CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

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DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: ZERO WASTE STRATEGIC PLAN

ATTACHMENT: None

This item was originally agendized for the April 9, 2015, Public Works Commission Regular Meeting and carried over to the June 11, 2015, meeting.

Staff will be providing an overview regarding the development of a Zero Waste Strategic Plan. Zero Waste refers to waste management and planning approaches which emphasize waste prevention as opposed to waste management. The City Council identified a feasibility study for a zero-waste program as a "B" priority item during the FY 2015-16 City Council priority setting exercise.

Additionally, formalizing the City's long range waste management plan is a critical first step to successfully scoping, bidding and negotiating a new Solid Waste Disposal Agreement. This plan will define the long term service levels, performance targets and implementation strategies the City will expect from its solid waste service provider.

The concept of "zero waste" does not literally mean zero waste, but encourages the establishment of programs and policies that allow cities to go beyond the State's current 50% diversion rate. The City's 2013 diversion rate was 71%. Cities such as San Francisco, Pasadena and Santa Monica have adopted a Zero Waste Strategic Plan, establishing key milestones over the next several years and gradually increasing diversion rates, with the goal to eventually reach zero or near zero waste generation.

As part of the process, staff intends to work with a consultant to evaluate and establish the following:

- Establish zero waste guiding principles and goals
- Develop a zero waste resolution
- Establish baseline of current policies, programs and facilities
- Zero waste plan development

This item was presented to the City Council during their June 8, 2015, meeting, with a recommendation to work with HF&H Consultants LLC on the evaluation and development of a Zero Waste Strategic Plan. HF&H is currently the City's solid waste consultant and assisted the

City with the solid waste contract assignment. Staff will be providing an update on whether the City Council approved this item and next steps.