16)**

Action By: September 4, 2015

Summary of Request: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff have completed an evaluation and recommend approval of a project to support of the 2015 Tijuana River Action Month activities at various locations within the Tijuana River Valley in the greater San Diego County area. The project would be completed by the Waste Tire Stabilization and Abatement Program (Program) and the estimated cost of the support is up to \$160,000.

Recommendation: CalRecycle staff recommend approving providing support of the cleanup activities.

Deputy Director Action: On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out herein, I hereby approve this project under the Waste Tire Stabilization and Abatement Program.



Mark de Bie
Deputy Director
Waste Permitting, Compliance and Mitigation Division

Dated: 9/4/15

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

Program Eligibility: The Program addresses cleanup of sites where cleanup is needed to protect public health and safety or the environment. Senate Bill 83 (approved by the Governor on June 24, 2015, and filed with the Secretary of State on June 24, 2015) authorizes, among other things, the development of projects utilizing the Waste Tire Recycling Management Fund in the California-Mexico border region (as defined by the La Paz Agreement) that support the cleanup of illegally disposed waste tires and solid waste along the border that could negatively impact California's environment. Cleanup projects are implemented through CalRecycle-managed environmental services contracts.

Project Scope:

Site Location/Description: CalRecycle staff contacted the Tijuana River Action Network (TRAN), a consortium of local non-profit environmental organizations and public agencies, to explore opportunities for remediation projects this calendar year in the Tijuana River Valley. The TRAN identified several community outreach projects that will take place during their annual Tijuana River Action Month, which is planned to occur between September 1, 2015, and October 17, 2015. The sites are located in a number of locations along the Tijuana River including, but not limited to Dairy Mart West, the Effie May Trail/River crossing, Borderfield State Park, Smuggler's Gulch, and Goat Canyon/Monument Mesa. These sites are all publically owned by the City and County of San Diego and the California Department Parks and Recreation.

Proposed Remediation Project: The services to be provided by CalRecycle in support of the TRAM activities include directing CalRecycle's Southern California environmental services contractor to clear brush to improve access for volunteers to currently unreachable areas, provide solid waste and waste tire transport and disposal services (e.g., dumpsters), provide incidental items to support volunteer activities (e.g., work gloves, small hand tools, buckets, water, etc.), and assist with providing promotional items for the cleanup activities.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Program staff has reviewed the proposed project and determined that it is categorically exempt per the Class 8 exemption (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15308: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). Compliance with CEQA requirements will be made with a Notice of Exemption filed by Program staff.

Fiscal Impacts: The CalRecycle-managed assistance will be performed on a time-and-materials basis using funding derived from the Tire Recycling Management Fund encumbered in the Program's Southern California environmental services contract number DRR12033. The contractor has conducted a site visit with CalRecycle and TRAN staff and has developed a work plan with a preliminary cost estimate of \$160,000, which includes a 20 percent contingency. The contract currently is adequately funded to complete this project.

Support/Opposition: Staff has not received any written support or opposition at the time this document was submitted for approval.