



**MEMORANDUM  
PUBLIC WORKS  
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING DIVISION**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 12, 2023  
**FROM:** Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works  
**BY:** Corinne Heisler, Environmental Resource Specialist  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Apply for CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grants in Collaboration with the City of Auburn

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Adopt a Resolution ratifying the submission of a regional grant application with the City of Auburn to CalRecycle for \$100,000 for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program, authorizing the submittal of future applications for all CalRecycle HHW grants for which the City of Auburn and the County of Placer are eligible, and authorizing the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute HHW grant program agreements pursuant to the terms contained in the Resolution.
2. Determine the proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

**BACKGROUND**

Many common household products contain materials that are potentially hazardous and must be disposed of separately from regular household garbage collection. Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes items such as paint, auto fluids, pesticides, and household cleaners. Permanent HHW drop-off is available to the public year-round at the Western Placer Waste Management Authority (WPWMA) and for limited items at the Auburn Transfer Station. County sponsored temporary collection events in Colfax and Foresthill provide convenient disposal for residents who are unable or unwilling to travel to a permanent drop-off location. From 2006 to 2020, WPWMA sponsored a temporary collection event in Auburn, at the Gold Country Fairgrounds, with attendance coming primarily from residents of the City of Auburn (City) and the surrounding unincorporated communities. In 2022, the WPWMA took action to discontinue funding for the event in Auburn but agreed to pay a portion of the disposal costs for a jurisdiction sponsored event.

CalRecycle offers the Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program annually to assist local governments in implementing safe HHW programs for collection, public education, source reduction, reuse, and recycling of HHW. The County of Placer (Placer) and the City are partnering on a regional grant application to organize and host a HHW collection event. The grant requires a resolution from the jurisdiction's governing body authorizing staff to sign and submit the regional application. The application opened on July 18<sup>th</sup> and closed August 15<sup>th</sup> which was insufficient time to bring this item to your Board for authorization which necessitates the requested ratification. The City of Auburn is requesting ratification from their City Council concurrently.

The grant program allows the authorization to be valid for future regional grant applications for up to five years which would allow the County and the City to apply for funding for future collection events. Funding from the current grant cycle would be available starting in early 2024 through February 26, 2027. If the application is successful, a contractor to conduct the collection event

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and dispose of the collected waste would be selected through a formal procurement process and the contract would be brought to your Board for approval at that time. This grant does not require matching funds.

Staff recommends your Board ratify the submission of a regional grant application with the City of Auburn to CalRecycle for \$100,000 for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program, authorize the submittal of future applications for all CalRecycle HHW grants for which the City of Auburn and the County of Placer are eligible, and authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute grant agreements pursuant to the terms contained in the Resolution.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. If the HHW Grant is awarded, staff will return to your Board for approval and spending authority once a contractor is selected. This grant does not require matching funds. If any future grants require matching funds, staff will request Board approval to execute the grant. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – Resolution

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

**In the matter of:**

Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution ratifying the submission of a regional grant application with the City of Auburn to CalRecycle for \$100,000 for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program, authorizing the submittal of future applications for all CalRecycle HHW grants for which the City of Auburn and the County of Placer are eligible, and authorizing the Director of Public Works, or designee, to execute HHW grant program agreements.

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held September 12, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various grant programs (grants) in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle's Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program allows regional grant projects; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, a regional applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that the Board hereby ratifies the submission of a regional grant application with the City of Auburn to CalRecycle for \$100,000 for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grant Program on behalf of itself as Lead Agency and the participating jurisdiction of the City of Auburn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the submittal of future applications for all CalRecycle HHW grants for which the City of Auburn and the County of Placer are eligible, and authorizes the Director of Public Works, or designee, subject to County Counsel and Risk Management concurrence, to execute all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and requests for payment, necessary to secure funds and implement the approved HHW grants which do not require matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective for five (5) years from the date of adoption.