

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Waste Management Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 16, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Appointed Officer to Provide Proof of Designation (POD) to Approved Electronic Waste Recyclers participating in the Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Program established by California's Electronic Waste Recycling Act (Act) [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the General Manager–Chief Engineer of the Waste Management Department (Department) to act as an appointed officer on behalf of the County of Riverside to provide proof of designation (POD) to participating electronic waste recyclers operating within the County; and
2. Approve the General Manager–Chief Engineer, or designee, the authority to inspect these recyclers to ensure compliance with the regulations established by the Act; and
3. Approve the General Manager–Chief Engineer the authority to revoke POD status if the recycler is found to be out of compliance with regulations established by the Act. (continued)

  
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 Hans Kernkamp  
 General Manager-Chief Engineer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (Per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	Budget Adjustment: No
	For Fiscal Year: 13/14

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** APPROVE  
 BY:   
 Alex Gann  
 County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY:   
 NEAL R. KIPNIS  
 DATE: 4/17/14  
 Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Due to technological advancement, many electronic devices (e-waste) become obsolete in a short time. These obsolete items create a large surplus of e-waste. Many years ago, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) adopted regulations in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 23, designating e-wastes as universal wastes prohibiting the disposal of electronic devices in municipal class III landfills due to the toxic nature of the devices. To encourage the proper recycling of this waste stream, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act, Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) was signed into law in 2004. SB 50 established a funding source to encourage this practice known as the Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Program (CEWRRP).

The Waste Management Department (Department) has been an approved collector and recycler participating in the CEWRRP since its inception in 2006. The Department uses the funds to properly recycle e-waste collected at landfills and household hazardous waste collection facilities. The Department's involvement in the CEWRRP has provided Department staff with a broad understanding of the Act and its subsequent regulations.

Title 14, § 18660.20 requires that approved collectors obtain the name, address and phone number (source information) of every individual surrendering a Covered Electronic Waste (CEW) to the recycler in order to claim the available reimbursement from the State for the device. This requirement is less burdensome for local governments and/or collectors who are designated by local governments to collect CEW on behalf of the local government. When designated by a local government, the approved collector need not obtain the source information from residents and businesses that are surrendering five or less CEW items.

The Department has received requests to provide PODs to businesses and/or non-profit organizations. The Department also receives requests directly from electronic waste recyclers and solid waste haulers operating within the county. The Department is requesting that the Board of Supervisors formally designate the General Manager–Chief Engineer of the Waste Management Department as the “appointed officer” to act on behalf of the County.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

Providing POD to local recyclers encourages free electronic waste recycling to citizens and businesses, and increases opportunities for this waste to be managed properly in the County. This increase in service helps to reduce the number of toxic electronic devices destined for County landfills, which protects the environment for future generations in Riverside County.