CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: April 15, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: John Garcia, Solid Waste Operations Manager

Subject: Solid Waste Diversion Update

Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum illustrates how the City of Beverly Hills' current operation of solid waste collection is improving from year to year. Since the City has gone to a two waste stream collection and started using Crown Disposal's material recovery facility, the diversion of waste from the landfills has increased.

DISCUSSION

The City submits its diversion rate to the State every calendar year. The rate is calculated using 115,000 tons per year as a baseline for the City.

Year	Diversion Rate
2005	56%
2006	59%
2007	60%

The above calculations are the combined total tons from residential and commercial collection that are acknowledged by the State. Crown Disposal is reporting 50% diversion combined regular commercial pickup and construction debris for 2007. Construction debris is now being recycled up to 86% by Crown Disposal. This rate allows new buildings to receive two points in the ranking process for "green buildings."

By the middle of 2005, the entire City's residential collection changed to a two waste stream collection system. The solid waste department distributed green 95 gallon containers to all single family residential lots serviced by alleys so all R1 lots now have the ability to separate their solid waste material either into a green receptacle or a mixed waste receptacle.

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The residential diversion without the state baseline is as follows:

Year	Raw Residential Diversion Rate
2005	42%
2006	48%
2007	49%

The green waste collection contributes mostly to the increase in residential diversion. Below are the collected tons of green waste since 2004.

Year	Residential Green Waste Collected
2004	7,820 tons
2005	9,089 tons
2006	11,073 tons
2007	11,422 tons

FISCAL IMPACT

These programs are budgeted in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational item only.

DG David Gustavson
Approved By