



# ***Lompoc City Council Agenda Item***

**City Council Meeting Date:** November 15, 2005

**TO:** Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

**FROM:** Claudia A. Stine, Solid Waste Superintendent  
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**SUBJECT:** RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR SANTA BARBARA REGIONAL  
RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 5294(05) to:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2) Authorize the Santa Barbara County Public Works Director, or His or Her Designee, to Submit to the California Integrated Waste Management Board on Behalf of the City of Lompoc, an Application to Renew the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone.

## **BACKGROUND AND/OR DISCUSSION:**

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program is a partnership of local governments and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) created to provide incentives to businesses that use recyclable materials from the waste stream as feedstock for their manufacturing processes. The RMDZs are geographic areas designated for 10 years by the CIWMB at the request of local governments. There are 40 RMDZs in California, encompassing most of the state. The CIWMB approved the designation of the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone (SBRMDZ) in January 1996. Current members of the SBRMDZ, besides the City of Lompoc, include the County of Santa Barbara, and the Cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria. With the approval of the renewal of the designation of the SBRMDZ, the participating members will include the City of Lompoc, the County of Santa Barbara, and the Cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria.

The RMDZ program combines recycling with economic development to foster new and existing recycling-based businesses and to create jobs. The primary benefit of being designated an RMDZ is that recycling-based manufacturers located in RMDZs are eligible to apply for low-interest loans provided by the CIWMB, as well as receive other forms of assistance from local zone administrators and CIWMB staff. In addition to loans, the CIWMB offers technical assistance, product marketing, and permitting assistance. Technical assistance may be in the form of providing information (including technical reports) on sources of secondary materials and processes for various types of materials; providing fact sheets on material markets, technology, and organizations; and providing referrals to other sources of technical information, including online sources, as well as to other state and federal programs.

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**MANDATES AND SERVICE LEVELS:**

The RMDZ program represents another tool to assist the City of Lompoc, the County, and the participating cities in their efforts to comply with the 50 percent diversion requirement set forth in the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Public Resources Code, Title 14, Division 7). By assisting new and existing recycling-based businesses to use recyclable materials from the waste stream as feedstock for their manufacturing processes, the RMDZ program can potentially help the City of Lompoc, the County and the participating cities divert more material from their landfills. The RMDZ program helps "close the loop" by fostering markets for recycled-content products, as consumers purchase such products and learn about their economic and environmental benefits.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of the attached Resolution will enable the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department of the County of Santa Barbara, to submit an application to the CIWMB, on behalf of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara and the participating cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria, to receive approval for the renewal of the designation of the Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone. The renewal of the designation will last for another 10 years. This approval will have no new fiscal or facility impacts as this is the renewal of an existing program.

Claudia A. Stine  
Solid Waste Superintendent

Attachments: Resolution No. 5294(05)

Final Negative Declaration – Santa Barbara Regional Recycling and  
Market Development Zone, November 2005

Santa Barbara Regional Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)  
Renewal Application (Draft)

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

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**Larry Bean, Public Works Director**

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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**Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator**